

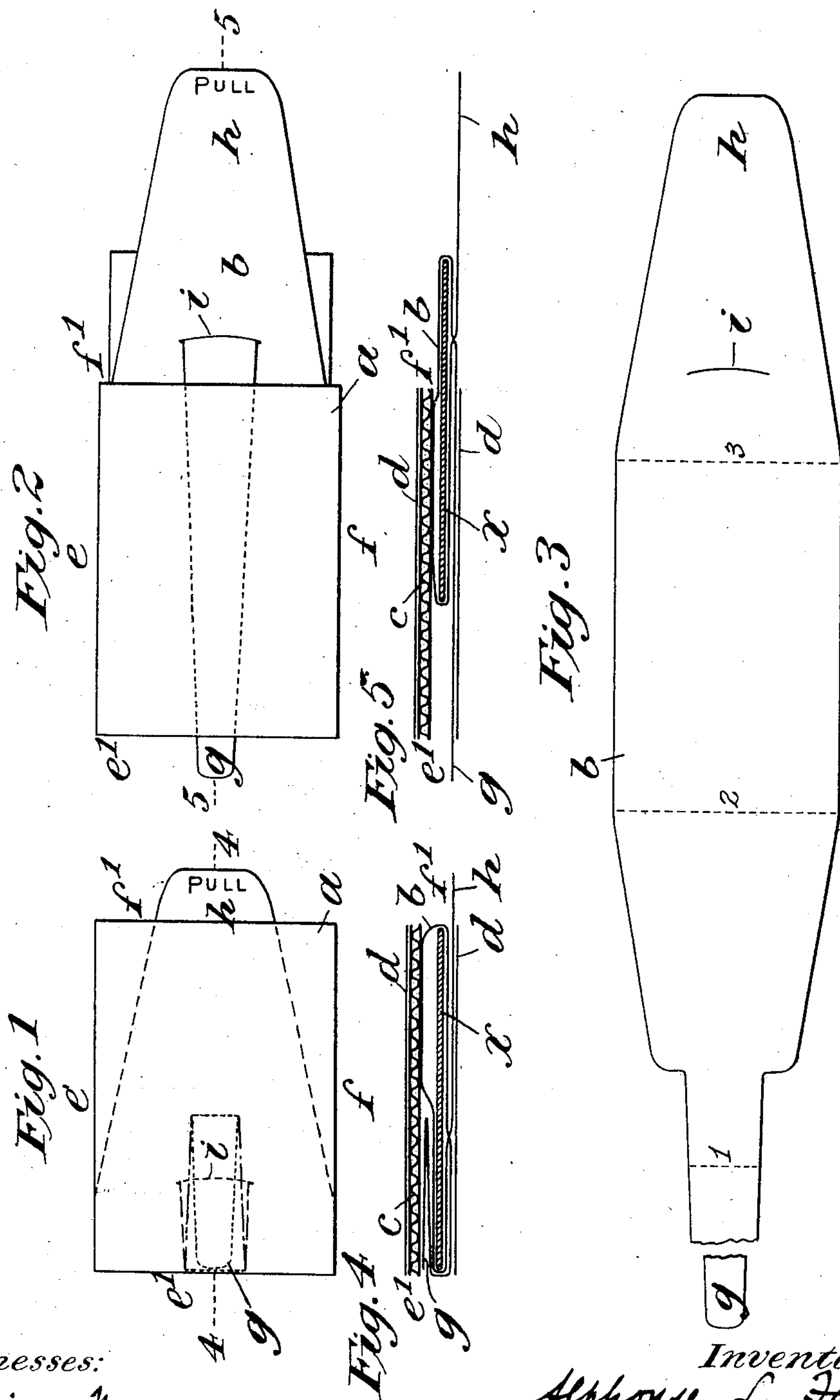
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## ENVELOP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALPHONSE L. FOY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

This invention relates to envelops commonly known as "photo-mailers," which are used to inclose and protect during transportation cards, pictures, photographs, and similar articles which are often sent through the mails and which require a peculiarly-constructed wrapper to preserve them while being thus transported from becoming bent, folded, or lost.

One object of this invention is to provide an envelop adapted for such use which shall be simple and cheap to construct, which shall permit a picture or other article to be easily and quickly inserted therein, which shall hold the picture or other article securely inclosed during transportation, and from which the inclosed picture or other article may be removed with expedition and without cutting or tearing the envelop in any way after the envelop has reached its destination.

Another object of the invention is to provide means whereby the picture or other inclosed article if withdrawn during transit, as it commonly is by the postal authorities, may be easily reinserted in the inclosing wrapper, where it will be held without any danger of dropping out and being lost, as often happens to pictures inclosed in ordinary envelops.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the improved envelop with a photograph inclosed and ready for mailing. Fig. 2 is a plan view with the inside wrapper or folder and inclosed picture partially removed, as they will be when the picture is being withdrawn. Fig. 3 is a detail view showing the inside wrapper or folder withdrawn and spread out flat. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on a plane indi-

cated by the line 4 4 in Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on the plane indicated by the line 5 5 in Fig. 2.

The improved envelop comprises an outside or inclosing wrapper *a* and an inside wrapper or folder *b*. The picture or other article *x* to be inclosed is first inclosed in the inside wrapper or folder *b*, and then the outside wrapper *a* is adjusted about the inside wrapper, inclosing the picture or other article. The outside wrapper comprises, preferably, a reinforcing or strengthening piece *c*, which will usually be made of cardboard, and a thinner piece or sheet *d*, which may consist of a suitable wrapping-paper and which may entirely surround the reinforcing-piece *c* or, as is preferable, may be attached to the back of said reinforcing-piece by being pasted to said back at the ends *e* and *f*, the ends *e'* and *f'* of the envelop being left open. The envelops are manufactured with one of the ends of the piece *d* gummed, but not pasted down, upon the back in order that the picture may be first inserted by the sender in the inside wrapper or folder before the sealing of this free end of the sheet. The folder or inside wrapper is secured to the outside or inclosing wrapper and preferably to the reinforcing-piece *c* of the inclosing wrapper, and said folder or inside wrapper is provided with flaps *g* and *h*, one at either end of said folder, as shown in Fig. 3. In said figure the dotted lines 1, 2, and 3 indicate the lines of folding of the inside wrapper when it is in its normal position inside the outer wrapper, as shown in Fig. 4. The flap *g* comprises the part of the inside wrapper between the dotted line 2 and the end at *g*, Fig. 3, while the flap *h* comprises that part of the inside wrapper between the dotted line 3 and the other end. In the flap *h* is an opening *i*, through which opening the flap *g* is inserted as soon as the picture or the article to be inclosed has been placed in position in the folder, thus preventing the picture from sliding out of the open ends of the envelop *e'* and *f'*. The point of fastening of the folder to the reinforced por-



tion *c* of the outside wrapper is near one of the open ends of the envelop—in the present case near the end *f'*—the portion of the folder at the other end, *e'*, being left free, so that when the picture or other article is inclosed within the folder and the folder is in its normal position in the outside wrapper, as indicated in Fig. 1, and the flap *h* is pulled to remove the picture the end at *e'* of the folder will travel around the edge of the picture, forcing the picture forward and out of the envelop at the end *f'*, while the pressure of the forward edge of the picture upon the end at *f'* of the folder at the same time causes that end to travel around the picture. When the rear edge of the picture reaches the place where the folder is pasted or otherwise secured to the reinforced portion *c*, the flap *g* resists any further pulling, and the picture and inside wrapper or folder will be in the position indicated in Fig. 2. The flap *g*, which is a long narrow strip, after being inserted in the opening of flap *h*, as hereinabove referred to, is folded over and under the edge *e'* of the folder and is then folded a second time upon itself, so that when the picture or article is in the position indicated in Fig. 1—that is, the position ready for mailing—the end of said flap will be near the open end *e'* of the envelop. As the picture is withdrawn from the envelop this flap *g* is gradually unfolded and is caused to project slightly out of the open end *e'* of the envelop, and by pulling upon this flap *g* the picture may be drawn back into the envelop, if desired.

It will be understood from the foregoing description that when a picture or other article is inclosed in one of my improved envelops it is first placed in the inside wrapper, the flap *g* of said wrapper is then inserted in the opening *i* in flap *h*, and, lastly, the free end of the outside wrapper is sealed down upon the back of the reinforced piece *c*. It will also be understood that the picture is partially removed by pulling on flap *h*, which causes the picture and the inside wrapper to be partially withdrawn from the open end *f'* of the envelop, as above described. When the picture has been removed from the envelop about half-way, the flap *g* may be pulled out of the opening *i* in flap *h* and the picture taken out. In order to call the receiver's attention to flap *h*, which projects slightly from the envelop, the word "Pull" may be printed upon one or both sides of said flap at the projecting end thereof. If the postal authorities should care to examine the interior of the package and should withdraw the picture by pulling on flap *h*, the picture may be readily reinserted in the envelop by pulling upon flap *g*, which protrudes slightly at the end *e'* when the picture is being withdrawn.

I do not limit my invention by narrowing its utility, and accordingly I wish it to be understood that the improved envelops may be used for other purposes than those enumerated herein.

I claim as my invention—

1. In an envelop open at one end, an inner wrapper or folder having two flaps one of which extends through an opening in the other and one of which protrudes at the open end of the envelop whereby the folder may be partially withdrawn from the envelop.
2. In an envelop open at two opposite ends, an inner wrapper or folder having two flaps one of which passes through an opening in the other, and the ends of said flaps being adjacent respectively to the open ends of the envelop whereby the folder may be partially moved out of and back into the envelop.
3. In an envelop reinforced by a protective or strengthening piece and open at one end, an inner wrapper or folder secured to said protective or strengthening piece near said end and having two flaps, one of which flaps protrudes from the open end of the envelop whereby the folder may be partially withdrawn from the envelop.
4. In an envelop reinforced or strengthened by a sheet of cardboard and open at one end, an inner wrapper or folder secured to said protective or strengthening piece near said end and having two flaps, one of which flaps protrudes from the open end of the envelop whereby the folder may be partially withdrawn from the envelop.
5. An envelop for inclosing and protecting flat articles, such as photographs, pictures, &c., and comprising an outside wrapper, a protective or strengthening piece, an inside wrapper or folder secured to the strengthening-piece near one end and adapted to receive the article to be inclosed, and means for partly withdrawing the inside wrapper or folder to remove the inclosed article.
6. An envelop for inclosing and protecting flat articles, such as photographs, pictures, &c., and comprising an outside wrapper, a protective or strengthening piece, and an inside wrapper or folder secured to the strengthening-piece near one end and adapted to receive the article to be inclosed, said inside wrapper or folder having a flap by which the folder may be partly withdrawn to remove the inclosed article.
7. An envelop for inclosing and protecting flat articles such as photographs, pictures, &c., and comprising an outside wrapper, and an inside wrapper or folder secured to the outside wrapper and adapted to receive the article to be inclosed, said folder having two interlocking flaps by which the folder may be moved out of and back into said wrapper.
8. An envelop for inclosing and protecting

flat articles such as photographs, pictures,  
&c., and comprising an outside wrapper open  
at one end, a protective or strengthening  
piece and an inside wrapper or folder secured  
5 to the strengthening-piece near said open  
end, and means for partially withdrawing the  
folder.

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