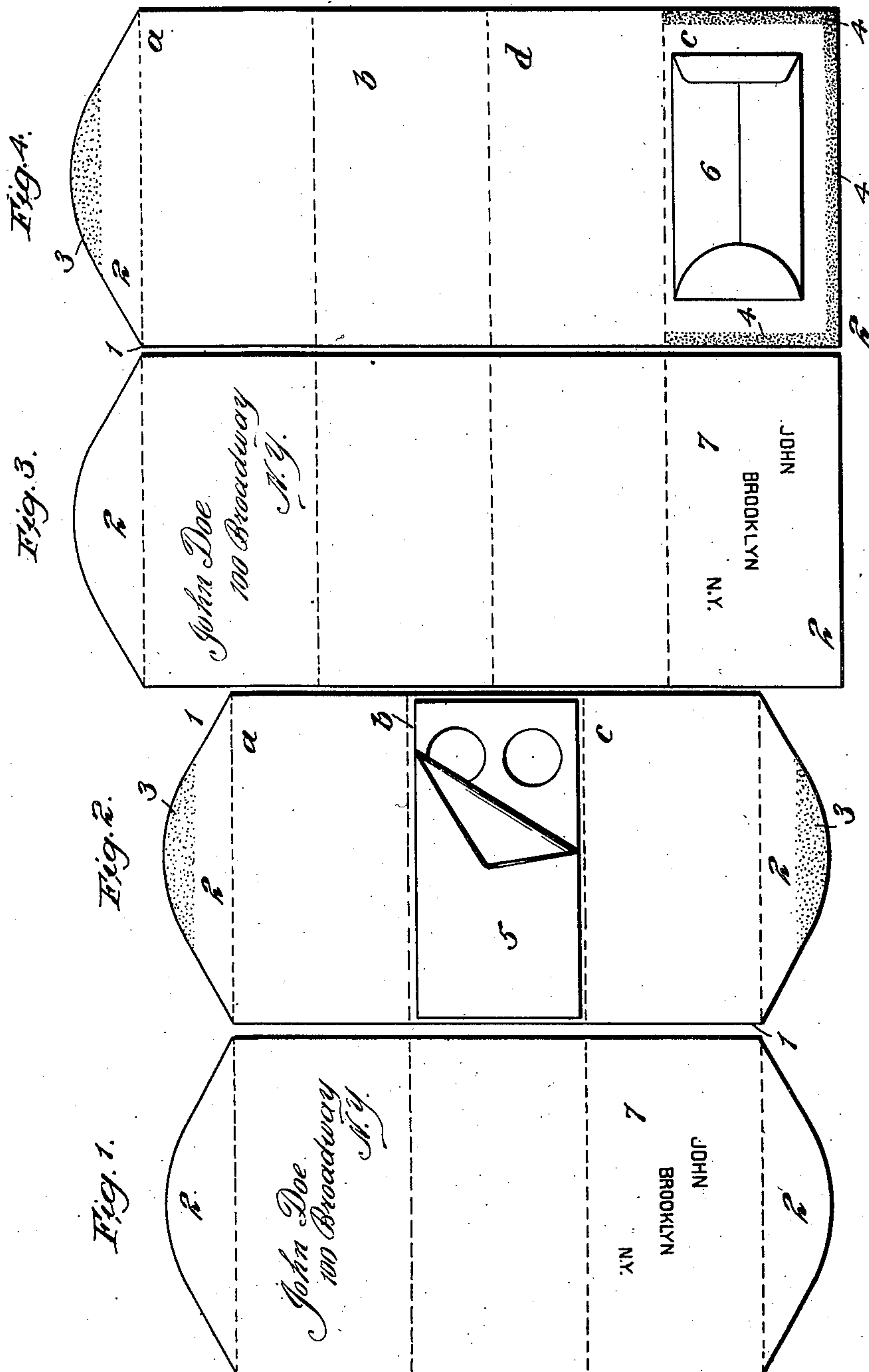


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Return-Envelops, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates especially to means for sending a written or printed communication and providing means for replying to such communication upon one and the same folder or envelop, and has for its object the provision of a simple and effective device for such purposes.

To attain the desired end, my invention consists essentially in a body of paper, or the equivalent, having at each extremity a sealing flap, said body being arranged to fold and seal in such manner as to provide a surface for addressing, leaving the inner face of the body free for written or printed matter, and adapted to be folded in the opposite direction, inclosing the original address and exposing a return address surface; my invention also involves certain other novel and useful combinations or arrangements of parts, and peculiarities of construction and operation, all of which will be hereinafter first fully described, and then pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is an outside view of an envelop or folder embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is a reverse view thereof. Fig. 3, is an outside view of a modification of the arrangement illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, and Fig. 4 is a reverse view of the envelop shown in Fig. 3.

Like numerals of reference wherever they occur, indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

1 is the body of the envelop or folder made of any approved material.

2 are the sealing flaps which may be gummed as at 3, Fig. 2 at both extremities of the body 1, or one portion of the folder, being a return sealing flap, may be gummed on three edges, as at 4.

In Fig. 2 is shown a coin-card 5, as secured to one of the faces of the body 1, and in Fig. 4 an inclosing envelop 6 is shown as secured to the return sealing flap, the object being to provide means for securely inclosing, when the envelop is returned to the sender, coin or postage stamps, or any other loose article. I have shown in Fig. 2 an ordinary well-known coin-card, fixed to the center fold of the body, and in Fig. 4 a small envelop fixed to the return sealing flap, but it is obvious these return receptacles may be interchanged,

or placed on any other division of the folder without departing from the spirit of my invention, and the face of the folder shown in Figs. 2 and 4 may be used for writing or printing purposes. A return address may also be printed on the folder, as at 7.

In using my invention, printed matter or writing is placed on the spaces *a* and *c* of Fig. 2, and on the spaces *a*, *b* and *d* of Fig. 4. In folding the envelop illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, for the original mailing, the flap 2 next the part *c* is first folded in, then *c* is folded over *b*, *b* over *a*, and the second flap 2 sealed over *b*. When the envelop reaches the addressee the sealed flap is cut, leaving the printed or written matter intact and open to inspection. If the envelop is to be returned, coin, or stamps or any other article it is desired to send is sealed within the receptacle 5, or a receptacle like 6, if used instead of the coin-card, and the envelop is closed by first folding in the parts *a* onto *b*, *b* onto *c*, and the unused sealing flap 2 is caused to adhere to the outside of *b* leaving the return address 7 exposed, and both usings are accomplished without removing any portion of the material of the envelop.

In the modification illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4 the folding both for the original sending and return are accomplished in the above described manner, the part *a* giving more space for printing or writing, and requiring one more folding of the body in preparing the envelop for mailing. The receptacle may be separately sealed, with its contents, and instead of having the sealing flap 2, gummed only at 3, as shown on Figs. 1 and 2 the part *c* is sealed on three of its edges at 4 to the part *d*.

By my invention I provide a mailing and return envelop which, as already set forth, is opened without removing any portion of the body. A space for printing or writing is provided which is within the envelop when folded in either direction, and an inclosed receptacle is also provided for the reception of coin or stamps in either sending or returning, or both.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A device of the character herein specified in which is comprised an oblong, straight-sided, un-cut body of paper, having at each extremity a sealing flap, said body being arranged to fold and seal in such a manner as to provide a surface for addressing, leaving the inner face of the body free for written or printed matter, and adapted to be folded in the opposite direction, inclosing the original address and exposing a return address surface, in combination with an inclosing receptacle fixed to the body of the envelop and adapted to be inclosed therein, substantially as shown and described.



2. A return envelop in which is comprised an oblong body of paper, having the sides straight and un-cut; a sealing flap at one extremity arranged to seal at one edge only, and a sealing flap at the other extremity arranged to seal on three sides, substantially as shown and described.

5 3. A return envelop in which is comprised an oblong body of paper, having the sides straight and un-cut; a sealing flap at one extremity arranged to seal at one edge only; a sealing flap at the other extremity arranged to seal

on three of its sides, and an inclosing receptacle fixed to the body of the envelop substantially as shown and described. 10

In testimony whereof I hereto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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