

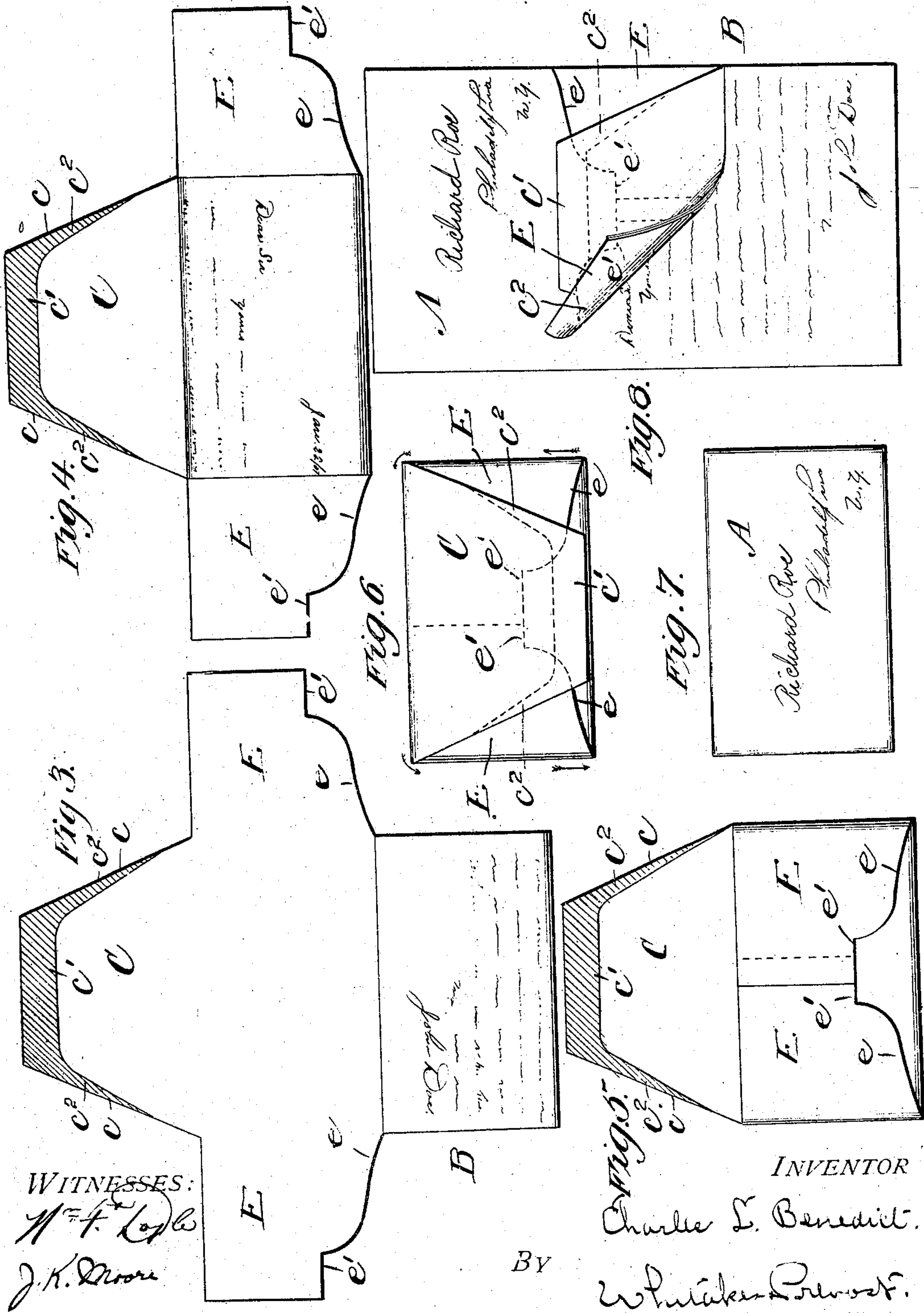
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. BENEDICT, a subject of the King of England, residing at Toronto, in the county of York and Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Letter-Sheet and Envelop; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in the class of combined letter sheets and envelops and the object thereof is to produce an article of this kind which, when ready for mailing will present the appearance of an ordinary envelop, the side flaps thereof being sealed to the sealing flap and the sealing flap being secured to the letter receiving portion, whereby there will be no exposed unsealed flaps, and access to the letter or inclosures therein is effectually prevented.

In the accompanying drawings, I have illustrated my improved combined letter sheet and envelop and a full and exact description thereof is contained in the annexed specification.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved combined letter sheet and envelop. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the back of the same showing the top-flap removed. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 showing the first fold in preparing the article for mailing. Fig. 4 shows the second step in folding. Fig. 5 shows the third step in folding. Fig. 6 shows my improved article ready to be mailed. Fig. 7 shows the address side of the envelop. Fig. 8 shows the article when opened.

In the several views, like letters of reference designate similar parts of my improved article.

A in the drawing designates the address receiving portion of the letter sheet and as hereinafter described, also forms the address portion of the envelop. The address receiving portion A is preferably oblong in form and is provided with the extension B, which as shown, is preferably of the same width as the long side of the portion A and also rectangular. The extension B forms the letter receiving portion and may be of any suitable length but as shown is about twice the length of the short side of the portion A for the purpose hereinafter set forth. Extending from that side of the portion A directly opposite to

the extension B, is a flap C which forms the sealing flap and which is provided at its end with a preferably oblong stud D, of less width than the width of said flap and marked off therefrom by a line of perforations *d*. The side edges *c c* of said sealing flap extend obliquely from the extremities of the portion A to those of the stud D. As shown in dotted lines Fig. 1 and in full lines in Fig. 2, the rear side of the sealing flap C and stud D are gummed, the entire surface of the latter being gummed while the former is gummed adjacent to the line of perforations *d* as shown at *c'* and along the edges *c c* as shown at *c''*.

E, E designate side flaps extending laterally from the portion A, the said flaps being adapted to overlap when folded, as shown in Fig. 5, and having their lower edges *e e* extending at acute angles to the ends of the portion A and having their lower outer corners cut away, forming reëntrant angles therein, exposing, when folded a small part of the letter receiving portion B.

A series of the sheets above described may, if desired, be bound in tablet form by securing together the stubs D thereof in any desirable manner, as by stapling them together, as shown at *d'*. When the sheets are in tablet form, it is obvious that any sheet can be readily detached from the remainder by tearing the same along the perforated line *d*.

The manner of using the above described article is as follows: The desired name and address is first placed upon the portion A and then the body of the letter is written on the portion B, as shown in Fig. 1. To prepare the same for mailing the sheet is first detached from the tablet, as described and then turned over as shown in Fig. 2 with the gummed portion *c''*, *c''* and *c'* upwardly disposed. The portion B is then turned upon itself about its middle as shown in Fig. 3 and then the entire portion B is turned back upon the portion A as shown in Fig. 4. The side flaps E E are then folded onto the portion B with their ends overlapping as shown in Fig. 5, thereby inclosing the side edges of the portion B, but leaving a small portion thereof between the cutaway portions *e' e'* in said flaps E E exposed. The sealing flap C is then folded downward onto the flaps E E and sealed thereto by the gummed portions *c'*, *c''* *c''* thereon and sealed to the small exposed part of the portion B by the gummed portion *c'* as shown in Fig. 5. It

is, therefore, obvious that the address receiving portion A of the letter forms the address side of the envelop formed and protects the letter portion B on one entire side as shown in Fig. 8 while the portion B is protected on its other side by the side flaps E E and the sealing flap C, all of which are sealed together and sealed to a small exposed part of the portion B through the flap C, whereby all of the free edges of the portion B are inclosed and all of the flaps are sealed, whereby all access to the portion B or any inclosures, is impossible without breaking the seal.

When it is desired to open the letter, a knife blade or other suitable instrument can be inserted between the portion B and the right hand flap E to cut the three edges of the envelop in the direction of the arrows shown in Fig. 6 after which the portions A and B can be unfolded, as shown in Fig. 8 with the flap C still attached to the portion B. The flap C can then be readily peeled off of the portion B leaving the letter unharmed, the portion A again becoming the address portion of the letter.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A combined letter sheet and envelop comprising a blank having an address receiving portion, for receiving the mailing address which is at the same time the address of the letter receiving portion, a letter receiving portion extending from one edge thereof and adapted to be folded onto the same, side flaps extending laterally from said address receiving portion and adapted to be folded onto said letter receiving portion when the same is folded onto said address receiving portion and to substantially cover said letter receiving portion, said side flaps having their outer corners on their edges adjacent to said letter portion, cut away to expose a small part of said letter

receiving portion when folded onto the same and a sealing flap extending from the edge of said address portion opposite to the letter portion, said sealing flap being adapted to be folded onto said flaps and sealed thereto along its edges and also sealed to said small exposed part of said letter portion, substantially as described.

2. A combined letter sheet and envelop comprising a blank having an address receiving portion for receiving the mailing address which at the same time forms the address of the letter receiving portion, a letter receiving portion extending from one edge thereof and adapted to be folded onto the same, side flaps extending laterally from said address receiving portion and adapted to be folded onto said letter receiving portion when the same is folded onto said address portion and to substantially cover said letter receiving portion when folded, said side flaps having their outer corners on their edges adjacent to said letter portion, cut away to expose a small part of said letter receiving portion when folded onto the same and a sealing flap extending from the edge of said address portion opposite to the letter portion, said sealing flap being adapted to be folded onto said side flaps and provided with a gummed portion on the side opposite the writing receiving portion, for sealing the same to said side flaps and to the said small exposed part of the letter receiving portion, whereby the letter receiving portion when folded and any inclosure are substantially covered and protected by the side flaps, substantially as described.

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

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