

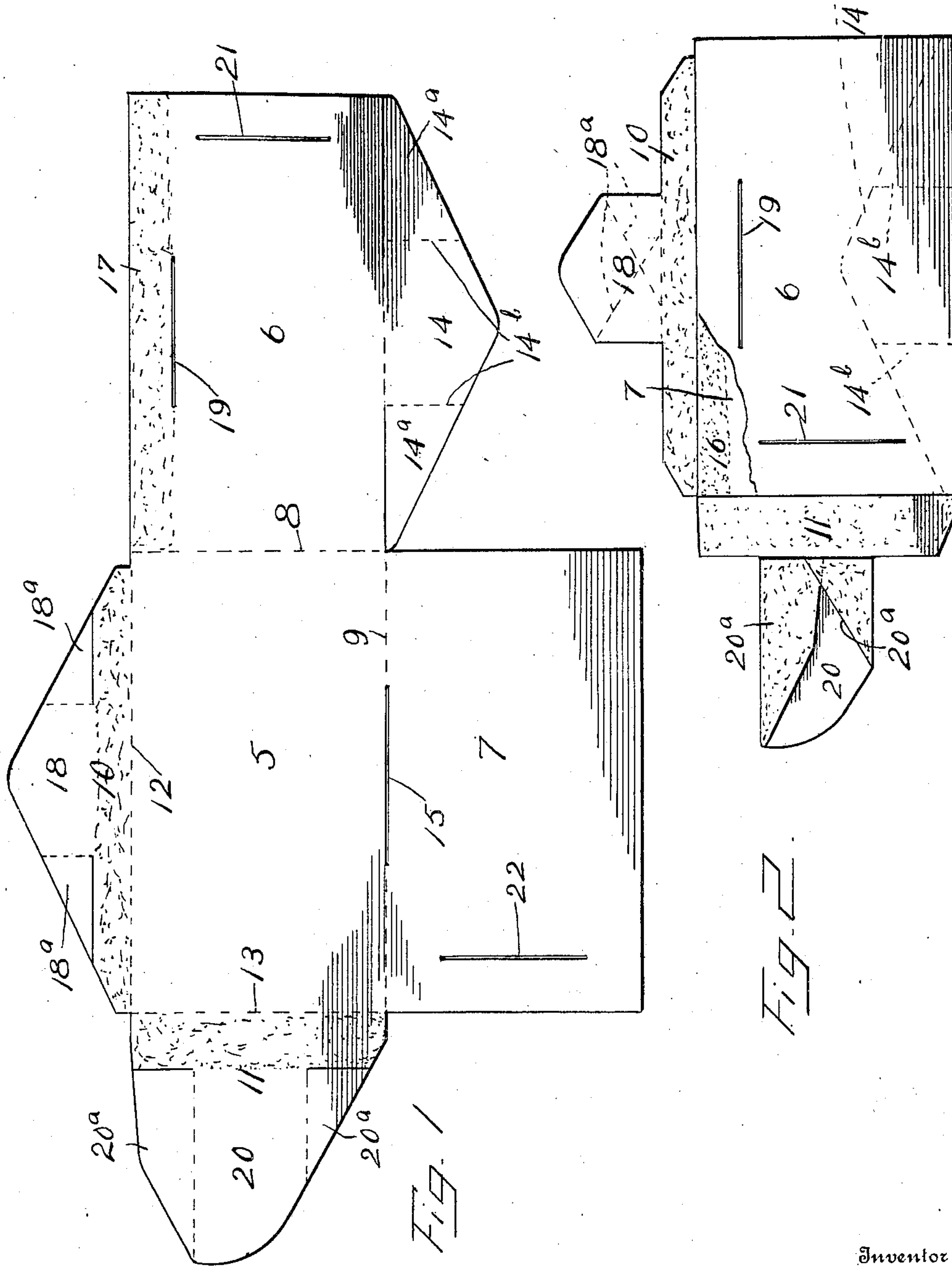
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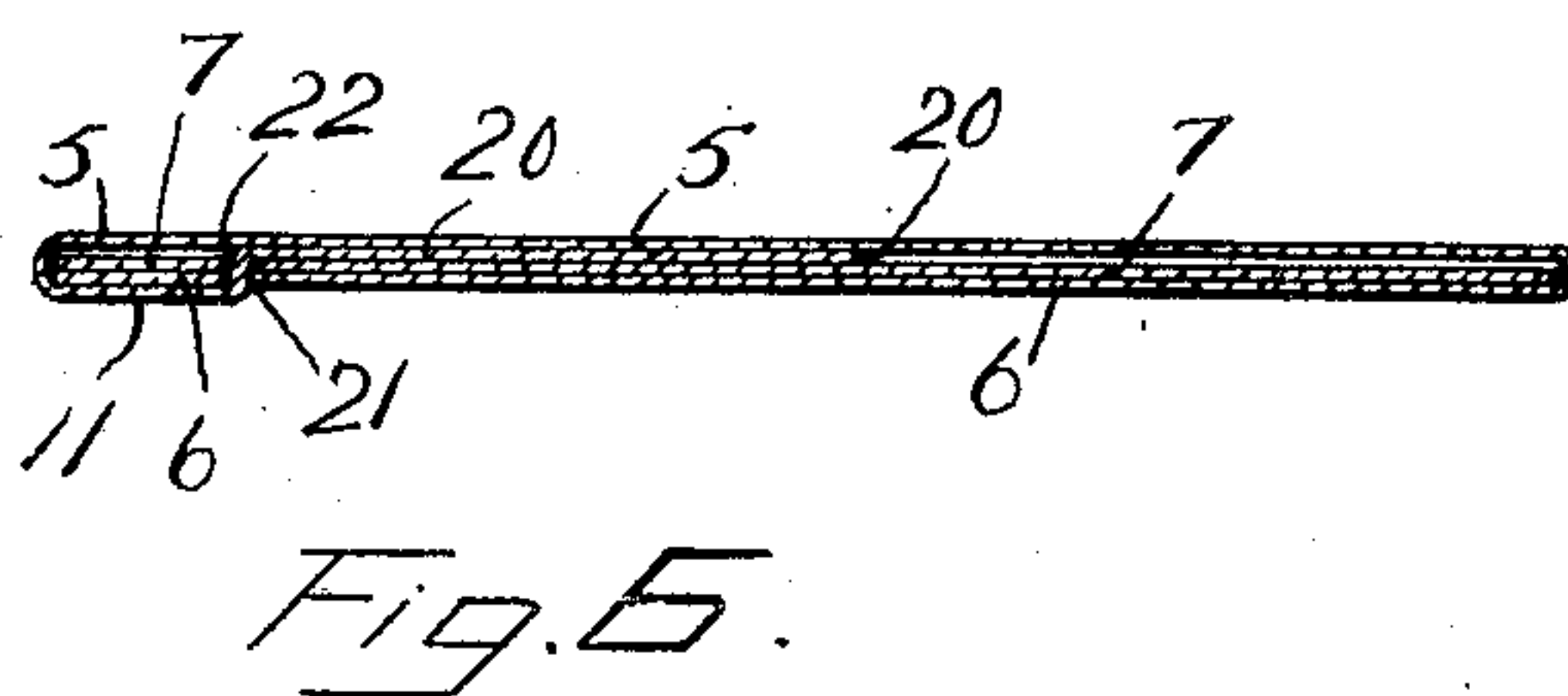
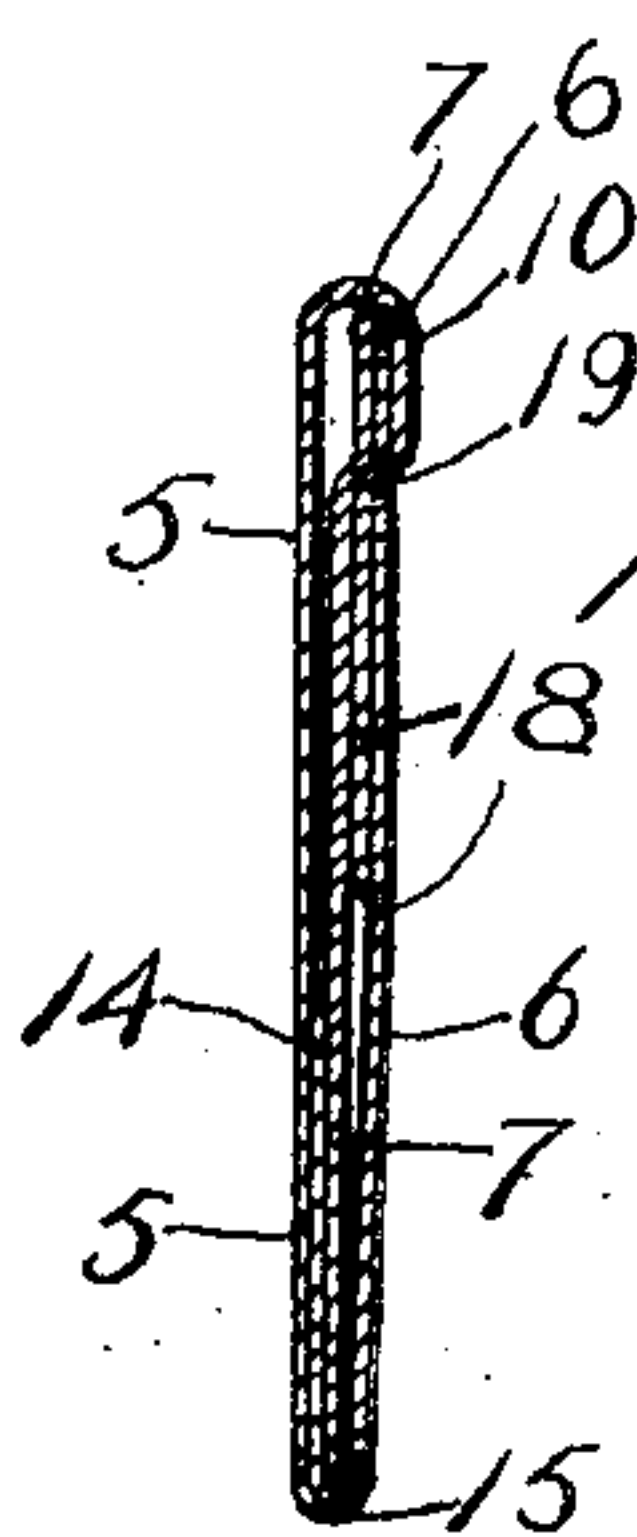
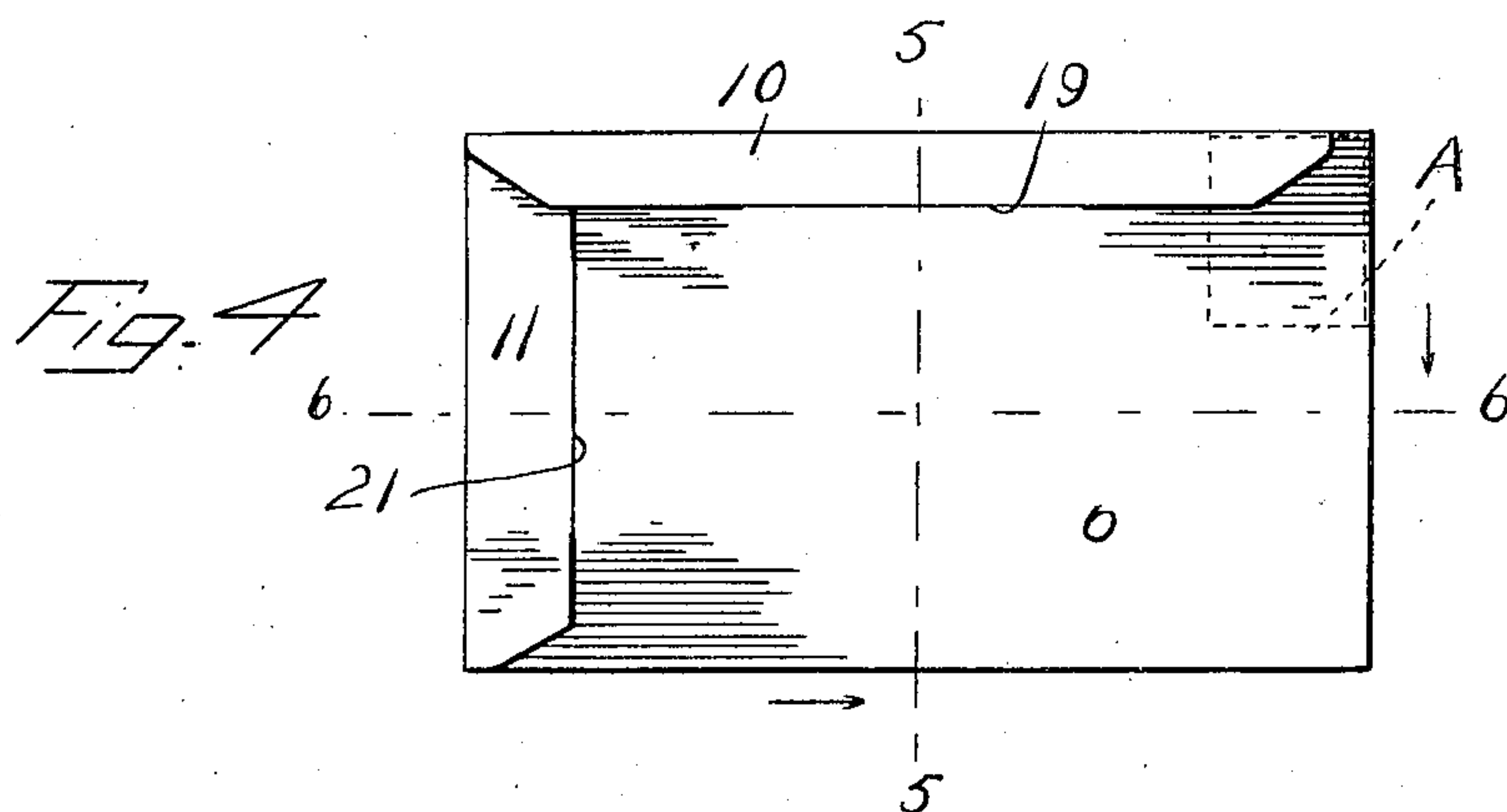
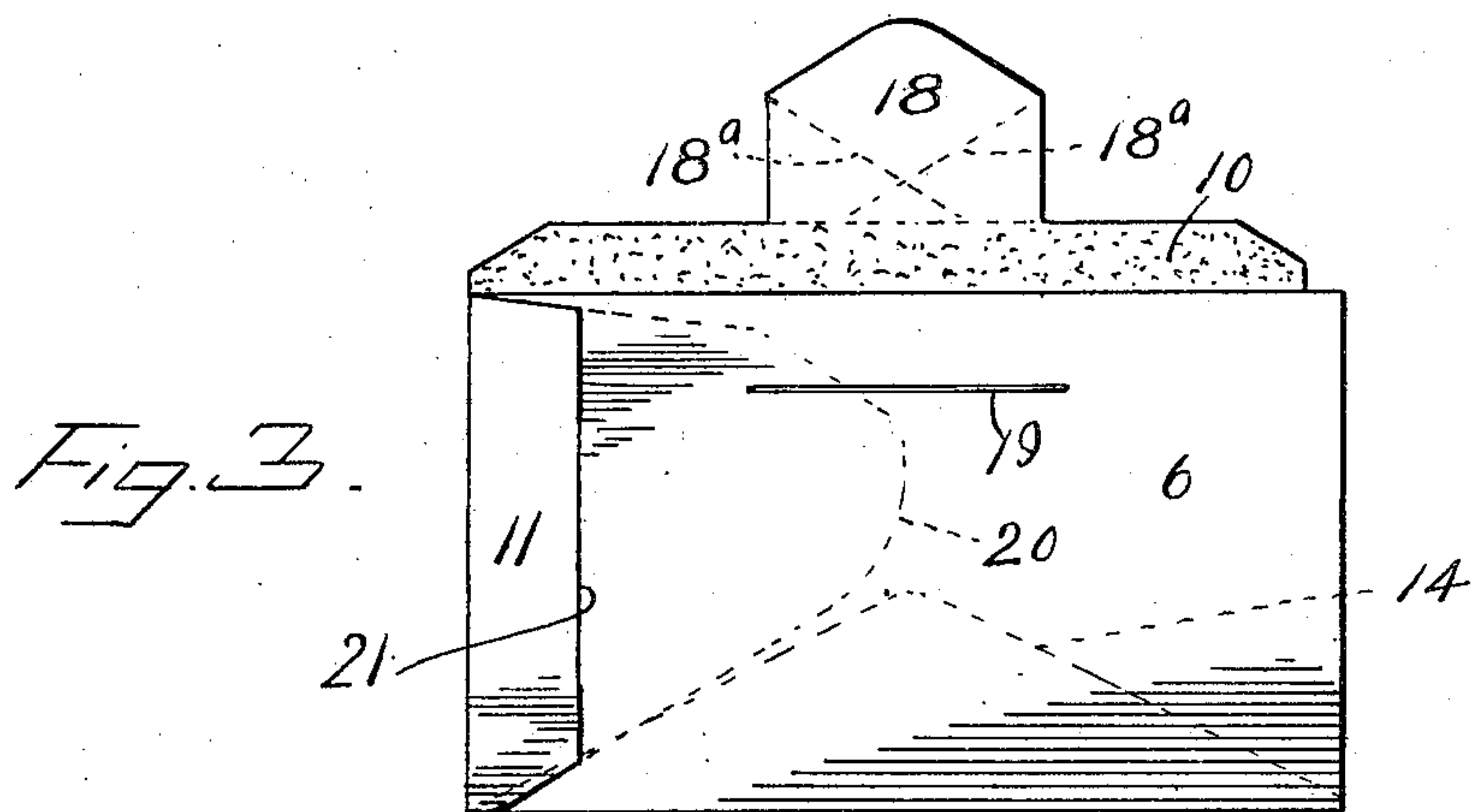
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES A. TRAVERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hoople, in the county of Walsh, State of North Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops; 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.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in envelops and it has more particular reference to safety envelops constructed against fraudulent manipulation.

The invention more specifically comprises an envelop embodying a body portion and sealing flaps foldable thereupon, and it is the primary object to provide an envelop blank of novel construction towards the ends of sealing the said flaps to one another and to the said body portion, whereby mutilation of one or more of the flaps will result if an attempt is made to open the envelop surreptitiously.

The details of construction will appear in the course of the following description, in which reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, like characters of reference designating similar parts, throughout the several views, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a view showing the blank from which the present envelop is constructed. Fig. 2 is a view of the envelop partly folded. Fig. 3 is a view of the envelop ready for use. Fig. 4 is a view of the envelop sealed, and stamped. Fig. 5 is a section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4, looking in the direction of the arrow. Fig. 6 is a section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 4, looking in the direction of the arrow.

In the accompanying drawings, the envelop blank is shown as comprising a rectangular body 5, at one side of which is a co-extensive rectangular side flap 6, and along the lower edge of which is a rectangular bottom flap 7, the flaps 6 and 7, being foldable along creases 8 and 9. The body 5 is provided along its upper edge with an auxiliary upper flap 10 and along the side opposite to the flap 6 with an auxiliary side flap 11, the flaps 10 and 11 being foldable along creases 12 and 13. The flap 6 is provided centrally thereof along its lower edge with a tongue 14 having laterally projecting fingers 14<sup>a</sup> foldable along

lines 14<sup>b</sup> parallel to one another and extending transversely of said tongue, which tongue is insertible through a slit 15 formed centrally of the crease 9 and which is gummed on its outer surface so as to adhere to the inner face of the body 5, the fingers 14<sup>a</sup> being similarly gummed and being spread and similarly sealed after the insertion of the tongue 14.

The flap 7 has the upper portion of its outer face gummed as at 16 and the flap 6 has the upper portion of its inner face similarly gummed as at 17, the portions 16 and 17, being designed to adhere to one another. The flap 10 is formed centrally thereof with a projecting tongue 18 having laterally projecting fingers 18<sup>a</sup> similar to the fingers 14<sup>a</sup> which tongue 18 is insertible through a slit 19 formed longitudinally and centrally in the upper portion of the flap 6, the said tongue 18 being gummed on its outer face to adhere to the inner face of the flap 6, and the fingers 18<sup>a</sup> being similarly gummed and being spread and similarly sealed after the insertion of the tongue 18. The flap 11 is formed centrally thereof, with a projecting tongue 20, having laterally projecting fingers 20<sup>a</sup> similar to the fingers 14<sup>a</sup> and 18<sup>a</sup>, which tongue 20 is insertible through coextensive slits 21 and 22 formed in the flaps 6 and 7, transversely thereof, and at one side thereof, the tongue 20 being gummed on its outer surface to adhere to the inner face of the flap 7 and the fingers 20<sup>a</sup> being similarly gummed and being spread and similarly sealed after the insertion of the tongue 20. It will thus be seen that the tongue 14 adheres to the body 5, the tongue 18 adheres to the flap 6 and the tongue 20 adheres to the flap 7. Thus, the various parts of the envelop are connected in such manner, that it is impossible to open the said envelop at any point without tearing or mutilating some part. At the same time, the arrangement of parts is such, as not to interfere with the pocket afforded between the flaps 5 and 7 for the reception of a letter.

In use, the flap 7 is folded upon the body 5, the flap 6 upon the flap 7, the tongue 14 inserted through the slit 15, the gummed faces 16 and 17 adhering, the flap 11 is folded upon the flap 6, the tongue 20 inserted through the slits 21 and 22 and finally the flap 10 is folded upon the flap 6 and the tongue 18 inserted through the slit 19, this slit being arranged below the gumming 17. Additional precaution is had against opening



the envelop by placing the stamp A indicated in Fig. 4 by dotted lines, in the corner of the flap 6 and partially upon the flap 10.

What is claimed is:—

- 5 An envelop of the type set forth, comprising a rectangular body formed at one side thereof with a main flap and at its other side with an auxiliary flap, the said body being also formed with a main lower flap and an  
10 auxiliary upper flap, the main side flap being formed with a tongue projecting centrally from its lower edge and gummed on its outer surface, said body being formed along the line of its lower edge with a longitudinal slit,  
15 the said tongue being insertible through said slit, the auxiliary side flap being formed along its outer edge with a projecting tongue, the main side flap and the lower flap being

formed transversely thereof with slits designed to register in the folded relation of said flaps, said last named tongue being gummed on its outer face and being insertible through said last named slits in their registering relation, the said main side flap being formed with a slit longitudinally thereof, the  
20 said upper flap being formed with a tongue projecting from its outer edge, said last named tongue being gummed on its outer face and insertible through said last named slit.  
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In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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