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3 SHEETS—SHEET 2.

FIG. II.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY		R. R. S.	
DELIVER AS INDICATED BY		O	
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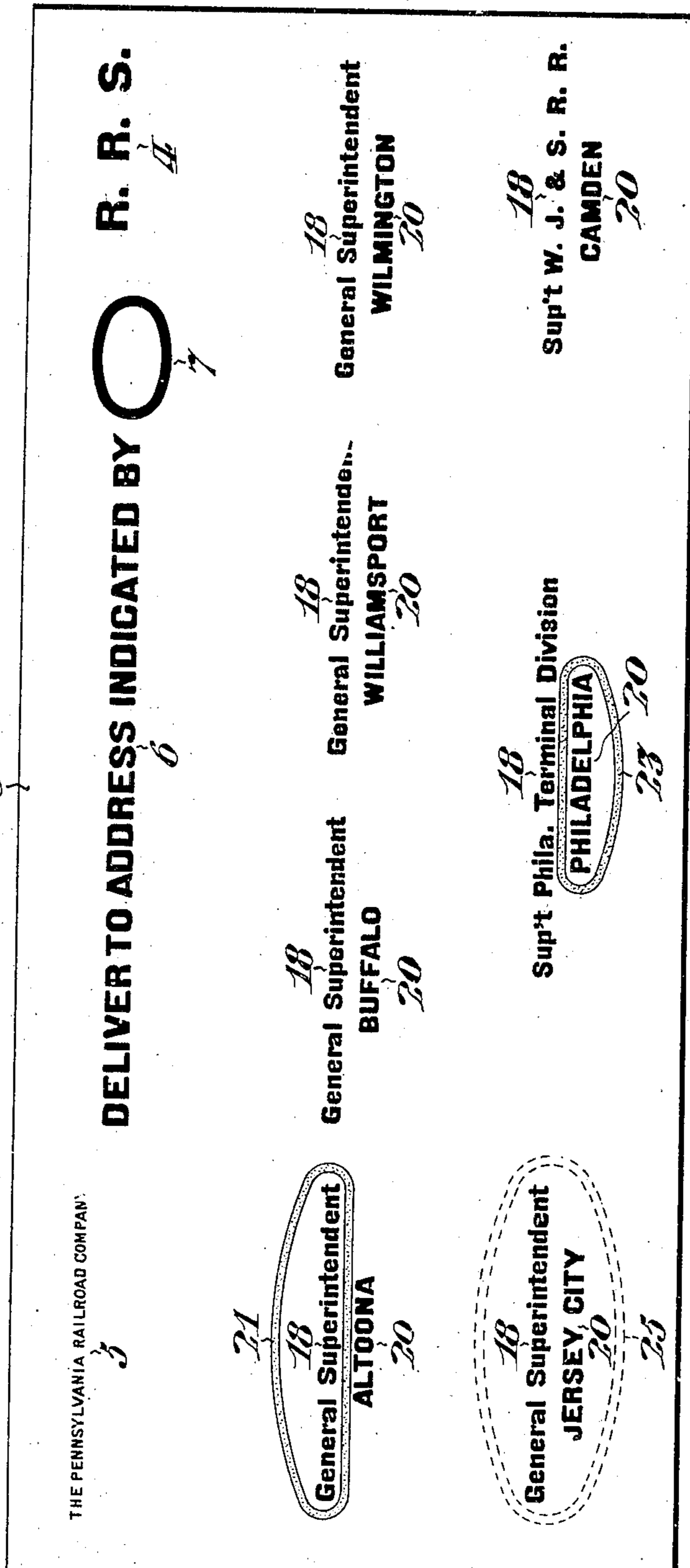
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FIG. III.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH CAREY BROWN, of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Envelops, whereof the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My improvements are particularly applicable to envelops for transmission by what is known as "rail road service", which is similar to the United States mail, but conducted privately, without postage stamps, by railway organizations, such as the Pennsylvania Rail Road Co., for official communications between their employees. In order to conduct such correspondence, the Pennsylvania Rail Road Co., has heretofore maintained, in each office, numerous stocks of envelops, each stock, of one thousand or more, being imprinted with the address of a different regular correspondent; the aggregate of such stocks in some single offices being more than two hundred thousand envelops.

It is the object of my invention to avoid the expense of printing, maintaining and selectively using such individually addressed envelops, by providing envelops imprinted with composite addresses, including a generic term and a plurality of specific terms, which latter may be selectively utilized to limit the application of the former. For instance, as hereinafter described, the address may include a single generic term, which is an official title common to a plurality of persons, and, a plurality of specific terms respectively distinguishing said persons.

As hereinafter described, I find it convenient to also provide my improved envelops with means indicating the kind of service to which they are to be restricted, means indicating the identity of the party chargeable with the cost of transmission, and, means indicating the manner in which said generic and specific terms are to be selectively indicated.

My invention comprises the various novel features of construction and arrangement hereinafter more definitely specified.

In the drawings; Figure I, shows an envelop embodying my improvement, wherein the composite address comprises a single generic term, which is an official title common to a plurality of individuals, and, a plurality of specific terms respectively distinguishing said individuals by reference to

their different locations. Fig. II, shows an envelop embodying my improvement wherein the composite address includes a generic term which refers to a location which is common to a plurality of individuals, and, a plurality of specific terms respectively distinguishing said individuals by reference to their different official titles. Fig. III, shows an envelop embodying a modified form of my invention wherein the composite address includes a plurality of generic terms and a plurality of specific terms.

As shown in said drawings; I find it convenient to provide the upper right hand corner of each envelop 1, 2, and 3, with means 4, indicating the kind of service for which it is designed, viz., the symbols "R. R. S.", meaning "rail road service". These symbols are preferably located at the corner of the envelop where postage stamps for United States mail service are applied, in order to prevent the accidental inclusion of the improved envelops in such mail. I also find it convenient to provide the upper left hand corner of each envelop with means 5, indicating the identity of the party chargeable with the cost of transmitting the same, for instance, as shown, "The Pennsylvania Rail Road Company". Moreover, I prefer to provide the upper portion of each envelop with means 6, indicating the manner in which said generic and specific terms are to be selectively employed, for instance, as shown, the word "Deliver" etc., and the cartouche 7.

Referring to Fig. I; the composite address on the envelop 1, includes the generic title 9, viz., "Agent of Real Estate Department" which is common to a plurality of individuals at different locations, and, a plurality of specific terms 10, distinguishing said individuals by reference to their respective locations. This envelop 1, may be specifically directed for transmission to any one of the fifteen individuals thereon identified, by selectively indicating one of said fifteen specific terms 10, and, in accordance with the aforesaid instructions indicated at the top of the envelop, such selection may be manifested by including the selected term "Oil City" within the cartouche 12.

Referring to Fig. II; the composite address on the envelop 2, includes the generic term 14, viz., "General Office, Pennsylvania Rail Road Company Broad Street Station, Philadelphia" which refers to a location

common to a plurality of individuals, nine of whom are respectively identified by the specific terms 15, which distinguish said individuals by their official titles. In accordance with instructions on the face of said envelop 2, it may be selectively addressed to any one of said nine individuals by including within the cartouche 16, the title of the particular individual, viz., "Sup't Insurance Department".

Referring to Fig. III; the composite address on the envelop 3, includes a plurality of generic terms 18, being titles common to a plurality of individuals at different locations, for instance, "General Superintendent," "Sup't. W. J. & S. R. R.", and, a plurality of specific terms 20, distinguishing said individuals by reference to their respective locations. This envelop may be specifically directed for transmission to any one of the officials thereon entitled, at any one of the locations thereon specified, by including the selected generic term within the cartouche 21, and the selected specific term within the cartouche 23.

It may be observed that in the form of my invention shown in Fig. III, the generic terms 18, are arranged in conjunction with the specific terms 20, which are most likely to be selected in connection therewith; so that a single cartouche 25, may be employed to include both the generic and specific terms selected. For instance, as marked with the cartouches 21, and 23, said envelop 3, would be directed to the general superintendent of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company at Philadelphia, but if it is desired to direct such an envelop to the general superintendent of said company, at Jersey City, the single cartouche 25, is employed as shown.

The cartouches which are selectively located as aforesaid, may be quickly applied, manually, with a rubber stamp, colored pencil or other suitable marking device.

The advantage of my improvement may be noted with reference to the envelop 1, shown in Fig. I, in that heretofore each of the agents of the real estate department of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company at the fifteen different locations specified on said envelop, was required to maintain fourteen different stocks of envelops respectively addressed to the agents of the real estate department, at the other fourteen locations specified, whereas, by the employment of my invention a single stock of but the one form of envelop 1, is required at each of said locations for intercommunication. In other words, in accordance with my invention, fifteen stocks of one kind of envelops may be substituted for two hundred and ten stocks comprising fifteen different forms of envelops, and, this ratio of reduction in the

cost of production and maintenance of such supplies may be realized throughout the various departments of any railway system employing my invention.

It may be observed that in every case described the effect of selectively marking the composite address terms is to limit a generic term to a particular specific application, and, although I have illustrated my invention with reference to envelops, it is obvious that it may be embodied in any device, for instance, a tag or label, whereby a desired destination may be manifested. Therefore, it is to be understood that the term "envelop" employed in the claims is comprehensive of any device of the character contemplated.

I do not desire to limit myself to the precise details of construction and arrangement above specified, as various modifications may be made therein without departing from the essential features of my invention, as defined in the following claims:—

I claim:—

1. An envelop having imprinted thereon in relatively immovable relation, a composite address comprising a generic term, common to a plurality of species, and a plurality of uncanceled specific terms respectively distinguishing said species, substantially as set forth.

2. An envelop having imprinted thereon in relatively immovable relation a composite address comprising a generic term, being an official title common to a plurality of individuals, and a plurality of uncanceled specific terms respectively distinguishing said individuals by reference to their different location, substantially as set forth.

3. An envelop having thereon means indicating its destination, comprising a generic term, common to a plurality of species; a plurality of uncanceled specific terms respectively distinguishing said species; and means distinct from the envelop selectively applied local to one of said specific terms, limiting the application of said generic term thereto; whereby repeated use of said envelop is prevented, substantially as set forth.

4. An envelop having contemporaneously displayed thereon in relatively immovable relation, a composite address comprising a generic term common to a plurality of species, and a plurality of uncanceled specific terms respectively distinguishing said species, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this 25th day of February, 1907.

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