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ENVELOP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHANN KORPATCH, a subject of the King of Hungary, residing at Johnstown, in the county of Cambria and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to envelops, and my invention aims to provide a novel envelop that can be closed whereby the same cannot be surreptitiously opened without detection. To this end, I have devised an envelop constructed of a single piece of paper, paperoid or similar material, which is folded and sealed to safely carry matter through the mails, the envelop being easily and quickly opened to obtain the contents thereof.

The detail construction entering into my invention will be presently described and claimed.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a plan of a piece of paper or blank from which my envelop is produced, the blank or piece of paper being partly folded, Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same folded and with the longitudinal sealing flaps removed.

In the accompanying drawings, 1 designates the front portion of the envelop and 2 the rear portion thereof, these portions being folded together upon the dotted line 3. The rear portion of the envelop is provided with longitudinally arranged perforations 4 providing a longitudinal sealing flap 5. The front portion of the envelop 1 is also provided with a similar flap 6, these flaps being provided with adhesive material 7, whereby the confronting faces of said flaps can be secured together.

The rear portion 2 of the envelop is provided with end flaps 8 and 9. Each of these flaps has the marginal portion of its inner face provided with adhesive material 11, and after the flap 9 has been folded upon one side of the rear portion 2 of the envelop, the flap 8 is folded thereon, this flap overlapping the flap 9. The rear portion 2 is now in condition to be folded upon the front portion of the envelop, and after the flaps 8 and 9 have been moistened, they are adhesively secured to the inner side of the front portion 1 of the

envelops; the space between the rear portion 2 and the flaps 8 and 9 being sufficient to accommodate a letter.

The front portion of the envelop 1 is provided with end flaps 12 and 13, each having the marginal portion of its inner face provided with adhesive material 14, whereby when these flaps are folded upon the dotted lines 15 they can be adhesively secured to the outer side of the rear portion 2 of the envelop, as clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. It will be observed that the flap 12 overlaps the flap 13, similar to the flap 8 overlapping the flap 9. After the matter has been placed in the envelop, the longitudinal sealing edges 5 and 6 are secured together, and the envelop is securely closed.

To open the envelop it is only necessary to tear the longitudinal sealing flaps 5 and 6 off of the envelop, at which time easy access can be had to the interior thereof. The perforations 4 facilitate the removing of the longitudinal sealing flaps.

Having now described my invention what I claim as new, is:—

An envelop comprising a body portion folded approximately centrally thereof to provide a front section and a rear section, said rear section adapted to fold on the front section, each of said sections having a longitudinal row of perforations at a point removed from its free longitudinal edge whereby each of said sections is provided with a sealing flap, each of said sealing flaps having its inner face coated with an adhesive substance, each of said sections furthermore provided with a pair of end flaps, each of said end flaps at its inner terminus being of a width as to extend from the center of the body portion to the longitudinally extending row of perforations of its respective section, each of said end flaps tapering from its inner to its outer terminus, each of said end flaps of the rear section having the marginal portion of its outer face provided with an adhesive substance, and each of said end flaps of the outer section having the marginal portions of its inner face provided with an adhesive substance, said sealing flaps adapted to be secured together when the rear section is folded upon the front section, said end flaps of the rear section adapted to be folded upon

the inner face of said rear section and overlapping each other and to be secured to the inner face of the front section when the sections are folded upon each other, and said
5 end flaps of the front section adapted to be folded upon and secured to the outer face of the rear section when the sections are folded upon each other, said end flaps of the front section overlapping each other when the said

end flaps are secured to the outer face of the rear section. 10

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

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