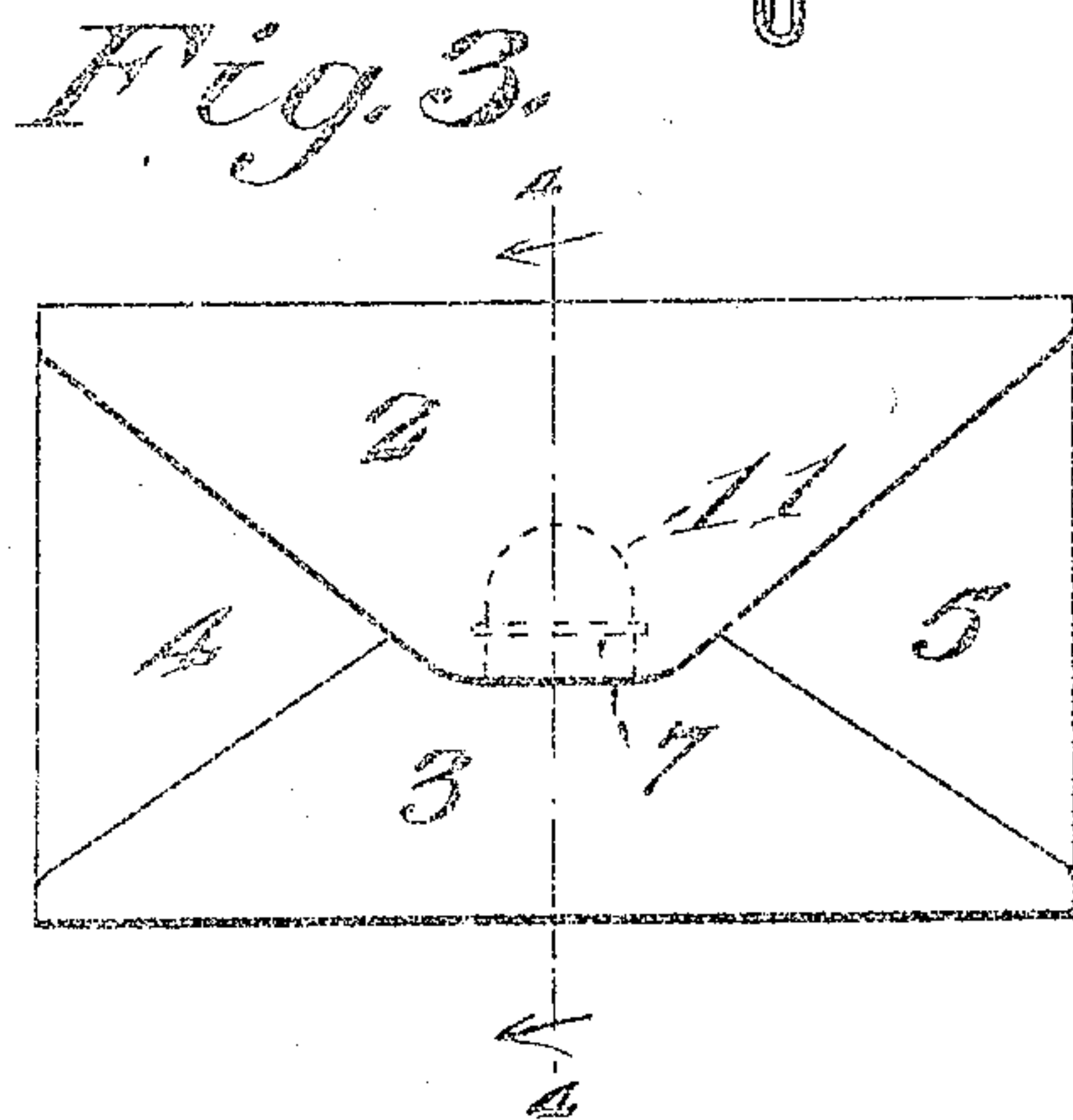
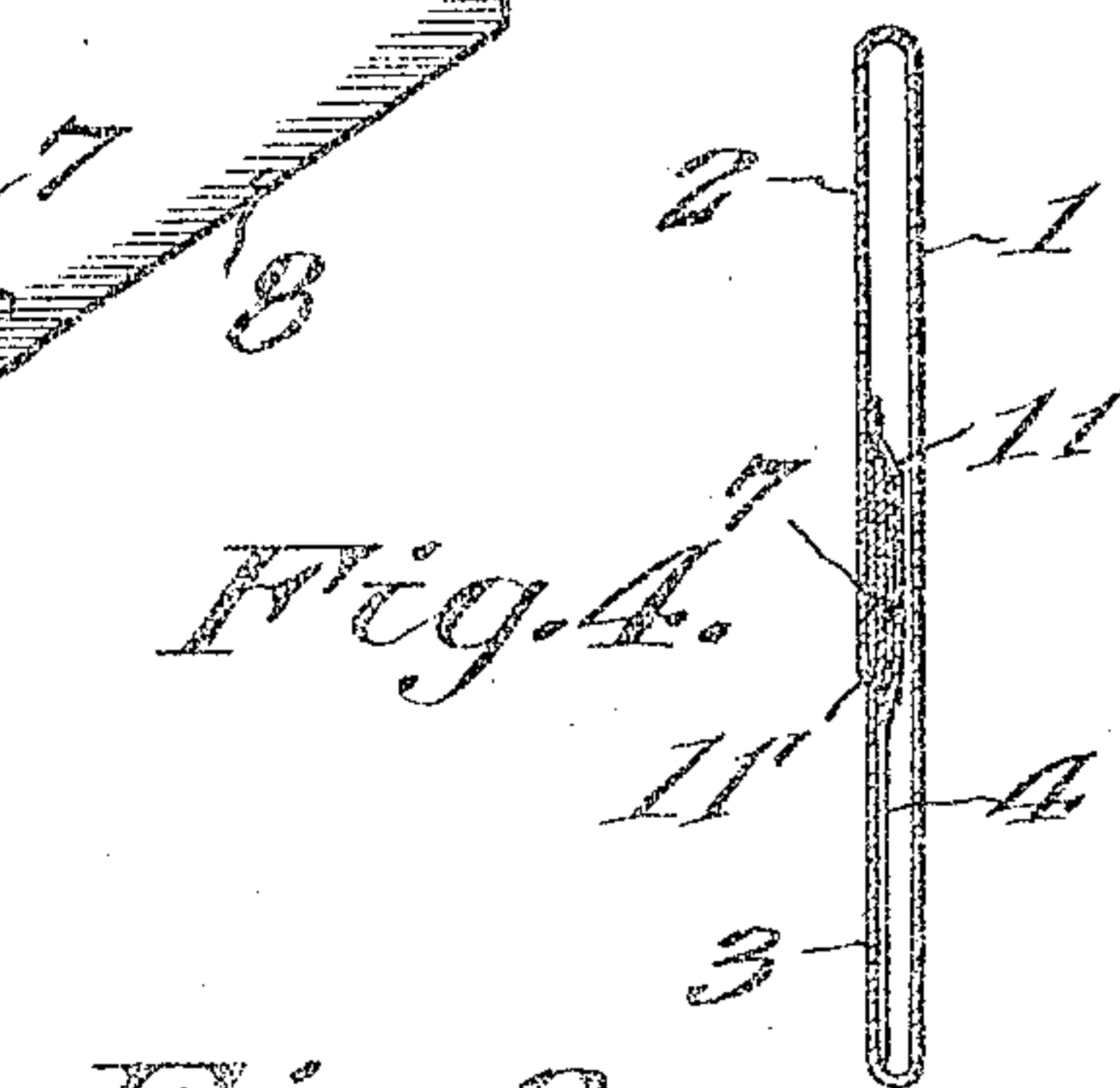
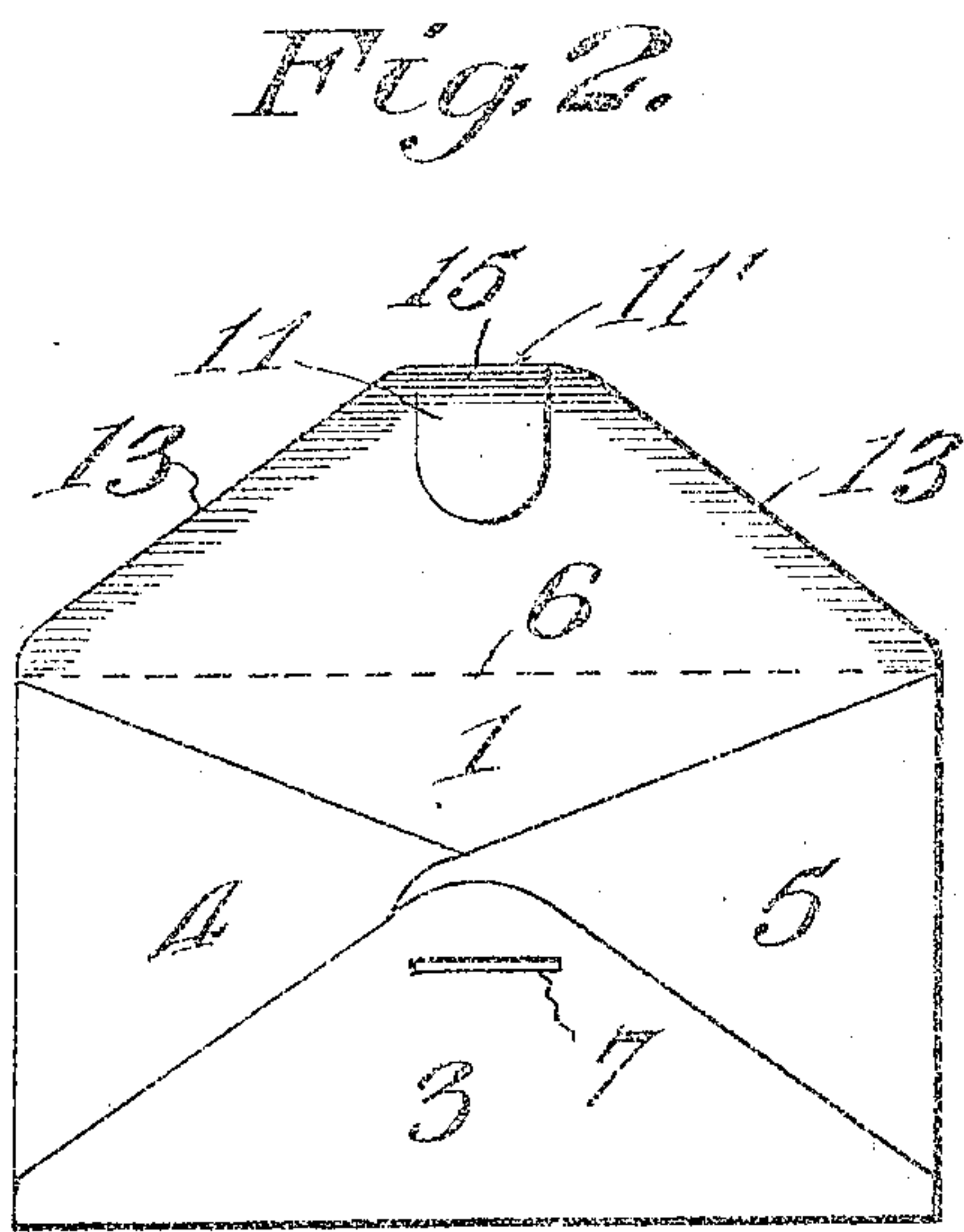
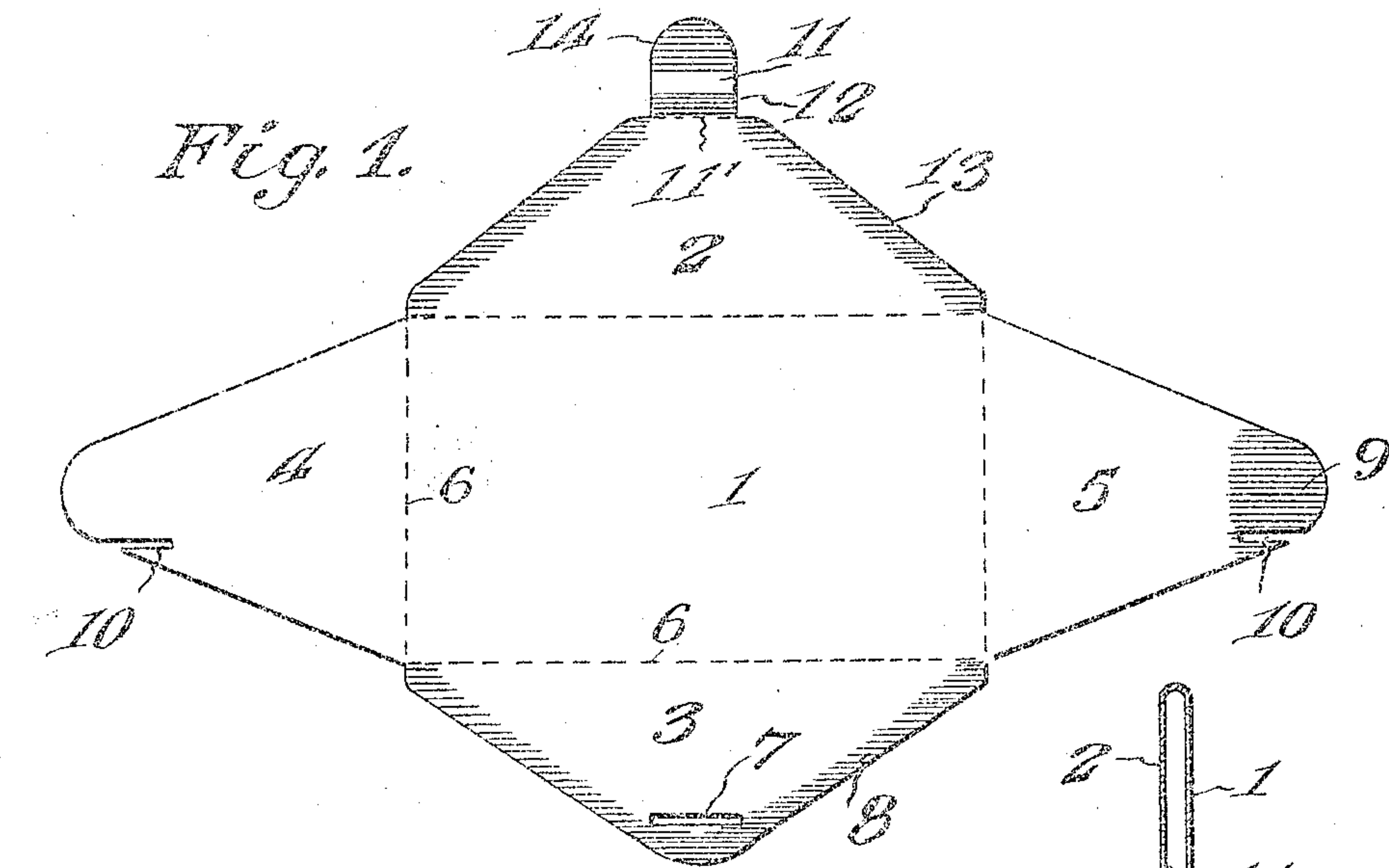


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK AUBREY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Summithill, in the county of Carbon and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Safety-Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a safety envelop of that type provided with a mucilage tongue on the top flap which is adapted to be inserted in a slot in the bottom and side flaps so as to be stuck to the inside of the envelop and prevent the latter from being opened without detection.

The invention has for one of its objects to provide an envelop of this character which is comparatively simple and inexpensive to manufacture, convenient in use, and effective in preventing surreptitious opening.

Another object of the invention is the provision of an envelop having safety means so arranged that when the envelop is sealed, it has the same appearance as an ordinary envelop so that when it is attempted to open the same, the tongue will be torn and thus furnish evidence of the unauthorized opening even though the top flap be again sealed.

With these objects in view and others, as will appear as the description proceeds, the invention comprises the various novel features of construction and arrangement of parts which will be more fully described hereinafter and set forth with particularity in the claims appended hereto.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates one object of the invention, Figure 1 is a plan view of the envelop blank. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the completed envelop with the top flap open. Fig. 3 is a view of the sealed envelop. Fig. 4 is a section on line 4—4, Fig. 3.

Similar reference characters are employed to designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawing, 1 designates the body or front of the envelop which is of rectangular or any other approved shape and has top and bottom flaps 2 and 3 and side flaps 4 and 5, there being creases or folds 6 between the edges of the body and the flaps. The bottom flap 3 is provided with a slot 7 adjacent the vertex thereof and extending parallel with the folds of the bottom flap and body of the envelop, and the inner face of this flap is provided with mucilage 8 along the edge thereof. The side flaps 4 and 5 fold

inwardly over the body in the usual manner and the flap 5 has a gummed portion at 9 so as to adhere to the other side flap. These two flaps have recesses 10 which aline with each other to form a slot which registers with the slot 7 of the bottom flap when the envelop is sealed, as shown in Fig. 2. The top flap 2 has a central tongue 11 which folds inwardly on a crease 11' and the inner face of this tongue is gummed at 12 so as to adhere to the inner face of the top flap, the latter having its inner face gummed at 13 so as to adhere to the side and bottom flaps when the envelop is finally sealed. The inner face of the tongue is also gummed at 14 so that when the tongue is inserted through the slot 7 in the bottom and side flaps, it can adhere to the inside of the envelop. The outside face of the tongue is gummed at 15, as shown in Fig. 2, so that the top flap can be stuck along its entire edge to the outside of the envelop.

In using the envelop, the top flap is opened as shown in Fig. 2, so as to permit the latter or other contents to be inserted. The top flap is then moistened at the gummed portions 13 and the inner gummed face 14 of the tongue is also moistened. After this, the top flap is folded down and the tongue inserted through the slot 7 and slots of the side flaps, and when the tongue is fully inserted, pressure is applied to the edges of the top flap so as to cause the same to adhere to the envelop and at the same time, the tongue will adhere to the inside of the envelop. Since the tongue is disposed entirely under the top flap, the sealed envelop has the same appearance as those ordinarily in use and the tongue is inaccessible, so that the envelop cannot be opened without the tongue being torn.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

1. An envelop provided with a slot in its back, a top flap, and a tongue formed integral with the top flap and folded back against the inner surface of the same and glued adjacent its base to the top flap, the remaining portion of the tongue being free for insertion in the slot and provided with adhesive for adhering to the inside of the envelop when the envelop is sealed, said top flap having its inner face and portion of the tongue provided with adhesive for adhering to the outer surface of the bottom flap.

2. An envelop comprising a body, side

flaps and top and bottom flaps connected
therewith, said bottom flap having a slot
and the end flaps having recesses coöperat-
ing to form a slot registering with the slot of
5 the bottom flap, a central tongue on the top
flap folded inwardly and partially glued to
the inner face of the top flap and adapted to
be inserted only part way into the slots of the
bottom and side flaps; the inner face of the
10 tongue being provided with adhesive to stick
to the inside of the envelop, the top flap
being provided on its inner face along the

edges thereof with adhesive and the outer
surface of that portion of the tongue outside
the slots also being provided with adhesive 15
to adhere to the outer surface of the bottom
flap.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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