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COMBINATION LETTER SHEET AND ENVELOP.
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Fig. 1

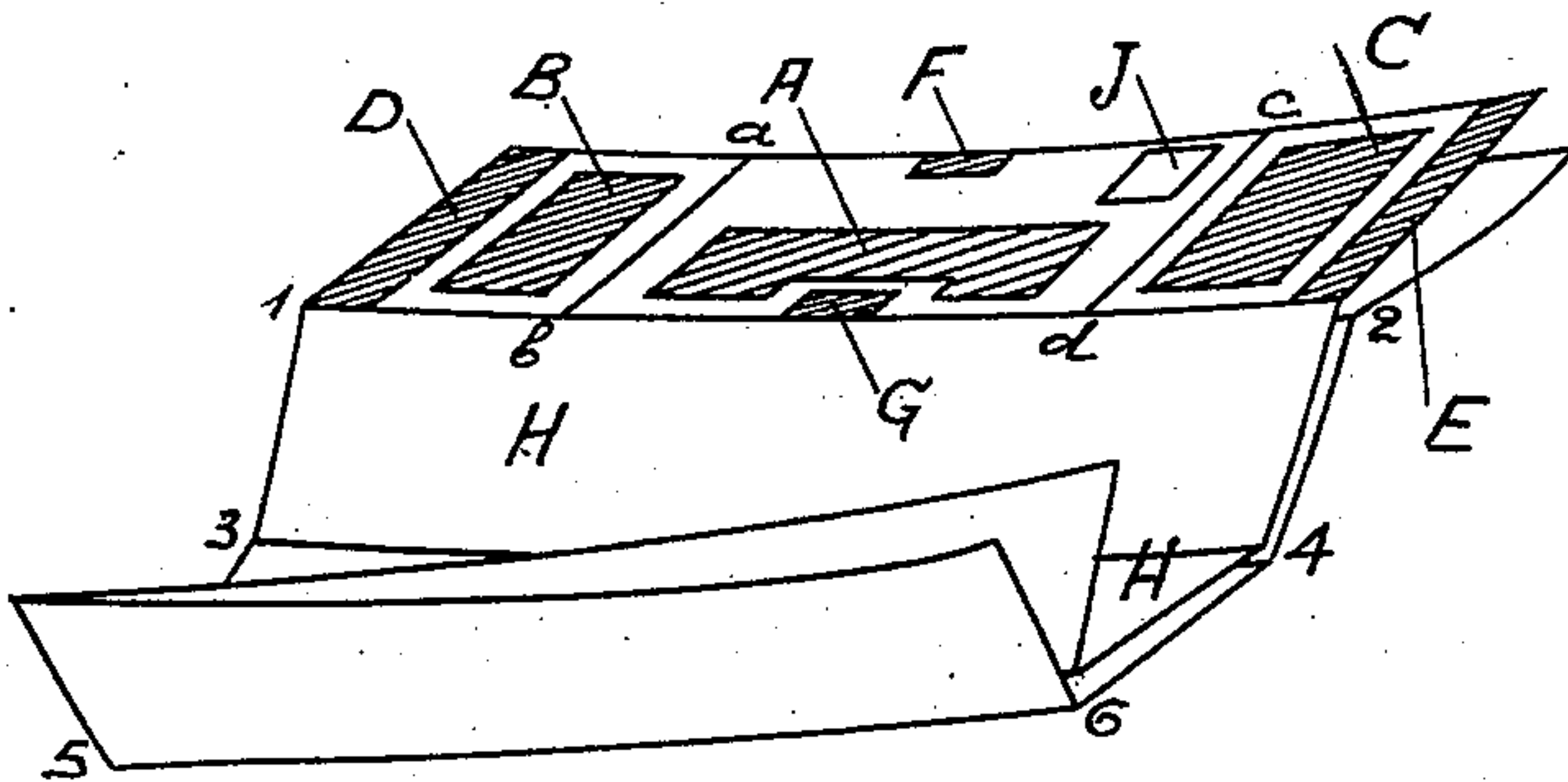


Fig. 2

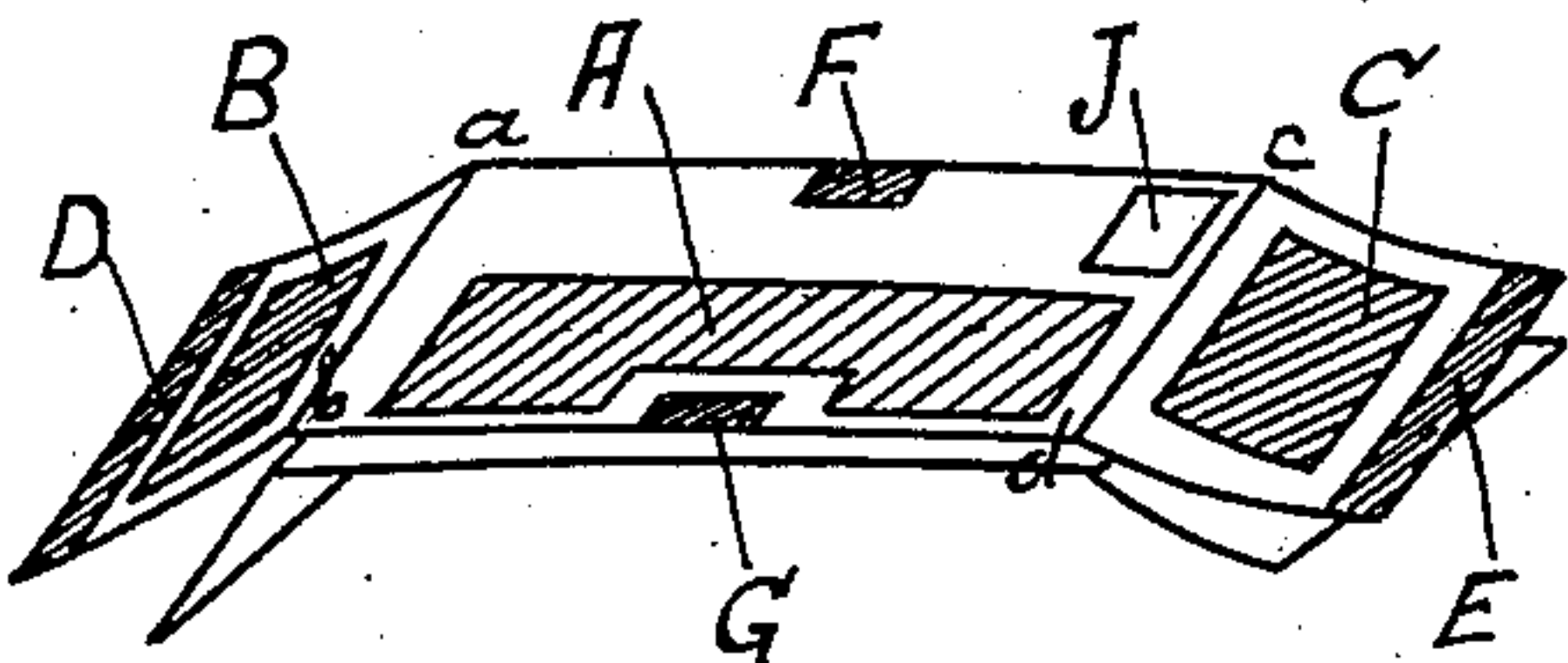


Fig. 3

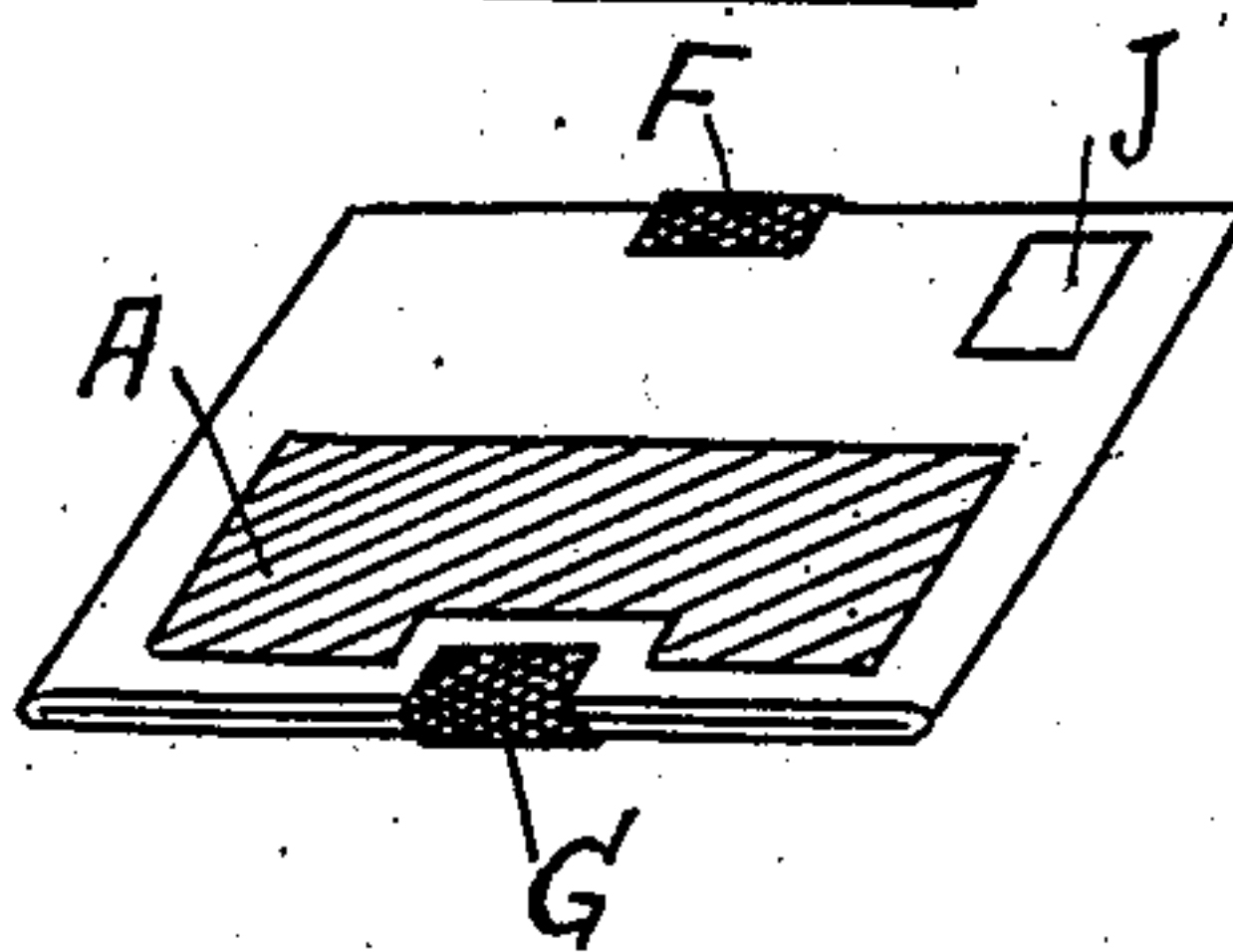


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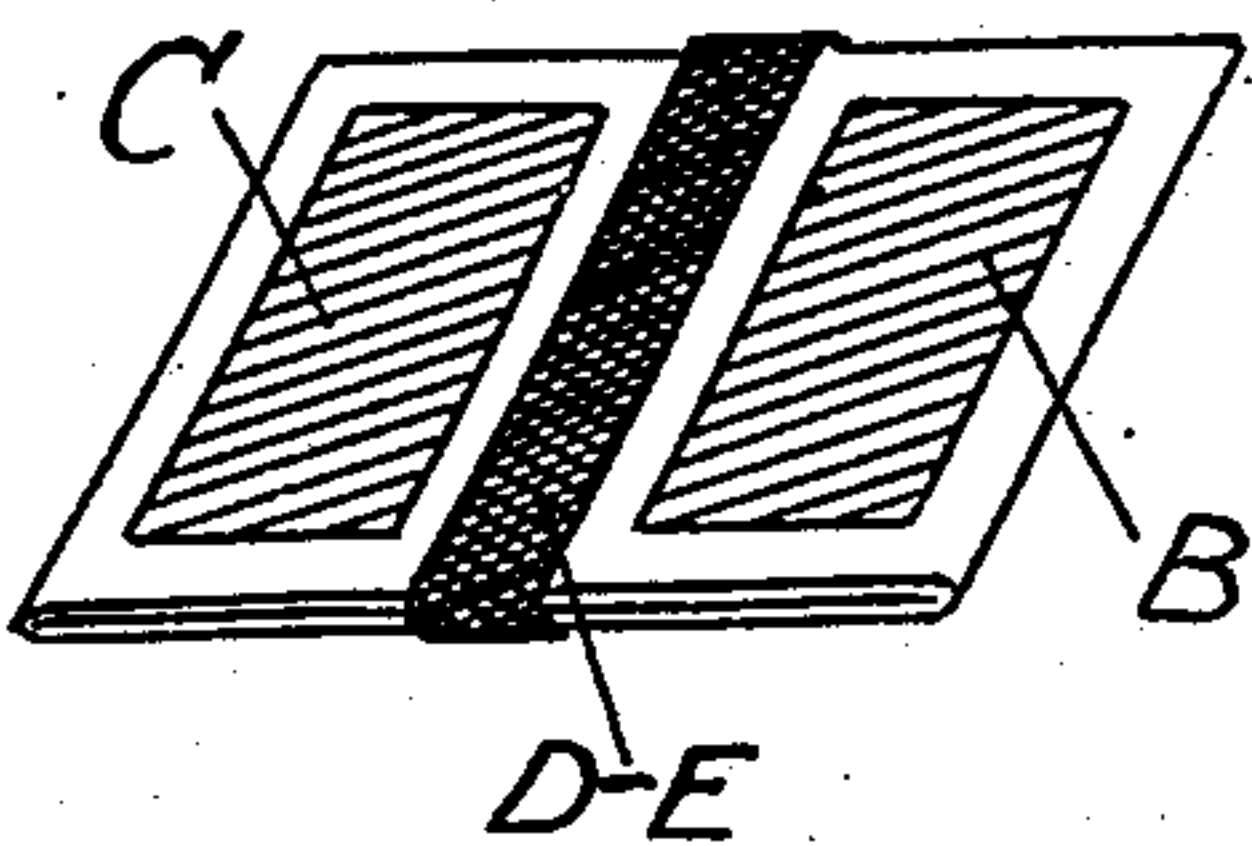
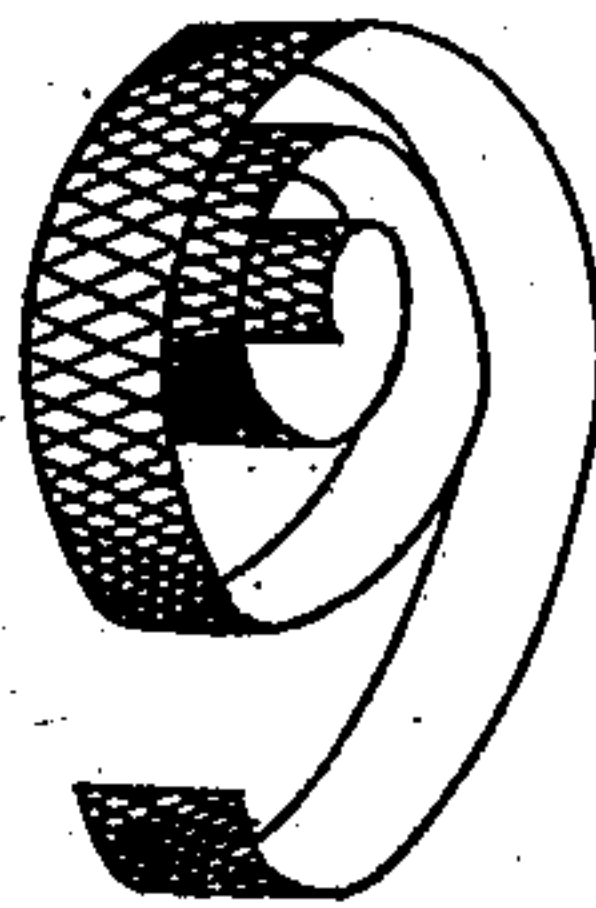


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDERS KRAMER, subject of the Emperor of Russia, and now residing at No. 446 Sixth avenue, in the borough of Brooklyn, county of Kings, city and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Combination Letter-Sheet and Envelop, of which the following is a specification.

10 The invention relates to an improvement in a combination letter sheet and envelop and has for its objects: to provide an improved combination sheet and envelop constructed from a letter sheet or sheets, commonly used in correspondence, which sheet or sheets, after being folded as described in detail below, are sealed by means of strip or strips of gummed tape, with the object of: 1. Securely and effectively sealing the contents of said sheet or sheets without the use of any additional paper or cloth commonly known as envelop, in such manner as not to permit of their inspection. 2. Exposing the name and address of the addressee in said letter sheet or sheets contained so as to avoid the necessity of addressing the addressee twice. 3. Exposing the name and address of the addresser or sender, if any, contained in the letter head of said sheet or sheets, so as to avoid the necessity of indicating the same again. 4. Exposing such other matter, if any, as may be contained in the letter head, so as to advertise the contents thereof. 5. Preserving the post mark, if any, on the letter sheet itself, as evidence of the matter in such post mark contained. 6. Making possible the use of stamped letter sheets to be manufactured and sold by government. I attain these objects by constructing the combination letter sheet and envelop in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein:

45 Figure 1 is an illustration of my improved combination letter sheet and envelop in process of being folded. Fig. 2 is another view of the sheet in further process of folding. Fig. 3 is a front view of a sheet completely folded and sealed. Fig. 4 is a rear view of the folded sheet shown in Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 is the sealing strip used on the folded sheet.

50 Fig. 1 is a view of a letter sheet commonly used in correspondence, beginning to be folded so as to construct the combination letter sheet and envelop. The letter sheet

consists of an upper portion above the transverse folding line 1—2, preferably equal in size to portions contained between the transverse folding line 1—2, 3—4, and 3—4, 5—6, respectively. Space A. of the said upper portion is in practice reserved for the name and address of the addressee; spaces B. and C. separated from space A. by longitudinal folding lines *a—b*, *c—d*, extending from the upper transverse edge of the letter sheet to the transverse folding line 1—2, are in practice reserved for the name and address of the sender or addresser, and for such other matter as may be contained in a letter head, or may remain vacant. Spaces D., E., F. and G., are vacant, and are to be used for purposes hereinafter described; space J. is in practice reserved for the stamp, if any; space H. being all the space below the transverse folding line 1—2 is in practice reserved for the contents of the letter proper.

Fig. 2. is a view of a letter sheet after it has been folded along the transverse folding lines 5—6, 3—4, 1—2, so as to expose the portion and all the space above the transverse folding line 1—2, and after it has been begun to be folded along the longitudinal folding lines, *a—b*, *c—d*.

The improved letter sheet and envelop is constructed as follows: The letter sheet is folded along the transverse folding lines 5—6, 3—4, 1—2, with the object of covering up the space H. below the transverse folding line 1—2, exposing the entire space or portion above the transverse folding line 1—2. The letter sheet so folded is then further folded along the longitudinal folding lines *a—b*, *c—d*, the beginning of which folding is illustrated in Fig. 2., till the longitudinal edges of spaces D. and E. meet, so as to have on one side of the folded sheet spaces A. F. G. and J. and on the other side spaces B. C. and spaces D. E., which two last spaces are now contiguous to each other with their longitudinal edges. To the letter sheet so folded a moistened strip of gummed tape or ribbon is applied in such a manner as to cover up the spaces D. and E., allowing said moistened strip to lap over so as to cover spaces F. and G., as well, as illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4.

In practice the stamp, if any, is placed in the space J.

The combination letter sheet and envelop

so constructed does not allow examination of the contents of the letter proper, without breaking or tearing of the tape and it also attains all the other objects heretofore mentioned.

In constructing the combination letter sheet and envelop, the number of folds below the transverse folding line 1—2 need not be limited to any particular number, so long as the space below the said line containing the letter proper is completely covered, and will depend in practice on the size of the combination letter sheet and envelop desired. The construction of the combination letter sheet and envelop may also be modified by gumming the spaces D. E. F. and G. of the letter sheet and applying to them strip or strips of ungummed tape, or by attaching a strip of gummed tape to either the space D. or E., so that it extends outside of the transverse and longitudinal edges of the space to which it is attached, in such a manner that when the letter sheet is folded as herein previously described, the extended portion of said gummed tape shall cover up spaces E. F., and G. if the said gummed tape is attached to space D., or spaces D. F. and G. if said gummed tape is attached to space E.

A number of letter sheets, one on the top of each other, may be treated in the same way as a single sheet for the purpose of constructing the combination letter sheet and envelop.

I would note that if desired, the name and address of the addresser may be placed in the left hand corner of space A., so that in the completely constructed combination letter sheet and envelop, it appears on the front or address side of it.

I am aware that prior to my invention a combination letter sheet and envelop has been made, which attains some of the objects herein mentioned. My invention, however, differs in structure and arrangement of parts essentially from all previous inventions in the same class.

I do not claim the combination letter sheet and envelop broadly, but

I claim:

1. A combination letter sheet and envelop comprising a sheet of paper folded along a line parallel to and suitably near the top edge of the sheet forming an upper part and a lower part, the lower part folded upon itself to entirely conceal it beneath the said upper part, the exposed side of said upper part constituting the letter head, the inner side of said upper part and both sides of said lower part constituting the body part for retaining the writing or printing constituting the letter, the said folded sheet finally folded along lines at right angles to the first folds completely concealing the body part and exposing on one side the central part of the letter head for the desired addresses and postage stamp, and exposing on the other side the end portions of the letter head, and a seal securing the edges of said end portions together.

2. A combination letter sheet and envelop comprising a sheet of paper folded along a line parallel to and suitably near the top edge of the sheet forming an upper part and a lower part, the lower part folded upon itself to entirely conceal it beneath the said upper part the exposed side of said upper part constituting the letter head, the inner side of said upper part and both sides of said lower part constituting the body part for retaining the writing or printing constituting the letter, the said folded sheet finally folded along lines at right angles to the first folds completely concealing the body part and exposing on one side the central part of the letter head for the desired addresses and the postage stamp, and exposing on the other side the end portions of the letter head, and a seal securing the edges of said end portions together, the seal having its ends folded over and glued upon the said central part of the letter head for a suitable distance thereon.

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