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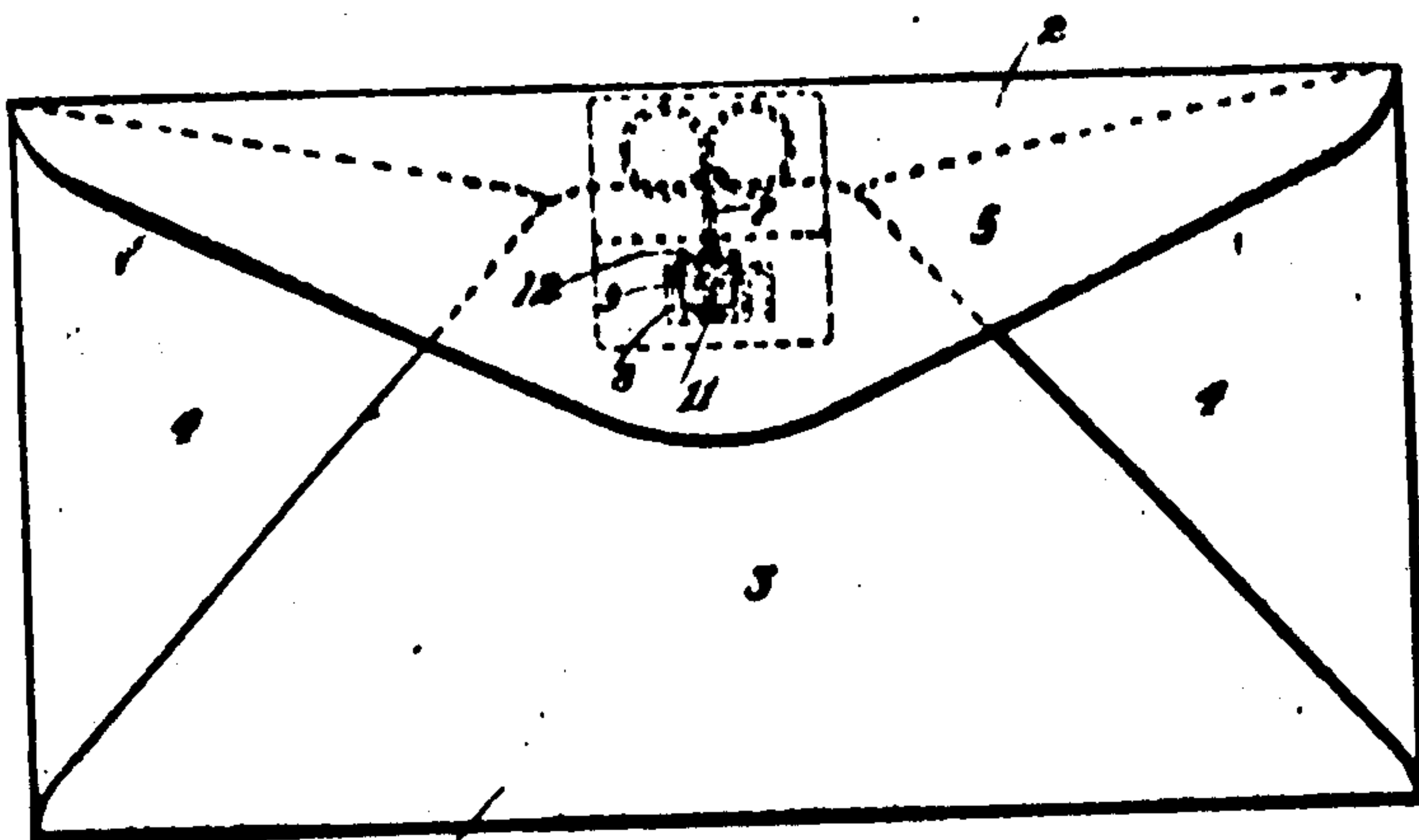


Fig 1.

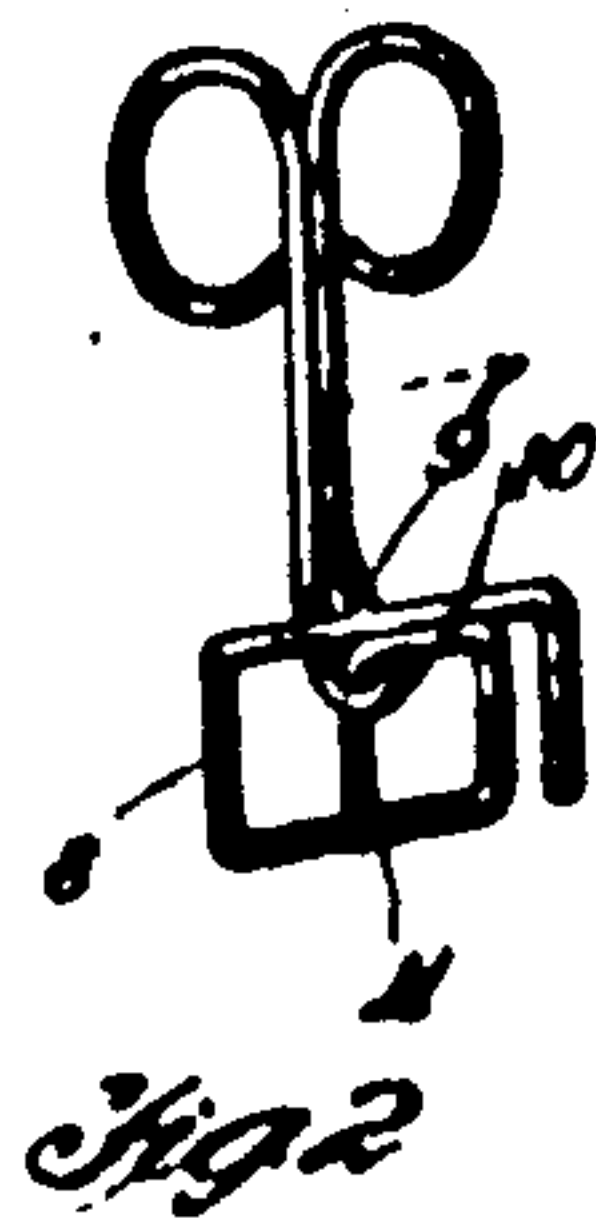


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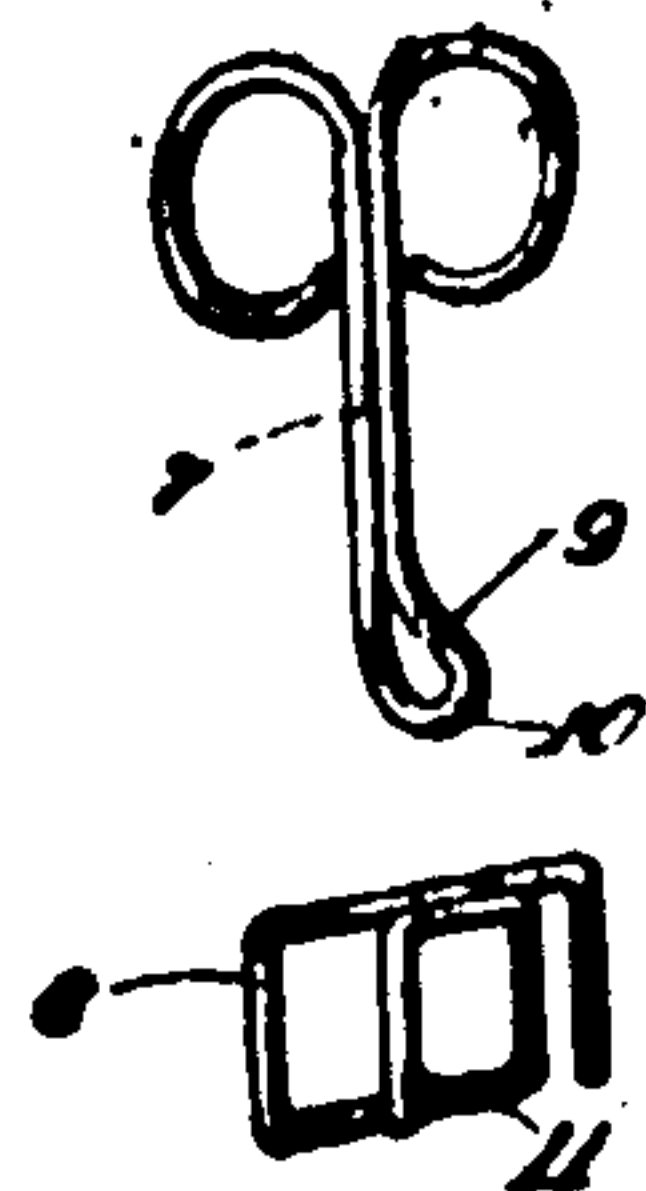


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN P. SANDERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-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 more particularly to the class most generally known under the title of safety envelops.

An object of this invention is the provision of a safety envelop, having means for holding the closing flap so that the envelop cannot be opened without tearing the same, thereby rendering it practically impossible for any one to tamper with the envelop, the device being substantially invisible, and used in connection with the ordinary gummed sealing flap, so that the appearance is the same as the ordinary envelop.

Another object of this invention is to improve and simplify the construction of devices of this character, rendering them comparatively simple and inexpensive to manufacture, reliable and efficient in use and readily operated.

With the above and various other objects in view, this invention resides in the novel features of construction, formations, combinations and arrangements of parts to be hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a fragmentary rear elevation of an envelop embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the safety device detached from the envelop, and shown in its interlocked position, and Figs. 3 and 4 are perspective views of the members composed in the safety device in unlocked position.

Referring to the drawings by characters of reference, the numeral 1 designates generally an envelop of the usual construction, comprising a front body portion 2 and a back, consisting of a bottom flap 3, end flaps 4 and a top sealing flap 5. The safety piece 6 comprises a pair of interlocking members 7 and 8, secured to the under sides of the bottom flap and top closing flap respectively, by means of pieces of fabric, or the like, saturated with any suitable adhesive substance. The interlocking member 7 comprises a loop 9, formed of resilient wire, or the like, bent at its opposite ends in substantially parallel relation, and terminating in outwardly extending ends, to provide a means whereby the said loop 9, the outer

end of which is bent slightly inward, as at 10, can be held against lateral movement with respect to the said top flap 5, while the interlocking member 8 is formed of the same material as the before mentioned member 7, bent substantially rectangular in shape, and provided with a centrally disposed inwardly projecting spring finger 11, adapted to yieldingly engage one side of the rectangular member 8.

From the foregoing disclosure it will be obvious that as the bent end of the loop 9 is inserted through the opening 12 in the bottom flap 3, the said loop 9 will slide along the spring finger 11 being retained thereon by the stiffness of the upper flap of the envelop until it engages the contacting sides of the interlocking member 8, and will obviously force the said finger 11 from engagement with the said side of the interlocking member, allowing the finger to slip through the loop and securely lock the top flap 5 in its closed position.

From the previous description, taken in connection with the drawing it will be manifest that a safety envelop is provided for which will fulfil all the necessary requirements of such a device.

Having thus fully described this invention, what is claimed as new and what I desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

In a device of the character described the combination with an envelop, of interlock-

ing members secured to the top and bottom flaps thereof, one member being formed as a loop having an inwardly bent outer end, while the other member is substantially rectangular in form and carries a spring finger adapted to engage one side of the said rectangular member, the flap to which this rectangular member is secured being provided with an opening through which the loop formed upon the other interlocking member may be inserted and guided along the spring finger, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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

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