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Fig. 2

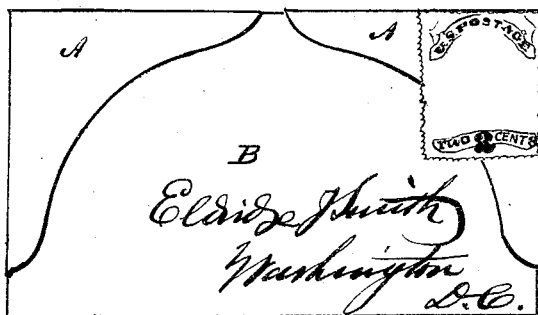


Fig. 1.

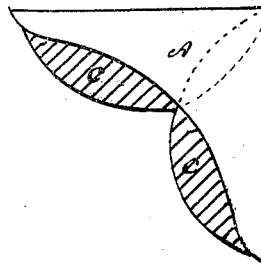
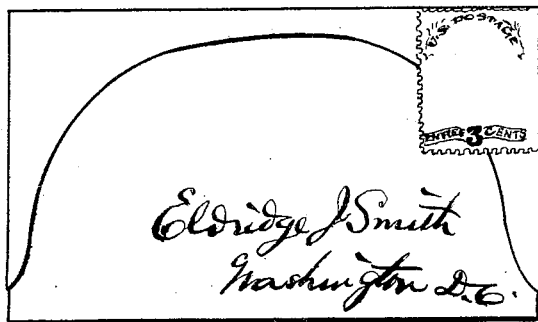


Fig. 3



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## IMPROVEMENT IN ENVELOPES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

I, ELDRIDGE J. SMITH, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain Improvements in Envelopes, of which the following is a specification.

### *Objects of the Invention.*

My invention relates to a sectional triangular or other suitable-shaped sectional envelope, open at the longest side or hypotenuse, so as to admit the corner of a folded letter-sheet to be inserted within the same.

The objects of my invention are to reduce the weight of letters, convenience in application, and that of retaining an address and post-office mark on the letter-sheet instead of on the envelope; also, convenience in carrying the envelope within a small space, one envelope being made to fit inside the other.

The section or sections of the envelope may be attached to each other.

The sectional envelopes are attached to a folded letter-sheet by being gummed in the usual manner.

### *Description of the Accompanying Drawing.*

Figure 1 represents the envelope detached.

Figure 2 shows the same as applied to the folded letter-sheet ready for the mail.

Figure 3 is a modification in form, two corner envelopes being joined together.

### *General Description.*

A is the envelope.

B, the folded letter-sheet inserted within the sectional envelopes A A.

A single piece of paper is cut and folded as shown in fig. 1, and the parts C C secured together and coated with gum.

The gummed portion being moistened, and a corner of a folded letter-sheet being inserted in the envelope, the gummed portions will adhere to and securely fasten the same.

### *Claim.*

I claim as my invention—

The sectional envelope A, consisting of one or more pieces, as above described, substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

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