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Fig. 1.

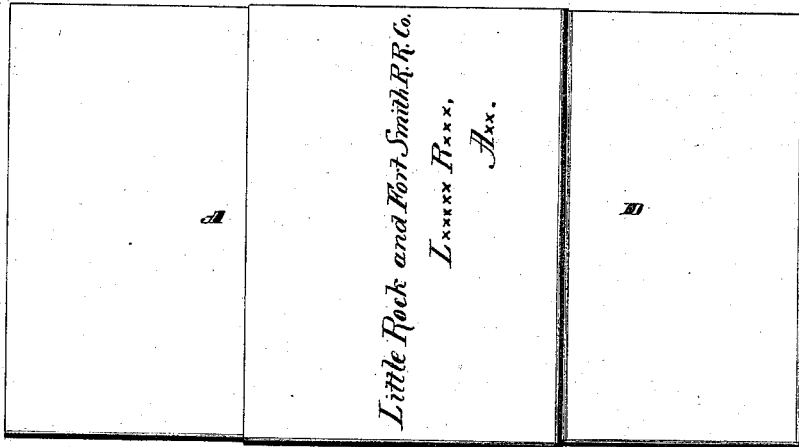
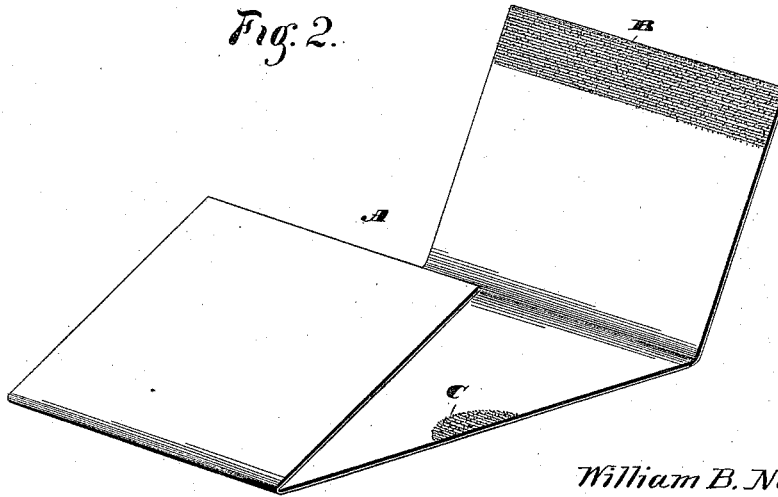


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM B. NOLLEY, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Conway, in the county of Faulkner and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Return-Packets for the Transmission of Papers, &c.; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in bands for envelopes, the object being to provide a cheap and effective means for addressing envelopes or packages which are intended to be used on railroads in conducting the business of said road, or other large corporations or establishments, the object of the same being to save envelopes, so that they can be used several times.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a plan view of an envelope having my improved belt or address-slip attached thereto, and Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the belt or address-slip detached.

In conducting the business of large companies or corporations—such as railway, telegraph, and express companies—it is necessary that papers—such as vouchers and reports—pass from one office or officer of the company to another, the papers being usually transmitted under seal, and frequently by messenger.

The purpose of my invention is to effect a saving of time, labor, and material, as will appear from the following:

In practicing my invention I provide a band, belt, or strip of paper or other suitable material, forming a wrapper, A, of such length that when applied to an envelope, D, or package to be forwarded the ends of said wrapper will overlap. One end or margin of this wrapper is provided on the inner face with an adhesive material, B—such as is used on gummed envelopes, newspaper-wrappers, and the like—one edge of the wrapper being provided at a point remote from the overlapping or gummed end and preferably about midway between the

ends, as shown, with a small patch, C, of similar adhesive material, which is also applied to the inner face of the wrapper. These secondary wrappers A are by preference creased or folded to fit different sizes of envelopes or other primary wrappers D, and the outer face may bear a printed address, as is usual with envelopes. The wrappers, being rectangular, are cut from sheets without waste and can be put on the market at a fraction of the cost of an ordinary envelope made from the same grade of paper, owing to the saving in both labor and material.

A further saving may be effected in the event of using wrappers with a printed address as against envelopes similarly provided, as the address may be printed on these secondary wrappers while still in the sheet, a number of addresses being printed at one impression, while, on the other hand, envelopes are printed one by one after being made up.

In putting the secondary wrappers in use the papers to be transmitted are inclosed in an ordinary envelope or primary wrapper, D, and without sealing this primary wrapper the secondary wrapper A is secured thereto by means of the patch of gum, C, so that the two wrappers will maintain their relative positions, the ends of the secondary wrapper being then overlapped and secured by the strip of gum, B. This effects the sealing of the primary wrapper. The packet having been received by the officer for whom it is intended, he may open it to inspect the papers by tearing off the secondary wrapper without injuring the primary wrapper, and the latter may be repeatedly used for sending papers back and forth by simply applying a new secondary wrapper for each transmission.

I am of course aware that a wrapper-strip gummed on the inner face of its overlapping end is not new, as such a device has been publicly used for newspaper-wrappers for many years; but such strips have not to my knowledge been used in combination with a primary wrapper which entirely incloses and conceals the papers to be transmitted, and my invention differs from newspaper-wrappers not only in this respect, but also in that I provide the inner face of the secondary wrapper with a small patch of gum at a point distant from the gummed end, whereby the primary and sec-

ondary wrappers are connected together by means independent of that which seals the ends of the encircling secondary wrapper.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is--

A return-packet for the transmission of papers, &c., consisting, substantially as before set forth, of a primary unsealed wrapper to inclose the papers transmitted and a secondary wrapper for encircling the primary wrapper,

provided on its inner face with a gummed overlapping end, and also with a small gummed patch at a point remote from said gummed overlapping end.

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

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