

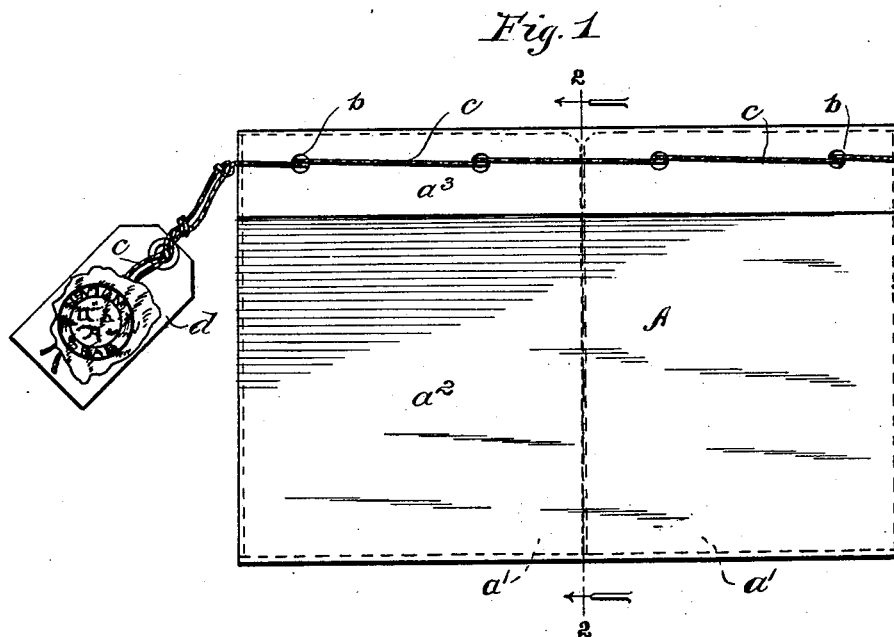
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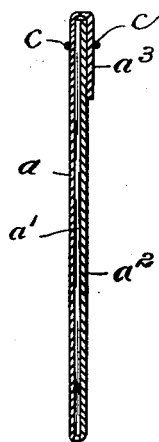
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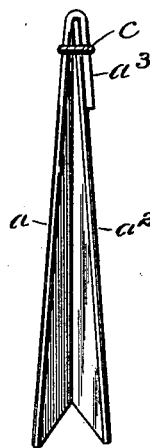
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*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3*



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## RECEPTACLE OR ENVELOP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. MALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mailing Receptacles or Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to receptacles or envelops that may be sealed and may be used, opened, and resealed repeatedly. It consists in combining with a suitably formed receptacle a sealing-string and an address-tag.

It has for one object the production of an article of the class described that may be repeatedly used without damage to the receptacle proper and may be cheaply and strongly constructed.

Further objects of this invention are to construct a receptacle that cannot be easily opened without breaking the seal and cannot be "rifled" or articles abstracted therefrom while it is sealed.

I have accomplished these objects in the envelop embodying my invention shown in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the envelop. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an end view of a modified form, in which the envelop is expansible by means of the bellows construction.

A is an envelop consisting of a rear portion *a*, side flaps *a'* *a'*, a bottom flap *a<sup>2</sup>*, and a top or closing flap *a<sup>3</sup>*. Perforations *b* somewhat below the top edge of the envelop are provided, which pass through the top or closing flap *a<sup>3</sup>*, the bottom flap *a<sup>2</sup>*, the side flaps *a'*, and the rear portion *a*, or such of these parts as come along the line of perforation. Interlaced through these perforations is a closing string or wire *c*, which is tied or knotted at one side of the receptacle, and then the free ends are sealed in any suitable manner. To accomplish this, I have provided an address-tag *d*, which is tied to the string, and the free ends are then sealed in the ordinary manner with sealing-wax to the back thereof.

In case it is desirable to provide a receptacle for more bulky articles than letters or that will hold more than the envelop shown in Figs. 1 and 2 I have shown a modified form in Fig. 3, which may be made with as many expanding portions as desired and the perforations and string will gather the top together for sealing in the manner shown.

It is readily seen that when the envelop is in use and properly sealed it is impossible to get to the contents thereof without breaking the seal. In use, the address and sealing being done upon the tags provided, the envelop may be repeatedly used without marking or damaging the same. The cord or lacing *C* comprises two strands, the bail or doubled portion of the same engaging one edge of the envelop, as shown at the right-hand side of Fig. 1, while the strands are passed through the openings *b*, crossing each other at these points, the ends of the strands being sealed to the tag *d*.

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

The combination with a mailing-envelop comprising a front, a back corresponding thereto and a flap turned over from the back, said envelop being provided with a series of perforations near its upper edge, said perforations extending through the flap the front near its upper edge, the back near its upper edge, of a cord doubled to form two strands, the bail portion engaging one side edge of the envelop and the strands being threaded through said perforations and crossing each other at these points, the ends of said strands being tied together and an address-slip having the extreme ends of the strands sealed thereto, substantially as described.

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