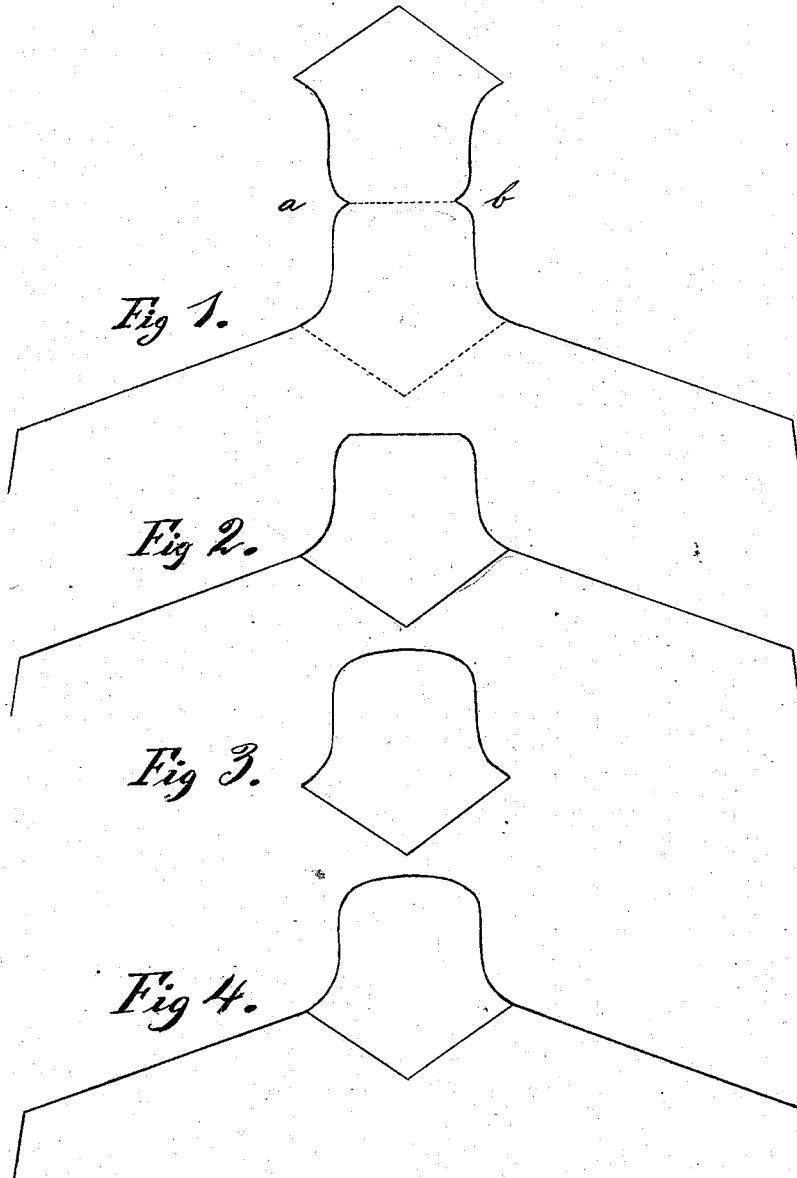


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Envelope.

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IMPROVEMENT IN ENVELOPES.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER N. LEWIS, of Brooklyn, New York, have invented an Improvement in Envelopes, of which the following is a specification :

The object of my invention is to strengthen or re-enforce the tongue and part of the upper flap of an envelope, either by cutting the tongue of such length and shape as to allow it to be folded over and fastened to itself and to a part of the upper flap by gum or otherwise, or by using an additional piece of paper or other material and fastening it to the tongue and upper flap by gum or otherwise; in either case with the result of stiffening both tongue and flap, so that the tongue can be more easily inserted in the slot or slots of the envelope, and thus permitting the envelope to be made of lighter or thinner paper or other material than is possible without the re-enforcement, as herein set forth.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents the upper flap of an envelope cut with lengthened tongue, which is to be folded over at the point represented by the dotted lines *a b*, and fastened down by gum or otherwise. Fig. 2 represents the upper flap and tongue of an envelope, with the extension folded over and fastened down. Fig. 3 represents an extra piece of paper or other material cut to fit the shape of the tongue and to cover as much of the upper flap as may be necessary; and Fig. 4 represents the upper flap and tongue of an envelope with the extra piece fastened thereto.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture an envelope having a re-enforced gummed tuck or tongue, substantially as described.

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