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Envelope.

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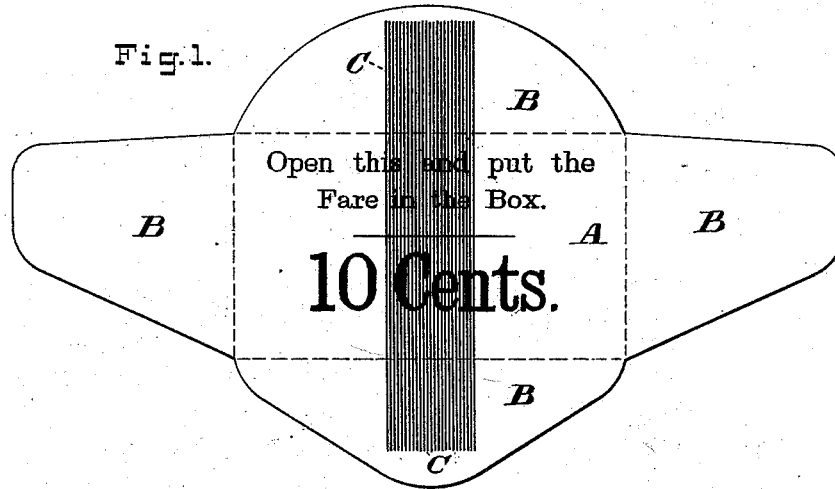


Fig. 2.

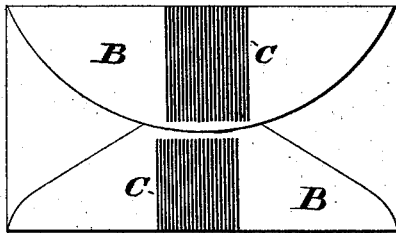


Fig. 3.

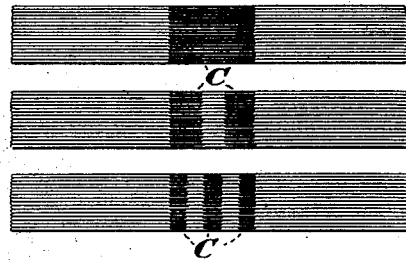


Fig. 4.



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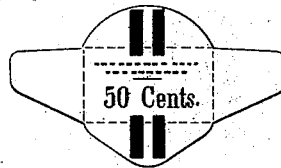
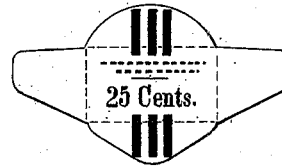


Fig. 6.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN ENVELOPES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY J. TAYLOR, of Brooklyn, Kings county, New York, have invented certain Improvements in Envelopes, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to envelopes which have printed or otherwise marked on their faces inscriptions which signify the amount or character of the proposed contents, and especially to "change-envelopes," so called, to be used on street-cars, the object being to facilitate the operation of filling and sealing up the envelope, and at the same time to insure the proper amount marked on its face being put in.

The invention consists, essentially, of a change-envelope for street-cars made from tough uncolored or light-colored paper, having an inscription printed on its face to signify the character and amount of the proposed contents, as "twenty-five cents," for instance, and an arbitrary mark or marks printed in black or colors across the fold or edge and the back flap, to enable any one acquainted with the significance of the said mark or marks to know, by seeing only the back flap or the edge of the package, to what denomination the envelope belongs, all as will be more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows an envelope-blank embodying my invention. Fig. 2 shows the back of the envelope after the blank has been folded. Fig. 3 shows the edges of three packages of envelopes embodying my invention; and Figs. 4, 5, and 6 show modified forms of Fig. 1.

Let A represent the face of an envelope made from some tough uncolored or light-colored paper, as manila, and adapted to contain change for street-car purposes, and B B the flaps of the same, the dotted lines indicating the folds at the edges of the envelope. On the face of the envelope is printed or otherwise marked the letters or figures which signify the proposed contents, as "fifty cents," and any other matter that may be desired.

Now, when envelopes so printed are viewed edgewise, singly or together, or from the rear, as in Fig. 2, as they are presented in filling, no distinction is observed, the paper being the same for all. The consequence is that the filler must turn every envelope and examine the face before he can be sure of the amount that ought to go into it. To avoid this I print

or otherwise mark the envelopes in various ways, one of which is to print across the opposite flaps and folds, and the face also, if desired, a band of color, as represented by the tint C in Fig. 1. The color of this band or stripe will indicate to the filler the sum to be placed in each envelope, as, for instance, blue for twenty-five cents, red for fifty cents, and so on, or any combination of color and amount that may suit the fancy and be arbitrarily fixed upon.

Instead of printed stripes, strips of colored paper may be pasted on; or an arrangement of stripes of one color, as in Figs. 3, 4, 5, and 6, may be used.

Many variations would no doubt occur to the maker or user suggested by taste or fancy; but the essential feature is that the mark shall be clearly significant of the proposed contents, as designated by the figures or matter on the face, and shall appear on the flap and folded edge. The mark might appear on the end flap and edge; but, for convenience, I prefer to mark the side flap and edge, and I prefer to mark both flaps and both edges.

I am aware that it is old to indicate the amount of money in a package of the same by the color of the band around it; but the use of colored paper for street-car change-envelopes is very objectionable, for the reason that the inscriptions printed thereon are not sufficiently legible, and the envelopes must be furnished so cheaply and of such tough paper that colored paper of good quality is too expensive.

I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, a change-envelope for street-cars, made from suitable tough uncolored or light-colored paper, having an inscription printed on its face to signify its denomination or proposed contents, and an arbitrary mark or marks printed in black or colors across the fold or edge and on the back flap, significant also of the proposed contents and of the inscription on the face, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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