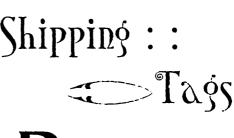about two to be published. It is not merely that expressions regarding political matters are excluded, as the caprice of the censor is indulged regarding the most trivial subjects and affairs. If he happens to be in good humor the paper comes out on time, and has some semblance of a "real" newspaper, but as a usual thing, after he has finished blue-penciling the proof sheets, it is the problem of the hour to find enough matter left to go to press with.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

## ENVELOPES.

THE origin of envelopes, of which over 2,000,000 daily pass through the mails of this country alone, is a matter of doubt, and the exact date of their introduction difficult to determine. Mention is made of them as early as 1653; there is one still in existence that was used in 1696; one sent by Louis XIV. in 1706, and many others which those curious in such matters have discovered by searching.

DR. GEORGE TENIUS, of Vienna, has a process for the manufacture of artificial leather from red beech. The best wood for the purpose is taken from fifty to sixty-year old trees cut in the spring, which must be worked up immediately, bark peeled off, steamed, treated with chemicals in a kettle, under pressure, and exposed to several operations which the inventor does not mention, as he wants to have them patented. From the prepared wood strong and thin pieces are made by means of pressure. The inventor states that a solid sole leather can be obtained, which he claims is superior to the animal leather in firmness and durability.

Two Frenchmen made a wager that they would go round the world and earn their living by publishing a newspaper in every town they stopped at. In India they set up a journal in English, French and Hindostani.