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Fig. 1.

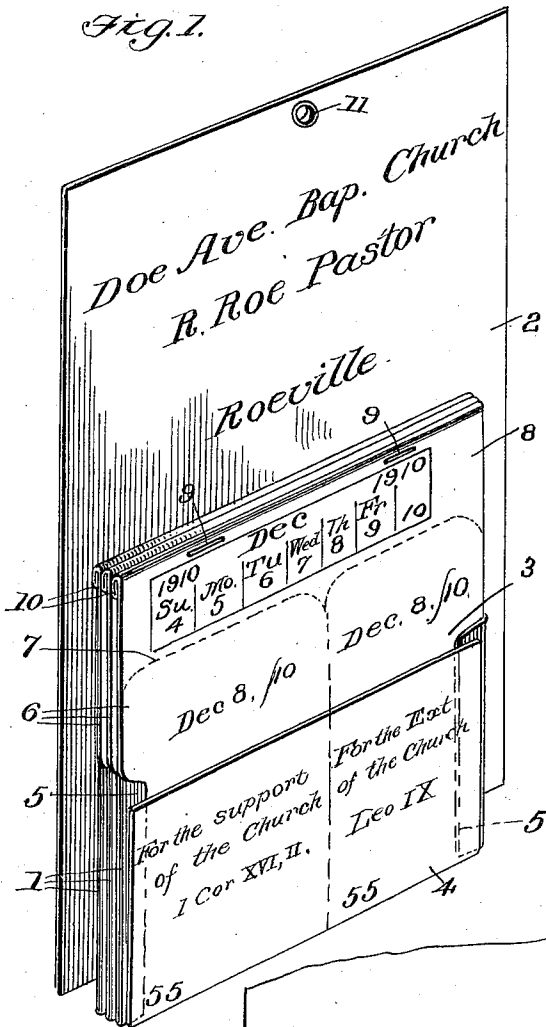


Fig. 2.

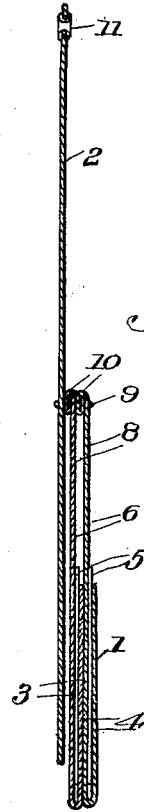


Fig. 3.

Personal Account.											
For Home Church						For Benevolence					
1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
2						2					
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GABRIEL G. PRESS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hollowayville, in the county of Bureau and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelop-Pads, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the present invention is to provide an offertory calendar including a series or packet of collection envelopes that are carried respectively by the leaves of the calendar and are adapted to be readily detached therefrom as desired for use, the device being quite simple and convenient and susceptible of general application.

The invention is intended primarily for use in churches, societies and the like, where contributions of money are to be systematically made by the individual members at regular periods such as, for example, each week or month. Each member is provided with a series of envelopes which are designed to receive the respective payments and which are dated consecutively to indicate the time when such payments are due. It has heretofore been the practice to place a rubber band around the packet of envelopes or to put them in a carton provided for that purpose. However, these methods of holding the envelopes together have been found unsatisfactory on account of the fact that the envelopes may be easily displaced and are liable to become disarranged out of their consecutive order.

My improved device is designed to obviate the above objection and provides means for securely connecting the collection envelopes together to prevent their accidental displacement. The calendar serves as an effective reminder when the payments become due.

With these and other objects in view that will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain constructions and arrangements of the parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and then point out the novel features of in the appended claim.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an offertory calendar embodying the improvements of my invention; Fig. 2 is a transverse ver-

tical section thereof; and, Fig. 3 is a fragmentary face view of the backing card showing the record form thereon.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawing by the same reference characters.

In carrying out the present invention I provide a packet of envelopes 1 which are attached to a back 2 of card board or other suitable material. The envelopes are of the same size and shape so as to be substantial duplicates. Each envelop is formed of a single sheet of paper or blank and comprises a body 3 having a bottom flap 4, side flaps 5, and a top or sealing flap 6. The bottom and side flaps are folded over against the body and are suitably secured together. The sealing flap is defined by a scoring line 7 that extends along its outer edge, the blank being extended upwardly above the scoring line to provide a stub or attaching tab 8. The attaching tabs 8 are all bound together and to the back 2 in any approved manner, as for example, by means of stitches or staples 9. The envelopes are thus held together in a very compact form and provide a pad from which they may be detached consecutively as desired for use, by being severed from the tabs 8. The scoring lines 7 considerably facilitate the detachment of the envelopes and cause the torn edges thereof to present a smooth and neat appearance.

The tabs 8 are preferably folded one or more times, as indicated at 10, the folded portions being interposed between the adjacent tabs to space the same slightly apart to compensate for the thickness of the main portions of the envelopes. This is advantageous as it preserves the substantially uniform thickness of the pad and tends to cause the envelopes to lie flat against the back 2. There are preferably fifty-two tabs and envelopes, the latter bearing, respectively, the dates of the consecutive Sundays of the year. The tabs are relatively wide and constitute the leaves of a calendar. Each tab displays a calendar for one week of the year, said week being the week just previous to the date printed on the envelop attached to the tab. By this arrangement, when the calendar is torn off at the end of each week, the envelop which is due the Sunday of the next succeeding week is also detached. The person is thus reminded of the contribution and prompt and regular payment is stimu-

lated. It is to be understood that the envelopes may be of single or duplex form, according as desired. Each and every envelop of the packet is stamped with the number of the contributor, in the accustomed manner. 5 The back is relatively larger than the packet of envelopes and is provided at its upper end with an eyelet 11 by means of which the device may be suspended. Above the envelopes 10 the back 2 may display illustrations or any desired printed matter.

By reference to Fig. 3, it is to be observed that the space on the back 2 behind the envelopes may be used for memoranda, it being 15 contemplated to place suitable ruling lines 12 on said space to permit an account or record to be conveniently kept concerning the payments which are made from time to time through the medium of the envelopes. 20 The envelopes depend below the lower end of the backing card, whereby to be susceptible of being readily lifted to afford access to the record form.

From the foregoing description in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be apparent that I have provided an improved offertory calendar, which possesses to a marked degree the characteristics of simplicity and durability, which may be 30 easily and cheaply manufactured, which is quite convenient and efficient in use, and which serves to considerably facilitate the

envelop collection system now in vogue. It is to be understood, of course, that the invention is not restricted to the use herein- 35 before mentioned. For instance, the calendar might be issued by ice-men, milk-men, and other merchants, as a medium for the collection of their bills, and would at the same time form a very attractive advertising 40 novelty. The calendar might also be employed for the collection of weekly or monthly insurance premiums, and for various other analogous purposes that will at once suggest themselves to the user. 45

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

A device of the class described, comprising a backing member, a plurality of envelopes each including a stub portion and a closing 50 flap portion separable from each other by scoring lines, each of the said stub portions being folded upon itself at its free edge to form a plurality of superimposed layers, and fastening devices extending through said 55 superimposed layers and through the backing member.

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

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