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Fig. I

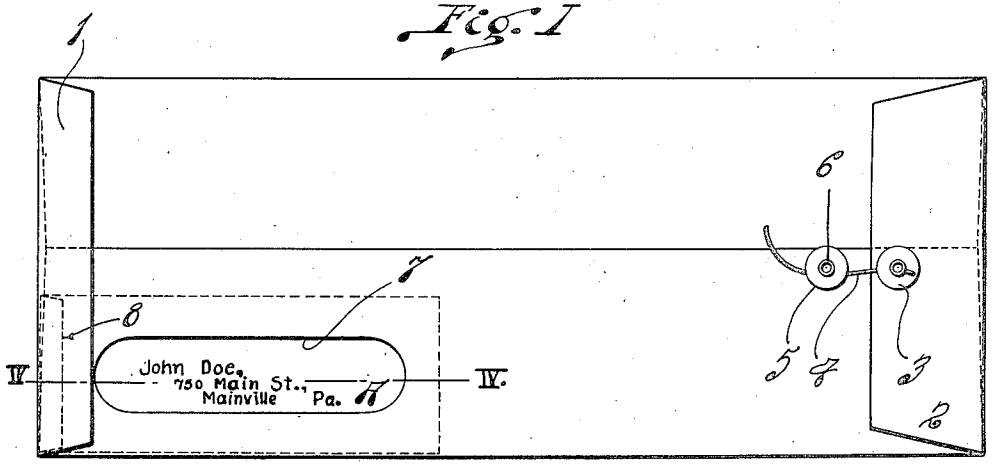
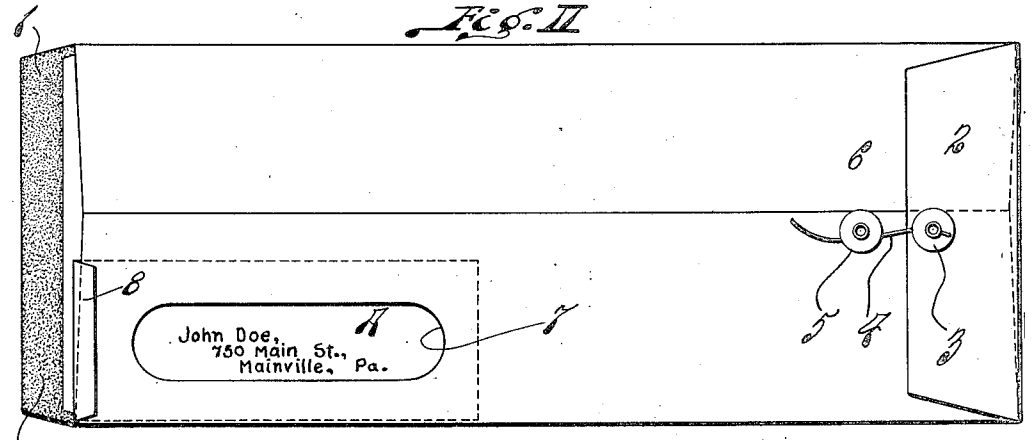


Fig. II



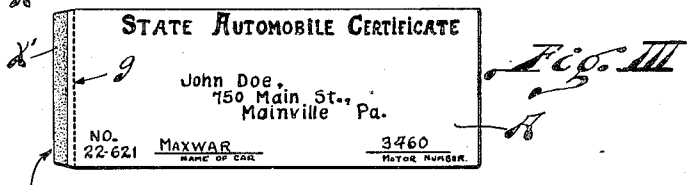


Fig. III



Fig. IV

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. PFLANZE, a citizen of the United States of America, a resident of the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelopes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in envelopes, and more particularly to an envelope having an address window, the object being to provide means whereby a relatively small address sheet can be secured to an envelope of this kind so as to retain the address at the window in the envelope.

The invention is especially adapted for envelopes intended to contain a large article and a smaller address sheet bearing the name and address to be exposed at the window, or aperture, in the envelope. For example, automobile license plates are usually mailed in large envelopes, and it is customary to use separate envelopes for the registration certificates bearing the names and addresses of the automobile owners to whom the license plates are mailed. Heretofore license plates and certificates have been mailed in separate envelopes, the certificates being much smaller than the license plates, so if an ordinary certificate was properly arranged in a large window envelope to expose the address at the window, the small certificate could be readily displaced from the window, thereby concealing the address.

According to the present invention, a registration certificate, or other small address sheet, can be secured in a large window envelope so as to positively retain the address at the window. More specifically stated, the small address sheet can be secured to prevent accidental displacement of the sheet relative to the window, but after the envelope has been opened the address sheet can be readily detached and removed from the envelope.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention comprises the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein is shown the preferred embodiment of the invention. However, it is to be understood that the invention comprehends changes, variations and modifications which come within the scope of the claims hereunto appended.

Fig. I is an elevational view of a window envelope embodying the features of this invention, showing the envelope as it appears when the address sheet is secured therein.

Fig. II is a view similar to Fig. I showing the gummed closure flap in its open position.

Fig. III is a detail view of an address sheet adapted to be secured in the envelope.

Fig. IV is an enlarged section on the line IV—IV in Fig. I.

To illustrate the invention, I have shown an elongated envelope adapted to contain a State automobile license, said envelope having a gummed closure flap 1 at one end and a nonsealing flap 2 at the other end provided with a washer 3, to which a string 4 is secured, the body of the envelope having a washer 5 secured by a rivet 6 around which the string may be wound to secure the flap 2 in its closed position.

The side of the envelope onto which the flaps 1 and 2 are folded is provided with an elongated opening 7 formed adjacent to the flap 1. This opening may be termed "an address window." A designates an address sheet small enough to lie in different portions of the large envelope, and adapted to be secured, as will be hereafter described, to retain the address at the window 7. As indicated by Fig. III, the address sheet may be an automobile certificate bearing the name and address of an automobile owner, as well as the other matter identifying the automobile.

In the preferred form of the invention, the address sheet A is provided with a fastening member 8 at one end adapted to be folded on the line 9 (Fig. III). The address sheet and its fastening member 8 may be a single sheet of paper weakened at the line 9, preferably by perforating the paper as represented by the dots forming this line. The address sheet can therefore be torn from the fastening member 8, and the latter can be folded on the line 9 so as to overlie the address sheet.

When the small address sheet is properly located in the large envelope, the address is exposed at the window 7 and the fastening member 8 can be secured between the flap 1 and the body of the envelope. To illustrate this feature, I have shown gum X

on the flap 1, the gummed surface being longer and wider than the fastening member 8. After the member 8 has been folded and arranged in the position shown by Fig. II, the gummed flap 1 can be moistened and closed, so as to cement said flap 1 to the body of the envelope and also to the fastening member 8. The address sheet is thus attached to the envelope to retain the address at the window 7.

The means for securing the address sheet may also include gum X′ (Fig. III) applied to the fastening member 8 to attach the same to the body of the envelope. This is not absolutely necessary, but it enables the fastening member to be closely held before the flap 1 is closed, and if said flap 1 is not properly sealed, the address sheet will be fastened by the gum X′ on its fastening member.

The non-sealing flap 2 can be opened to permit removal of the contents of the envelope, and the small address sheet A can be readily torn along the line 9 and removed from the fastening member 8.

I claim:

1. An envelope having an address window, an address sheet arranged within said envelope and exposed at said window, said address sheet being smaller than the envelope and adapted to lie in different portions thereof, and detachable fastening means whereby the relatively small address sheet is secured to prevent accidental displacement of the address sheet relative to the envelope.

2. An envelope having an address window, an address sheet arranged within said envelope and exposed at said window, said address sheet being smaller than the envelope and adapted to lie in different portions thereof, and detachable fastening means whereby the relatively small address sheet is secured to prevent accidental displacement of the address sheet relative to the envelope, said detachable fastening means including a gummed fastening member whereby said address sheet is attached and held at said address window.

3. An envelope having an address window, an address sheet arranged within said envelope and exposed at said window, said address sheet being smaller than the envelope and adapted to lie in different portions thereof, and detachable fastening means whereby the relatively small address sheet is secured to prevent accidental displacement of the address sheet relative to the envelope, said detachable fastening means including a gummed fastening member formed integral with and detachable from said address sheet.

4. An envelope having an address window and a closure flap, and an address sheet arranged within said envelope and exposed at said window, said address sheet being provided with a fastening member secured between said closure flap and the body of the envelope.

5. An envelope having an address window and a closure flap, and an address sheet arranged within said envelope and exposed at said window, said address sheet being provided with a fastening member between said closure flap and the body of the envelope, and said fastening member being formed integral with but detachable from said address sheet.

6. An envelope having a closure flap and an address window, and an address sheet arranged within said envelope and exposed at said window, said address sheet being smaller than the envelope and adapted to lie in different portions thereof, and said address sheet being provided with a folded fastening member attached between said closure flap and the body of the envelope, so as to prevent accidental displacement of the address sheet relative to the envelope.

7. An envelope having a closure flap and an address window, and an address sheet arranged within said envelope and exposed at said window, said address sheet being smaller than the envelope and adapted to lie in different portions thereof, said address sheet being provided with a folded fastening member attached between said closure flap and the body of the envelope so as to prevent accidental displacement of the address sheet relative to the envelope, and said address sheet being formed integral with but detachable from said folded fastening member.

8. An envelope having a closure flap and an address window, and an address sheet arranged within said envelope and exposed at said window, said address sheet being smaller than the envelope and adapted to lie in different portions thereof, said address sheet being provided with a folded fastening member attached between said closure flap and the body of the envelope, so as to prevent accidental displacement of the address sheet relative to the envelope, said address sheet being formed integral with said folded fastening member, and the fold at the junction of said address sheet and fastening member being relatively weak to permit separation of the address sheet from the fastening member.

9. An envelope having a closure flap and an address window, and an address sheet arranged within said envelope and exposed at said window, said address sheet being smaller than the envelope and adapted to lie in different portions thereof, and said address sheet being provided with a folded fastening member attached between said closure flap and the body of the envelope, so as to prevent accidental displacement of the address sheet relative to the envelope,

said address sheet being provided with a folded fastening member cemented between said closure flap and the body of the envelope, so as to prevent accidental displacement of the address sheet relative to the envelope, said address sheet being formed integral with but detachable from said folded fastening member.

10. An envelope having an address window and a gummed closure flap adjacent thereto, and an address sheet arranged within said envelope and exposed at said window, said address sheet being smaller than the envelope and adapted to lie in different portions thereof, said address sheet being provided with a folded fastening member arranged between said gummed closure flap and the body of the envelope, and the gummed portion of said closure flap being cemented to the body of the envelope and also to said folded fastening member.

11. An envelope having an address window and a gummed closure flap adjacent thereto, and an address sheet arranged within said envelope and exposed at said window, said address sheet being smaller than the envelope and adapted to lie in different portions thereof, said address sheet being provided with a folded fastening member arranged between said gummed closure flap and the body of the envelope, the gummed portion of said closure flap being cemented to the body of the envelope and also to said folded fastening member, and said address sheet being formed integral with but detachable from said fastening member.

12. An envelope having an address window and a gummed closure flap adjacent thereto, and an address sheet arranged within said envelope and exposed at said window, said address sheet being smaller than the envelope and adapted to lie in different portions thereof, one end of said address sheet having an integral extension and a relatively weak fold at the junction of said extension and the address sheet, said extension being interposed between said gummed closure flap and the body of the envelope, and the gummed portion of said closure flap being cemented to the body of the envelope and also to said extension.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I hereunto affix my signature.

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