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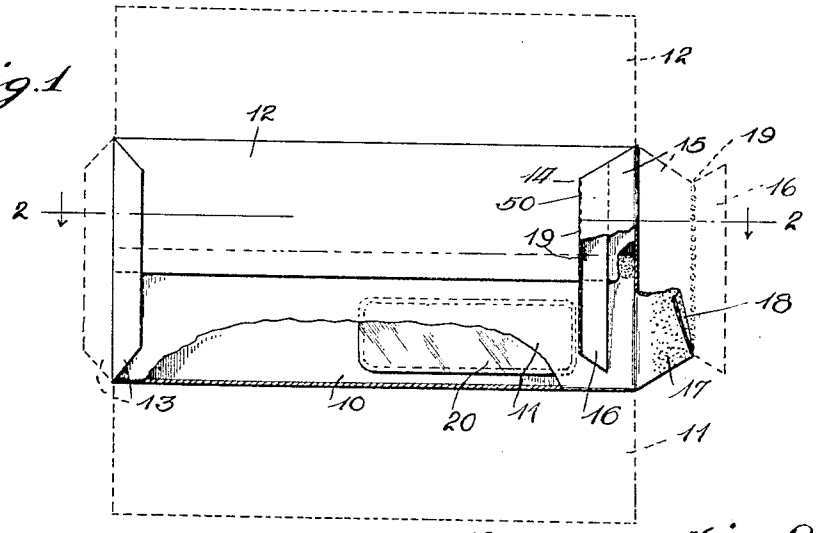


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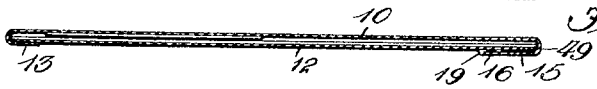


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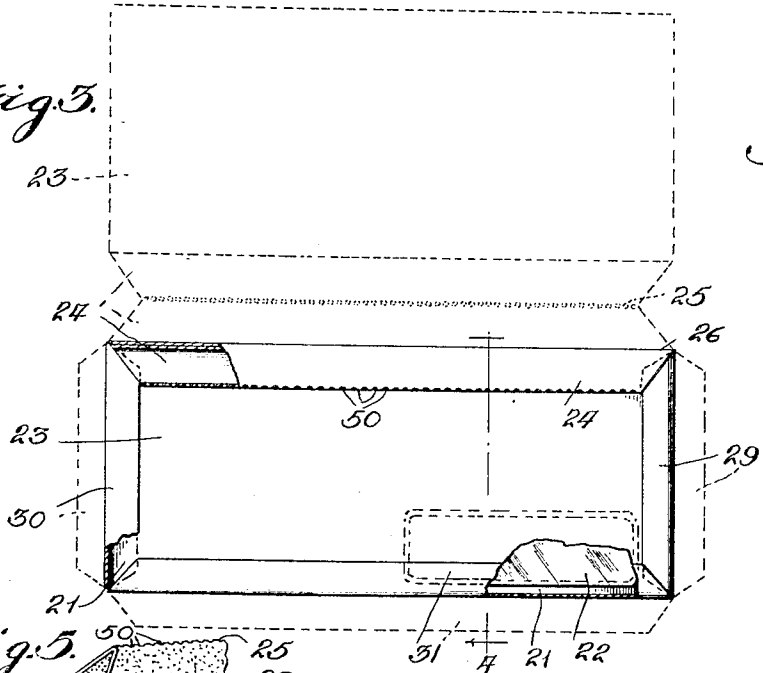


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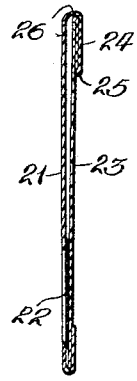
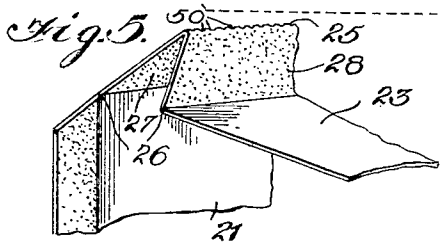


Fig. 5.



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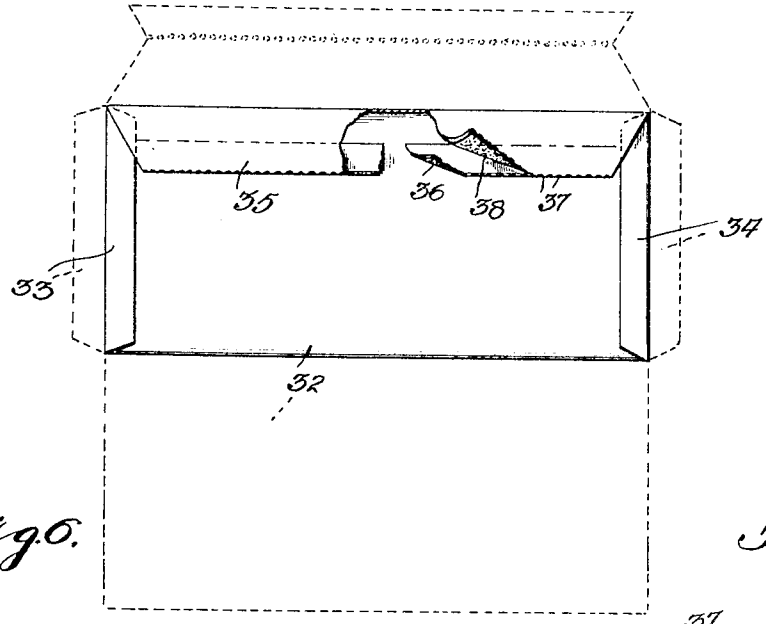


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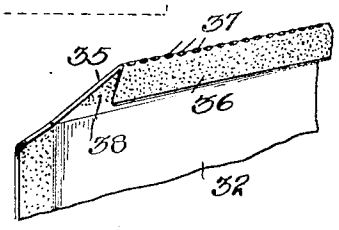


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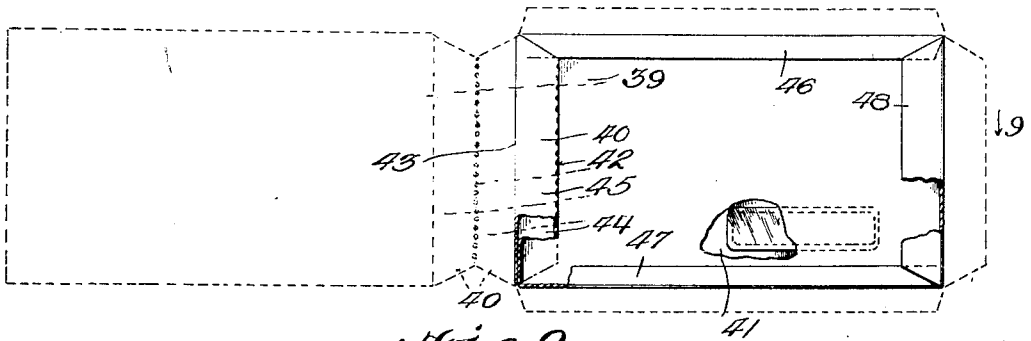
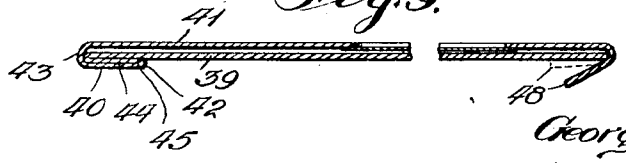


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. SANBORN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fox Lake, in the county of Dodge and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to envelops and has as an object the provision of an envelop that can be cut open and resealed without the application of more adhesive.

Illustrative embodiments of this invention are shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1, 3, 6 and 8 are plan views, each partly broken away, showing different forms of the invention, and each having the form of the blank from which the envelop is made shown in dotted lines;

Fig. 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a section on line 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view showing the arrangement of a portion of the gummed and factory sealed surfaces of the form of Fig. 3;

Fig. 7 is a detail perspective view showing the arrangement of a portion of the gummed and factory sealed surfaces of the form of Fig. 6, and

Fig. 9 is a section on line 9—9 of Fig. 8.

The main feature of the invention is the provision of a flap formed with two thicknesses of material each having adhesive on its inner surface and a fold at the normally free edge which flap may after initial sealing either by the first user or at the factory, be cut on the fold and may then be resealed by the use of the inner and initially protected adhesive.

The form of this invention shown in Figs. 1 and 2 comprises the front 10, flaps 11, 12, which when folded and sealed form the back of the envelop, thus providing a pocket, and a double flap 14 comprising the parts 15 and 16 which, when gummed at 17 and 18, folded upon itself as at 19, and again at 49, may be sealed either at the factory or by the user, initially utilizing the gum at 18. If after the first use the sealed envelop be opened by cutting the fold 19, it may be again sealed, using the gum at 17 and causing the portion 15 to adhere to the severed portion 16 which was left adhering to the body of the envelop. The material of the flap may be perforated upon the line of the fold 19 if desired, as shown at 50, to provide for ease of opening. The gum at 17 should not extend beyond the portion 16 of the flap when the latter is folded, thus avoiding the possibility of both portions of the flap being sealed by the first user. Either the flap 13 or the portion 16 may be sealed at the factory, leaving the other open to be sealed by the initial user with the same result. A window 20 is indicated since the invention is more useful with that form of envelop for easy change of address.

In the form of Figs. 3, 4 and 5 the front 21 is provided with the window 22 and the back 23 is made integral with the flap 24. The back 23 and flap are cut into a blank as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3, folded at 25, and the doubled material is thus folded at 26. Prior to folding the material the blank will be gummed at 27 and at 28. Before sealing the flap 24 the end flaps 29 and 30 must be folded and sealed. In this form of the invention the flap 31 must be left open to be sealed by the first user since the flap 24 even though unsealed will not give access to the envelop until it has been cut on the fold 25. Therefore the flap 24 will be factory sealed, employing the adhesive at 28, leaving that at 27 to be used by the second user of this envelop.

The form of Figs. 6 and 7 has the back 32 formed of a single portion of material substantially equal in size to the front of the envelop. This form is closed at the ends by the small factory sealed flaps 33 and 34. The flap 35 is of the same nature as that at 15 in the form of Figs. 1 and 2. The gum at 36 will be used by the first user. The recipient will cut the flap on the fold 37 and the second user will use the gum at 38 to reseal the envelop.

The form of Figs. 8 and 9 is the equivalent of the form of Figs. 3 to 5, differing from that form by being formed for end opening instead of side opening. In Figs. 8 and 9 the back 39 is integral with the flap 40 and the front 41, being folded at 42 and the doubled material folded at 43. For the reason stated in connection with the form of Figs. 3 to 5 the flap 40 must be factory sealed, using the gum on the portion 44 of flap 40, and leaving the gum on portion 45 to be used by the second user of the envelop.

The invention is capable of many uses. Among others, its use with documents which are to be returned to the sender may be mentioned. For instance an envelop embody-

ing the invention and provided with a window may have a bill payable inclosed therein with the name and address of the debtor exposed. The envelop may be opened by the recipient, the bill refolded to show the name and address of the creditor and inclosed with the check, the envelop resealed, stamped and mailed.

Many minor changes may be made in the physical embodiment of the invention without departing from its spirit.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An envelop comprising, in combination, a pocket, a flap formed of two thicknesses of material integral at the free edge of the flap, and adhesive on each of the surfaces of said material which face toward the body when the flap is in operative position.

2. An envelop comprising, in combination, a front and a back providing a pocket therebetween, a flap integral with said front, said flap folded upon itself at its free edge and adhesive covered areas on said flap on the surfaces facing toward said pocket when the flap is folded and closed.

3. An envelop comprising, in combination, a front and back providing a pocket therebetween, a flap integral with both said front and said back, said flap folded upon itself at its initially free edge, adhesive covered areas on said flap on the surfaces facing toward said pocket when the flap is folded and closed, said flap being factory sealed by means of one of said areas, and a flap adapted to be sealed by the first user.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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