

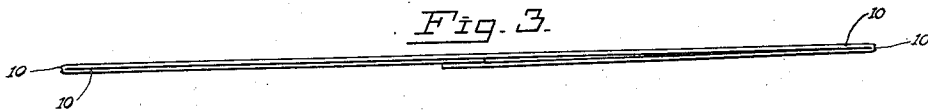
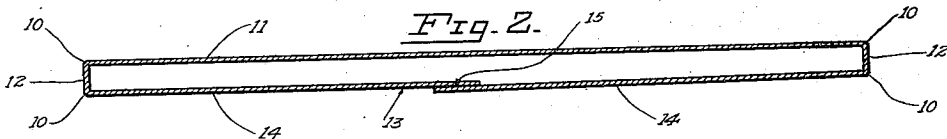
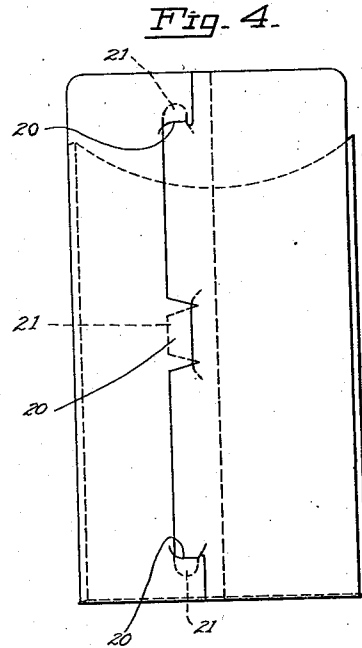
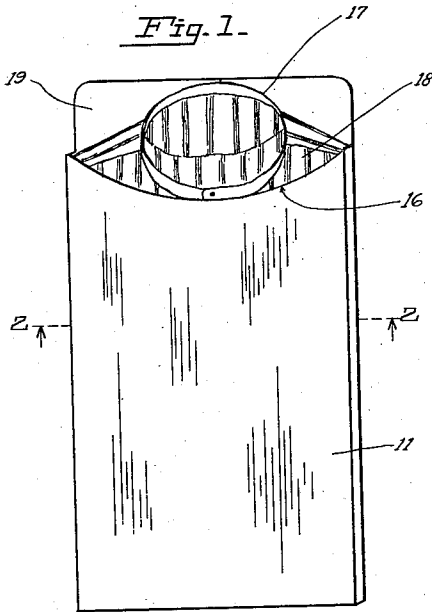
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## SHIRT ENVELOPE.

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This invention relates to envelopes, and particularly to a device of this type adapted for holding newly laundered men's shirts and the like.

It is customary for laundries to enclose the newly laundered shirts in wrappers of one type or another, in order to preserve the shirt and eliminate the possibility of the same becoming soiled or otherwise becoming unfit for use.

It is therefore the principal object of this invention to provide an envelope or wrapper for newly laundered shirts, which may be manufactured cheaply and which may be conveniently applied to the laundered shirt.

Another object of this invention is to provide an envelope of this type which will be collapsible, whereby supplies of the same may be conveniently stored, previous to use.

The details of this invention will be made more apparent as the description proceeds, especially when considered in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein;

Figure 1 is a plan view of an envelope constructed in accordance with this invention, a shirt being shown encased therein;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged transverse sectional view, taken substantially on the plane indicated on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, with the envelope in collapsed position; and,

Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the envelope.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings wherein like reference characters indicate like parts throughout, it will be noted that the envelope is formed of a blank, preferably of thin paper-board, this blank being scored longitudinally, as at 10, to provide lines of fold. Owing to the nature of the blank, and in order to preserve the durability of the envelope, the lines of fold are made by scoring, as differentiated from creases or grooves.

The blank is then folded to form a front 11, two sides 12, and a back 13. The back is formed of two flaps 14, the combined width of which is greater than the width of the front 11, so that these back flaps overlap longitudinally, as indicated at 15.

One edge of the front portion 11 is cut away along a curved line 16, thus provid-

ing a space to accommodate the collar band 17 of the shirt 18. The corresponding end of the back 13 is extended beyond the cut-away end 16 of the front, as indicated by the reference character 19, thus providing a support for the rear portion of the shirt.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1 to 3, the overlapping portions of the back flaps 14 are united by gluing or cementing the same together.

However, in Fig. 4 a slightly modified form of securing means is illustrated, in this figure one of the overlapping portions being formed with slits 20, adapted to receive tongues 21, formed on the adjacent flap edge. Therefore, in the preferred embodiment of the invention the edges of the envelope blank are permanently united, while in the modified form they are detachably secured together.

Upon examination of Fig. 3 it will be immediately apparent how the envelope is collapsed, so as to reduce the size thereof, whereupon it may be conveniently stored prior to use. In this figure it will be noted that the envelope is collapsed by folding the same along the longitudinally scored lines 10.

In use, the shirt is enclosed by the envelope and the overlapping portions of the back flaps secured together in either of the described manners, the neckband of the shirt being disposed adjacent the cut-away portion 16, with this exposed portion of the shirt resting on the extension 19 of the back.

From the foregoing it will be immediately apparent that a shirt envelope constructed in accordance with this invention may be manufactured cheaply and may be applied to the shirt in a convenient manner. Furthermore, the shirt, when thus encased in the envelope, is fully protected, and may be conveniently handled without liability of rendering the same unfit for use.

Reservation is made to vary the details of construction of this improved envelope as may come within the purview of the accompanying claim.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

An envelope for shirts comprising a semi-

rigid open-ended container formed from a blank of paper board scored and folded to provide an imperforate front wall, side walls, and a pair of overlapping flaps connected together to form an imperforate back wall, said front wall being cut away at one end to accommodate the neckband portion of the shirt, and said back wall flaps pro-

jecting substantially beyond said cut away portion to support said neckband portion, all of said walls being flexibly connected together whereby said container may be collapsed to a flat condition for storing and shipping.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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