

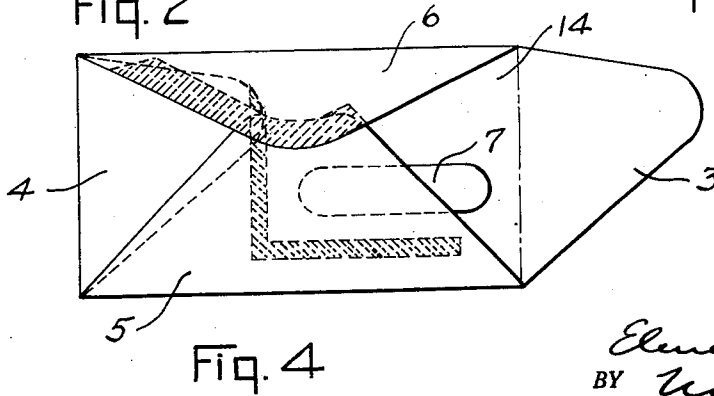
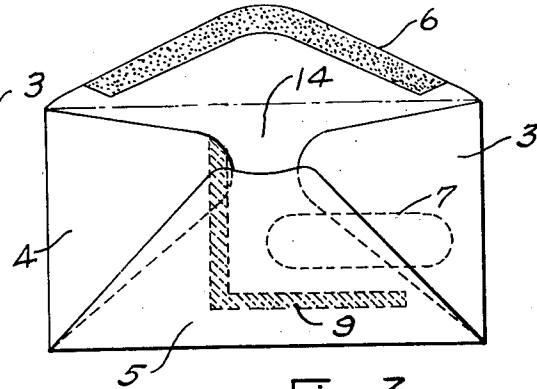
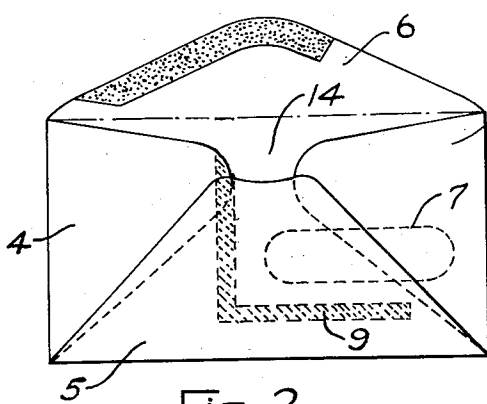
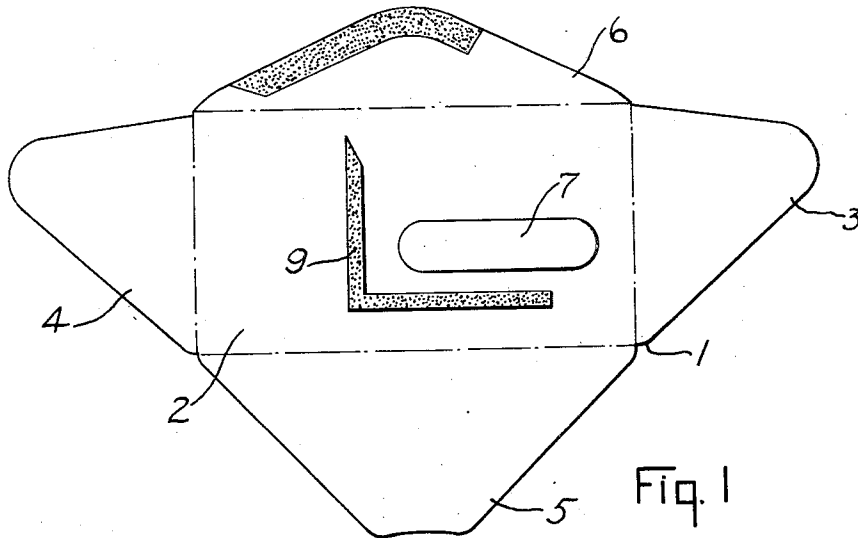
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This invention relates to envelopes or other containers, particularly to envelopes employed for the transfer of cards smaller than the envelope itself, such, for example, as automobile license cards. The invention will be described herein with particular reference to such usage, but it will be understood that the invention is not so limited in its application, being in fact capable of use for many other purposes.

It is the purpose of my invention to provide an ordinary envelope with means adapted to hold a card smaller than the envelope itself in a predetermined position, so that an address on one face of the card will register with an opening in the face of the envelope.

Various other features and objects of the invention will be apparent from the following description of a preferred form of embodiment thereof, having reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a unitary sheet which may be folded to provide an envelope embodying the present invention;

Figure 2 shows a rear elevation of the sheet of Figure 1 folded to form the envelope;

Figure 3 illustrates an envelope, in rear elevation, similar to the one in Figure 2 except that it is adapted for first class mail;

Figure 4 is a rear elevation of a sealed envelope of the present invention, showing the postal inspection flap pulled out.

The unitary sheet shown in Figure 1 is a standard envelope blank having a portion 2 for the face, side flaps 3 and 4, bottom flap 5, and seal flap 6 integral therewith. The face portion 2 is provided with a window or address opening 7, so that printed matter or an address on a card within the envelope is visible.

In order to adapt a standard size envelope to contain cards and the like smaller than itself, strips 9 of adhesive material positioned at substantially right angles to each other and to their respective edges of the envelope are provided, so that the bottom flap 5 and the side flap 4 of the envelope will adhere to the said strips and form a small pocket 14. The completed envelope is shown in Figure 2 ready for use.

In the event that the envelope is to be

used for second class mail with a one cent postage, flap 3 is not sealed, but is free to be pulled out for postal inspection, as shown in Figure 4. Of course, the inspection flap is always on the same side of the envelope as the pocket 14. The appearance of an envelope for first class mail may be seen in Figure 3, in which the entire seal flap is covered with adhesive material.

The manner of use of the present invention will be readily understood. A card such as an automobile license card, bearing an address on one of its faces, is inserted in the pocket 14 of the envelope, so that the address registers with the window or opening 7 in the face of the envelope. In order to hold the card in its proper position with respect to the window, the aforementioned strips 9 are provided.

The importance of the present invention may be appreciated from the fact that the post office authorities are opposed to the use of envelopes of small size on account of the inconvenience in handling with larger mail. This difficulty is entirely overcome by mailing small cards in embodiments of the present invention.

It will be understood that many changes and modifications may be made in the form of embodiment of the invention, within the scope of the following claims, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

What I claim is:

1. An envelope having a front and a back, the front having a window to show the address on an enclosure of substantially smaller size than the envelope, said front and back being connected to each other at two points to form stops for two sides of the enclosure whereby the address portion of the enclosure is held in proper relation to the window and whereby the side and end portions of the envelope beyond the stops form extensions for the mere purpose of giving the envelope an enlarged appearance.

2. In an envelope a main body portion forming the front, end, bottom and top flaps forming the back, a window in the front to show the address written on the

enclosure in the envelope, adhesive securing the bottom flap and one of the end flaps to the front to form stops for two sides of the enclosure to hold the address portion thereof in proper relation to the window, the other end flap being underlapped but left unsecured, and adhesive on the top for sealing the top flap to the connected end and bottom flaps, the other end flap being left free to permit inspection of the enclosure by postal employees, the side and end portions of the envelope beyond the stops forming extensions for the mere purpose of giving the envelope an enlarged appearance.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature to this specification.

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