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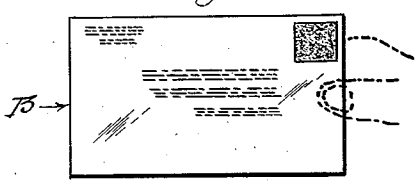



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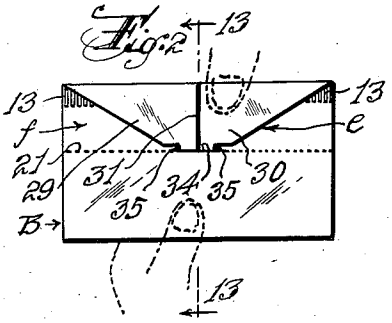



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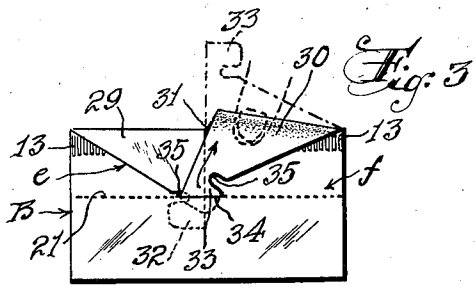



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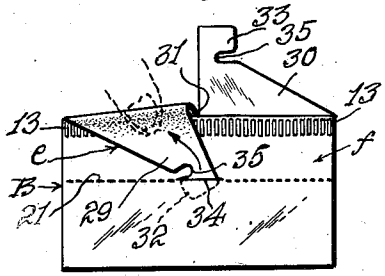



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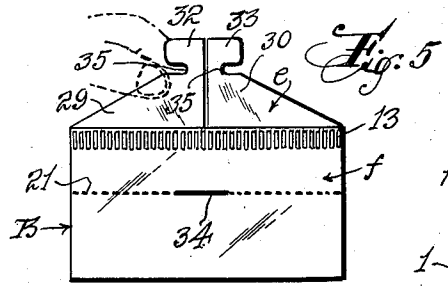



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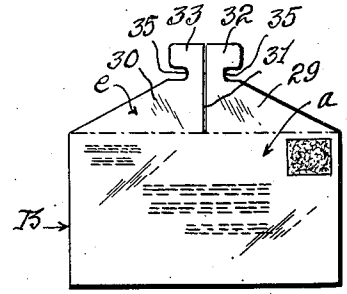



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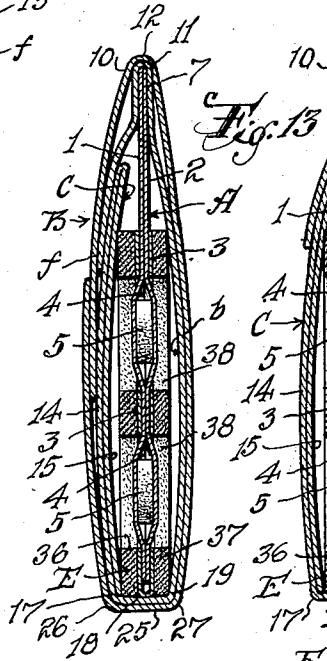
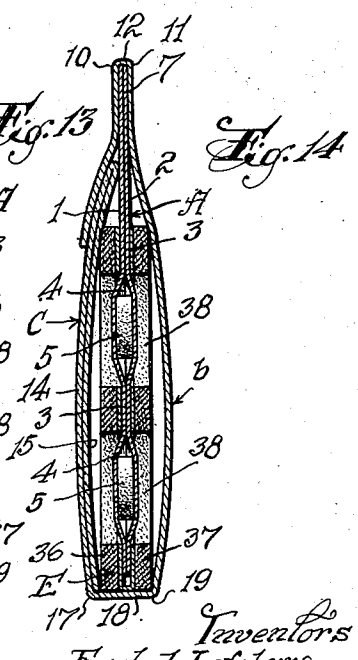



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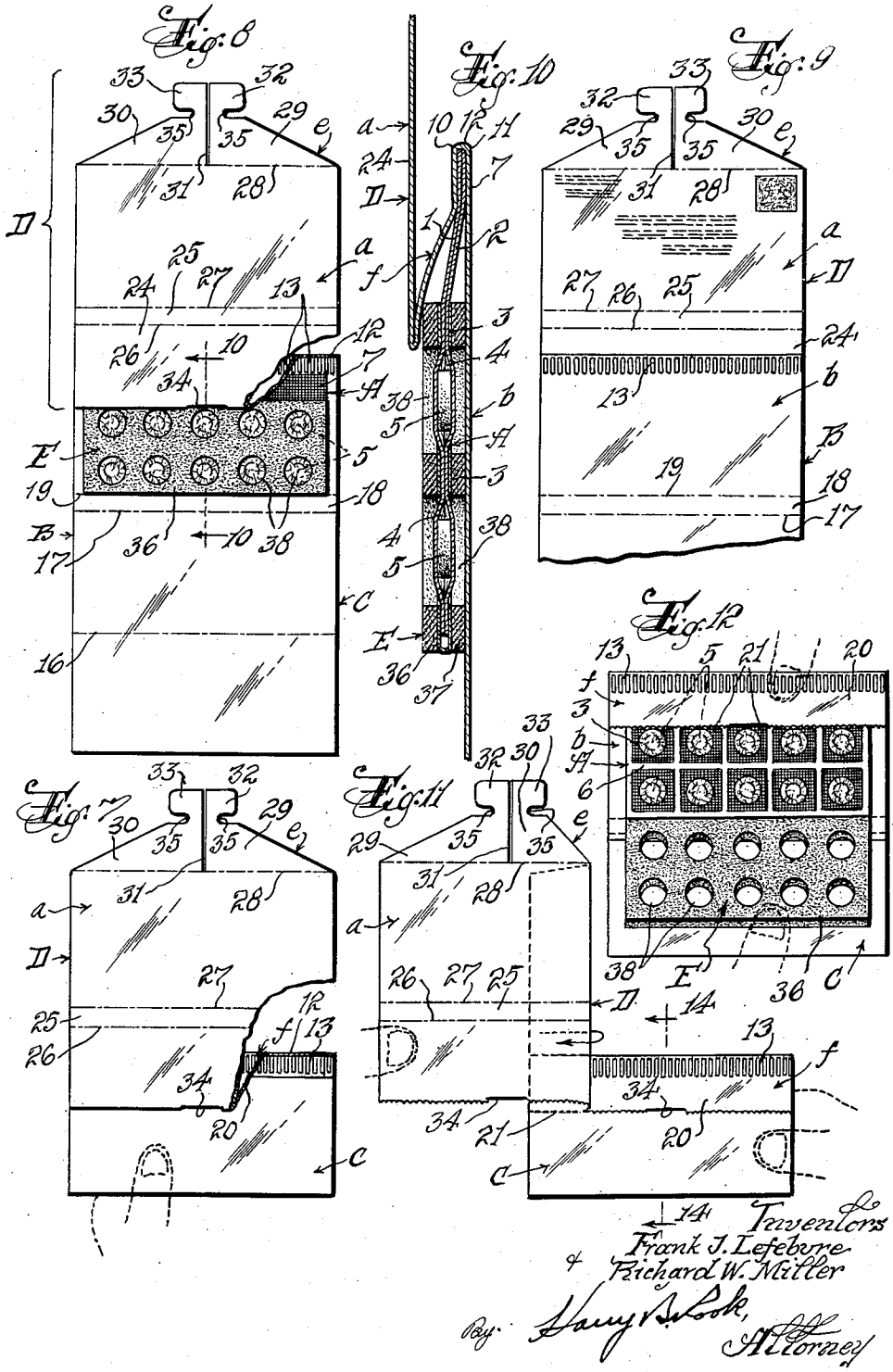

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Fig. 15

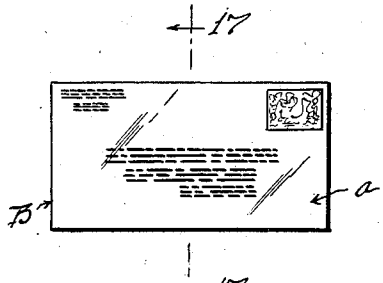



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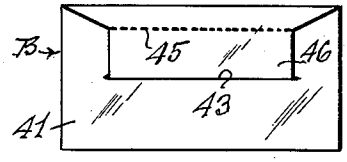



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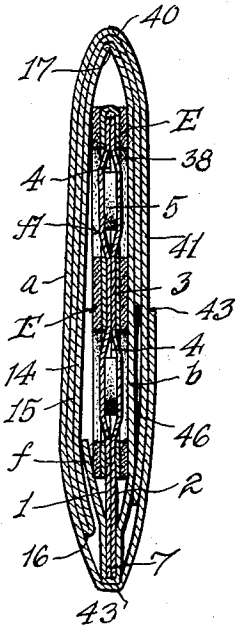



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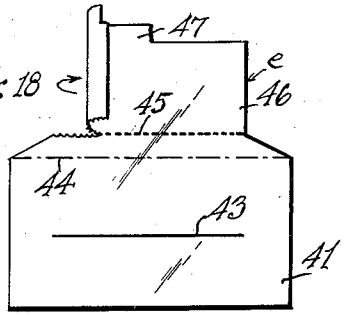
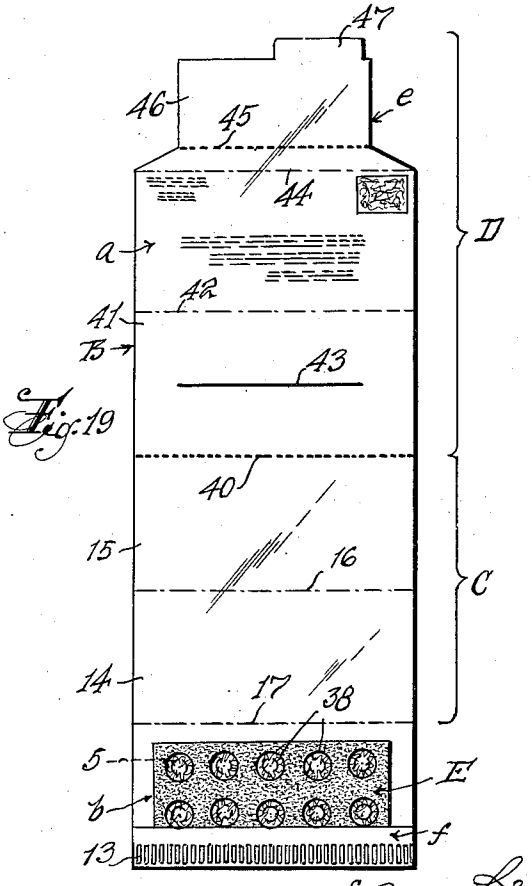



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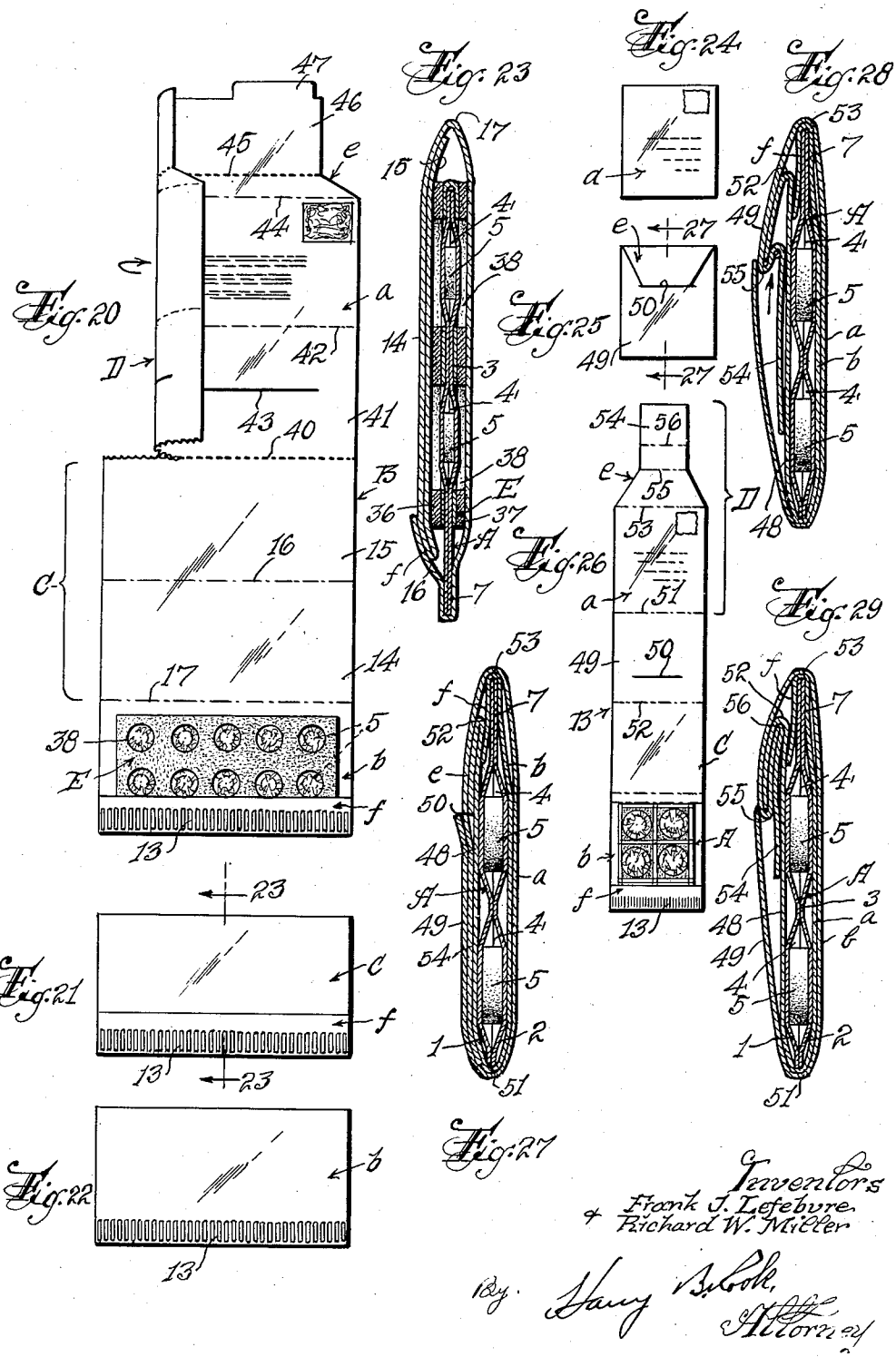

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The invention relates in general to packages of the type comprising an approximately flat rectangular bag, envelope or like container formed of superposed sheets of material, and a protective cover formed of flexible material relatively stiffer than the material of which the container is formed, the cover being folded around the container, there being small articles such as medicinal tablets, capsules or the like sealed between said sheets of material of the container in individual compartments.

When placing a new commodity, such as a medicinal tablet, capsule or the like, on the market, samples of the product are mailed, for example, to members of the medical profession. It is, of course, necessary that the commodities shall be adequately protected from damage in shipment. Also, it is desirable that the commodities be neatly packaged for ready accessibility after having been received by the addressee, and during the period that the package is carried on one's person as the commodities are being used. It is highly desirable that these considerations be accomplished with a minimum of handling and packaging costs.

In accordance with our invention, a package of the type generally described above is provided with a cover constructed to furnish both a mailing or addressing portion and a neat package which may be carried on one's person and affords ready accessibility to the contents during usage, or after the package has been delivered and opened. Our improved cover structure permits simple opening and conversion of the mailed package to a neat "carry" package, protection of the contents both in shipment and during usage being provided. Moreover, handling for mailing and shipment is kept to a minimum, thereby furnishing the benefits of low cost. In the preferred form of the invention, additional removable protective means is provided to prevent damage of the commodities during shipment.

Another aspect of the invention resides in forming the cover with improved package closure means.

Still another aspect of the invention resides in forming the cover with a separable or detachable portion which serves as an index card having information thereon concerning the packaged product.

Other objects, advantages and results of the invention will be brought out by the following description in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a combined package and mailing cover made in accordance with one embodiment of our invention;

Fig. 2 is a rear elevational view of the package shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a rear elevational view of the package showing the first step in the opening of the package;

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 showing the next step in the opening of the package;

Fig. 5 is a rear elevational view showing the package closure means of the package in opened position, permitting the package to be unfolded for access to the commodities in the container;



Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 5 showing the reverse or front side of the partially opened package of Fig. 5;

Fig. 7 is a plan view of the package, partly broken away, after having been unfolded to a condition just prior to folding back the closure flap portion to expose the underlying container of articles;

Fig. 8 is a view similar to Fig. 7 showing the closure flap portion of the cover folded back and exposing the packaged articles, a frame or guard for protecting the articles during shipment being shown;

Fig. 9 is a partial plan view showing the reverse side of the package illustrated in Fig. 8;

Fig. 10 is a vertical cross-sectional view, on an enlarged scale, taken approximately in the plane of line **10—10** of Fig. 8;

Fig. 11 is a view similar to Fig. 7 showing the manner in which the mailing and package closure portion of the cover is removed to convert the mailed package to a "carry" package permitting ready accessibility to the articles and restoration of the package to closed condition;

Fig. 12 is a plan view of the "carry" package after the closure flap portion has been removed from under the container-attaching flap, a guard sheet being swung outwardly away from over the container to expose the container of articles;

Fig. 13 is a vertical cross-sectional view, on an enlarged scale, taken approximately in the plane of line **13—13** of Fig. 2;

Fig. 14 is a vertical cross-sectional view, on an enlarged scale, taken approximately in the plane of line **14—14** of Fig. 11;

Fig. 15 is a front elevational view of another embodiment of a combined package and mailing cover made in accordance with our invention;

Fig. 16 is a rear elevational view of the package shown in Fig. 15;

Fig. 17 is a vertical cross-sectional view, on an enlarged scale, taken approximately in the plane of line **17—17** of Fig. 15;

Fig. 18 is a rear elevational view of the package showing the package closure means in opened position, thereby permitting the package to be unfolded for access to the commodities in the container, this view also showing the manner in which the closure means is detached from the package cover to provide an index card;

Fig. 19 is a plan view of the package in its fully opened or unfolded condition;

Fig. 20 is a view similar to Fig. 19 showing the manner in which the mailing and package closure portion is removed to convert the mailing package to a "carry" package;

Fig. 21 is a front elevational view of the closed "carry" package, the closure flap portion of the cover being removably received under the container-attaching flap;

Fig. 22 is a rear elevational view of the "carry" package of Fig. 21;

Fig. 23 is a vertical cross-sectional view, on an enlarged scale, taken approximately in the plane of line **23—23** of Fig. 21;

Fig. 24 is a front elevational view of a combined package and mailing cover made in accordance with still another embodiment of our invention;

Fig. 25 is a rear elevational view of the package shown in Fig. 24;

Fig. 26 is a plan view of the package of Figs. 24 and 25 in its fully opened condition;

Fig. 27 is a vertical cross-sectional view, on an enlarged scale, taken approximately in the plane of line **27—27** of Fig. 25;

Fig. 28 is a view similar to Fig. 27 showing the manner in which the package closure means in manipulated

or folded to securely lock the package in closed condition; and

Fig. 29 is a view similar to Fig. 28 showing the resultant locked package.

Referring to the drawings, the invention generally comprises a combined package and mailing cover which includes an approximately flat commodity container A having thin flexible walls providing at least one compartment in which a commodity is enclosed. The container is secured to, and enclosed in, a relatively stiff but flexible cover B. The cover comprises a main body panel *b* having a length and breadth slightly larger than the length and breadth of the container. The main body panel is juxtaposed to one wall of the container. The cover is further provided with a container-attaching flap *f* having an edge adjacent an edge of the main body panel *b*, the container-attaching flap being juxtaposed to the opposite wall of the container. The container A is secured to the cover B intermediate the adjacent edges of the main body panel and the container-attaching flap. The opposite edge of the main body panel is provided with a closure flap C adapted to be juxtaposed to the same wall of the container as the container-attaching flap. The closure flap is formed to engage, or to be removably received under, the container-attaching flap. The cover B is further provided with a mailing and package closure portion D separably connected, as by means of a scored line, to the cover. The portion D includes an addressing panel *a* and package closure means *e*. The addressing panel has substantially the same dimensions as the main body panel *b*, and is adapted to be exposed on one side of the package when the package is closed. The package closure means *e* is adapted to be disposed on the opposite side of the closed package. The package closure means serves to maintain the cover closely surrounding the container, but provides for opening of the cover to open the package for access to the container.

In the preferred form of the invention, the flexible walls of the container A are sealed together in zones to form and bound the compartment or compartments in which the commodity or commodities are enclosed so that at least one wall of the container bulges from the plane of the container wall. To protect the articles against damage such as crushing during shipment, a guard member E of relatively stiff material is pressed between a wall of the container from which the compartment bulges and an adjacent portion of the cover. The guard sheet is provided with an opening in register with and encircling the bulging wall of each compartment. The thickness of the guard sheet is greater than the distance that the compartment bulges from the plane of the corresponding container wall, and is approximately equal to the normal distance between the plane of the container wall and the adjacent portion of the cover. In this manner, the guard member is held against slipping out of the package when the package is closed, though the guard member is otherwise free from and unconnected with either the commodity container or the cover.

Specifically describing the embodiment of the invention shown in Figs. 1 to 14, and referring more particularly to Figs. 10, 12, 13 and 14, the container A is formed of two layers **1** and **2** of suitable flexible material such as cellophane, Pliofilm, metallic foil paper or the like. This material may be thermoplastic itself or may have a thermoplastic or fusible coating so that the juxtaposed layers can be caused to adhere together by application of heat and pressure, or the layers could be sealed together with an adhesive. These layers may be of any suitable size and shape but are shown as rectangular sheets. As shown, the layers are heat sealed and crimped in zones **3** forming and bounding compartments **4** between the layers in which articles, such as medicinal tablets **5** are enclosed. The container thus comprises a sheet of integral sub-packages, each containing a tablet and being separable from the sheet along score lines **6**, as shown in Fig. 12. The walls of each compartment tightly grip the articles between them and bulge or project beyond the general plane of the container within the sealed zones **3**. The container has a marginal extension **7** projecting beyond the packaged articles. The marginal extension is utilized for attaching the container to the cover B.

The cover B preferably comprises a single strip or sheet of flexible material such as heavy paper or carton stock that is relatively stiffer than the layers of which the container A is formed. As shown in Figs. 8 and 10, the cover includes the main body panel *b* juxtaposed to one side of the container A. The main body panel has a length and breadth slightly larger than the length and breadth of the container. The container-attaching flap *f* is disposed on the opposite side of the container with its top transverse edge **10** coincident with or adjacent the transverse edge **11** of the main body panel. Preferably, the main body panel and the container-attaching flap are integrally formed and hingedly connected by a fold **12** as shown in Figs. 10 and 14. The marginal extension **7** is secured to the cover B intermediate the adjacent edges of the main body panel and the container-attaching flap. As shown, the marginal zones of the main body panel and the container-attaching flap adjacent the fold **12** are both secured to the marginal extension of the container, and this may be accomplished by the application of heat and pressure where the layers **1** and **2** are thermoplastic or have exposed thermoplastic coatings. Preferably, the sealed zone is also crimped as indicated at **13**. The remaining areas of the main body panel and the container-attaching flap are unadhered to the container.

The cover B is formed with the closure flap C along the edge of the main body panel opposite the fold-line **12**. The closure flap is adapted to be juxtaposed to the wall **1** of the container and to engage the container-attaching flap *f*. The closure flap may be a single panel, but is preferably formed of two panels **14** and **15** as shown, they being hinged to each other by a fold-line **16**. The closure flap panel **15** is adapted to be folded at **16** against panel **14** and both closure flap panels may be folded at fold-line **17**, so that the edge defined by the fold **16** may be removably tucked under the container-attaching flap *f*. The closure flap panels have a length or height slightly less than the corresponding dimension of the main body panel. To allow for the thickness of the container A and the commodities therein, and the protective guard member E, a narrow end panel **18**, defined by fold-lines **17** and **19**, is provided intermediate the main body panel *b* and the closure flap C.

As shown in Figs. 8 and 11, the mailing and package closure portion D is separably connected to the container-attaching flap *f*. Although means, such as a staple or staples, adhesive, or adhesive tape, may be used to make the separable connection of the parts in abutting or overlapping relation, it is preferred to make the mailing and package closure portion an integral part of the cover B, and for this purpose the edge of the container-attaching flap, designated **20** (Fig. 11), is detachably connected to the portion D by a scored line or line of perforations **21**.

The mailing and package closure portion D comprises an addressing panel *a*, package closure means *e* and *a* connecting portion **24** providing a section of cover material to bridge the space between the addressing panel and the container-attaching flap. The addressing panel has substantially the same length and breadth as the main body panel. The connecting section and the container-attaching flap have a combined length substantially equal to the length of the main body panel. Each of the aforementioned portions or panels of the cover are of equal breadth as shown. An end panel **25** may be located intermediate the connecting section **24** and the addressing panel *a* to accommodate the thickness of the container A, its contents and the guard member or members E.

The end panel is defined by fold-lines **26** and **27**, and is adapted to overlie the end panel **18** when the package is closed and ready for mailing. A fold-line **28** is located between the addressing panel *a* and the package closure means *e*.

The package closure means of the mailing and package closure portion of the cover is formed by die-cutting the cover material to furnish a pair of two separate, substantially triangularly-shaped locking sections **29** and **30**, separated from each other by a central longitudinally extending slit **31**. At the extremity of each locking section, locking tabs **32** and **33** are provided for cooperation with a locking slot **34**, which may be located on either the container-attaching flap *f*, the connecting section **24**, or intermediate these two portions of the cover, as shown, on the scored line **21**. The breadth of each locking tab is less than the length of the locking slot **34**. The overall breadth of both locking tabs is greater than the length of the locking slot. At the base of each locking tab, the material is recessed, as indicated at **35**, so that at these areas the combined breadth of both tabs is less than the length of the locking slot. This arrangement permits each locking tab to be individually inserted or removed from the locking slot, whereas when both tabs are in the locking slot the package is closed and the cover is maintained closely surrounding the container.

As shown in Figs. 8, 10, 12, 13 and 14, the articles **5** are protected against damage, such as crushing during shipment, by a guard member E. The guard member is shown as comprising two sections **36** and **37**, each of which comprises a sheet of stiff material such as cardboard, with each sheet having a plurality of openings **38** therethrough so spaced that one may register with each of the compartments **4** when one of the sheets is laid under the container and the other sheet is laid over the container. The openings encircle the compartments and are substantially larger in diameter than the articles. The thickness of each guard sheet is greater than the distance that the compartment walls project from the general plane of the container and about equal to the distance of the closure flap or the main body panel of the cover and the portions of the container surrounding the compartment. The aggregate thickness of the sheets **36** and **37** is greater than the thickness of the compartments containing the articles, as best shown in Figs. 13 and 14. Thus, when the guard sheets **36** and **37** are disposed at opposite sides of the container A with the openings **38** in register with the respective compartments **4**, and with the closure flap C in closed position, the guard sheets will be prevented by the projection of the articles and compartment walls into the openings **38** from sliding laterally away from the container and out of the cover. When the closure flap C is opened and removed from under the container-attaching flap *f*, the uppermost guard sheet may be swung away from the container, from the position shown in Fig. 8 to the position shown in Fig. 12, so that the sub-packages can be easily separated from the container along the scored lines **6**. If desired, both guard sheets may be easily slipped out of the package and thrown away, the sheets being intended primarily to protect the tablets during shipment. This protecting guard structure and its relationship to the container of commodities is more fully described in the pending patent application of Lloyd I. Volckening, Serial Number 499,690, filed April 6, 1955, now Patent No. 2,780,353, having the same assignee as the assignee of the present invention.

The completed or combined package and mailing cover as received by the addressee is shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 13. The main body panel *b* is juxtaposed to the wall **2** of the container. The container-attaching flap *f* is juxtaposed to the opposite wall, or wall **1**. The marginal extension **7** is secured to the cover intermediate the adjacent edges of the main body panel and the container-attaching flap by the sealed zone **13**. The closure flap portion C is removably received under the container-attaching flap *f*. The mailing and package closure portion D has the addressing panel *a* thereof juxtaposed to the side of the main body panel *b* opposite the side to which the container A is disposed, and therefore exposed on one side of the package. The addressing panel is separably connected to the container-attaching flap by the line of perforations **21**, the connecting section **24** and the end panel **25** bridging the space between the edge **27** of the addressing panel and the edge **20** of the container-attaching flap. The package closure means *e*, with its two locking sections **29** and **30**, is juxtaposed to the container-attaching flap side of the package in a manner to maintain the cover closely surrounding the container but providing for opening of the cover to open the package for access to the container. The guard sheets **36** and **37** are pressed between the main body panel *b* and one wall of the container, and the closure flap portion C and the other wall of the container. The guard sheet openings **38** are in register with and encircle the bulging walls of the compartments **4** so that the guard sheets cannot slide laterally away from the container and out of the cover.

For access to the contents of the package, first one locking tab **33** is removed from the locking slot **34**, as shown in Fig. 3, and then the other locking tab **34** is removed from the locking slot, as shown in Fig. 4. The separate locking sections **29** and **30** permit each locking section to be turned and lifted so that each tab may be slid or angled out of the locking slot. The package is then in the condition shown in Figs. 5 and 6. Upon further unfolding, to the condition shown in Fig. 11, the mailing and package closure portion D of the cover may then be removed by tearing across the scored line **21**, whereupon the closure flap portion C may be easily removed from under the container-attaching flap *f*, as shown in Fig. 12. After removal of the guard sheet or sheets **36** and **37**, a tablet or the like may be removed from the container A by tearing along the scored lines **6**. Thereafter, the user may retain the guard sheets or throw them away. The remaining package is neat, compact and handy and may be carried in one's pocket or purse with the container of commodities well protected by the retained part of the cover. As shown in Figs. 12 and 14, the cover B now has the closure flap C which may be readily tucked under, or removed from under, the container-attaching flap *f* to expose or enclose the container A and its contents.

Where the package is used for distribution of pharmaceutical products, it may be desirable to print directions on the inside of the cover in a manner which permits the physician to retain the printed directions and give the patient such directions as he may deem advisable in case the printed directions do not wholly apply to the particular patient's condition. This may be accomplished by printing the directions on the inside of the mailing and package closure portion D, visible in Fig. 8, which the physician removes before he hands the "carry" package to the patient.

In the embodiment of the invention shown in Figs. 15 to 23, and as more particularly shown in Figs. 19 and 20, the cover B is constructed so that the mailing and package closure portion D is separably connected to the closure flap C, instead of to the container-attaching flap *f*, as shown in the previous embodiment. The mailing and package closure portion is detachably connected to the closure flap by a scored line or line of perforations **40**. The addressing panel *a* has a locking panel **41** hinged to one edge thereof by a fold **42**. The locking panel is provided with a laterally extending locking slot **43** adapted to receive the closure means *e*. The closure means is hinged to the other edge of the addressing panel by a fold **44**. The closure means is provided with a laterally extending scored line **45**, and the cover stock is die-cut at this area to furnish a locking tab **46** of a width to permit the tab to be received in the locking slot **43**. The locking tab is contoured to provide an offset portion **47**

at its outer extremity, so that upon detachment of the tab along the scored line **45**, the tab furnishes an index card. This index card formed portion of the closure means is printed wiht suitable information by the manufacturer of the packaged commodity, so that in addition to the closing or locking function, this portion of the cover may be used to index for reference the pertinent information printed thereon. The index card may be separated from the cover immediately after opening of the package, as shown in Fig. 18.

When the package is in closed condition ready for mailing, as shown in Figs. 15, 16 and 17, the panel **14** is juxtaposed to the wall **1** of the container A, and engages, or is juxtaposed to, the outside of the container-attaching flap *f*. The other closure flap panel **15** is folded at **16** back over onto panel **14**. The locking panel **41** is juxtaposed to the side of the main body panel *b* opposite the side juxtaposed to the container A. The addressing panel *a* overlies the closure flap panel **15**, and the package closure means *e*, or the locking tab **46** is, of course, on the opposite side of the closed package and disposed in the locking slot **43** of the locking panel.

After the package has been opened, and the mailing and package closure portion D has been separated from the cover B, as shown in Fig. 20, the closure flap panel **15** is folded at **16** onto the closure flap panel **14**, and both panels are folded at **17**, so that the edge defined by the fold **16** may be removably tucked under the container-attaching flap *f*, as shown in Fig. 23.

In the embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figs. 24 to 29, the cover B is similar to the cover illustrated in Figs. 14 to 23, except that the closure flap C comprises a single panel **48**, or a double panel, one of which, designated **49**, also constitutes a locking panel having a locking slot **50** to receive the package closure means *e*. The mailing and package closure portion D may be separably connected to the cover by a scored line **51** between the addressing panel *a* and the locking panel **49**, or by a scored line **52** between the panel **49** and the panel **48**. If a double-paneled closure flap is desired, the mailing and package closure portion D is separated from the cover along the line **51**, whereupon the panel **49** is folded against the panel **48** along the fold-line **52**, and the edge of the folded panels defined by the fold **52** is removably tucked under the container-attaching flap *f* when the combined package and mailing cover is converted to a "carry" package. If it is desired to have a closure flap comprising a single panel, then the fold-line **52** is scored for detachment along this line, whereupon the panel **48** is folded over onto the container A with the edge **52** removably received under the container-attaching flap *f*.

The package closure means *e* is hinged to the addressing panel *a* by a fold-line **53**. This portion of the cover is die-cut to provide a locking tab **54** having a width permitting the tab to be removably inserted into the locking slot **50** when the cover is folded to closely surround the container A. The package closure means is provided with two transversely extending and longitudinally spaced fold-lines **55** and **56**, so that after the tab **54** is inserted into the locking slot **50**, an object, such as a pencil, may be inserted from the side of the package and the tab reverse-bent or pushed in the direcetion indicated by the arrow in Fig. 28, whereupon the tab is locked within the interfold provided by the fold-line **55** and the fold-line **56**, as shown in Fig. 29.

It will be apparent that the means for locking the cover closely surrounding the container, as shown in the latter embodiment of the invention, may be used in the forms of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1 to 14, or in Figs. 15 to 23. Also, the index card feature of the package closure means of Figs. 15 to 23 may be utilized as the package closure means of the cover structure shown in Figs. 1 to 14, or Figs. 15 to 23, the cooperating locking slot, of course, being made of a width sufficient to receive the package closure means or locking tab.

The cover B, as specifically described and illustrated, comprises a single integral sheet or strip of material, all the panels or portions of which are defined by the described fold-lines and scored lines. When the marginal zones of the container-attaching flap and the main body panel are both secured or adhered to opposite sides of the marginal extension **7** of the container, the cover at this area need not be integrally connected by the fold-line **12**. Instead, the cover may comprise two separate pieces of cover stock, the bonding of the layers at this area serving to connect the parts. When the main body panel and the container-attaching flap are part of a single integral sheet connected by the fold-line **12**, as shown, the extension **7** may be heat-sealed or adhered to the marginal zone of the container-attaching flap only, thereby leaving the marginal zone of the main body panel adjacent the fold unadhered. The desired stiffness of the container-attaching flap is provided by the connection to the marginal extension. It will be understood, however, that while the foregoing modifications are within the purview of the invention, the illustrated and described cover construction, wherein all the parts thereof are made in the form of a single unitary sheet or strip, is preferred for reasons of handling and economy.

The invention also contemplates the packaging of powders, liquids and paste, as well as articles such as tablets, in the container, and the term "'commodity container" as used in the appended claims is intended to denote a container of this general nature.

It is believed that the advantages of our improved package will be apparent from the foregoing detailed description. It will also be apparent that while the invention has been shown and described in its preferred form, the aforementioned and other changes may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, as sought to be defined in the following claims.

We claim:

1. A complex package and mailing cover comprising an approximately flat commodity container having thin flexible walls providing at least one compartment in which a commodity is enclosed, said container including a marginal extension, and a relatively stiff but flexible cover, said cover comprising a main body panel having a length and breadth slightly larger than the length and breadth of said container and juxtaposed to one wall of the container, a container-attaching flap having an edge adjacent an edge of said main body panel and juxtaposed to the opposite wall of the container, said marginal extension being secured to said cover intermediate said edges, the opposite edge of said main body panel being provided with a closure flap adapted to be juxtaposed to said opposite wall of the container and to engage said container-attaching flap, and a mailing and package closure portion comprising an addressing panel and package closure means for maintaining the cover closely surrounding said container but providing for opening of the cover to open the package for access to said container, said addressing panel having substantially the same dimensions as said main body panel and adapted to be exposed on one side of the package when closed, said mailing and package closure portion being separably connected to said cover.

2. A combined package and mailing cover comprising an approximately flat commodity container having thin flexible walls providing at least one compartment in which a commodity is enclosed, said container including a marginal extension, and a relatively stiff but flexible cover, said cover comprising a main body panel having a length and breadth slightly larger than the length and breadth of said container and juxtaposed to one wall of the container, a container-attaching flap connected to one edge of the main body panel and folded over upon the opposite wall of the container, said marginal extension being located intermediate the main body panel and the container-attaching flap and secured to the container-at-

taching flap adjacent the fold, the opposite edge of said main body panel being provided with a closure flap adapted to be removably received under said container-attaching flap, and a mailing and package closure portion comprising an addressing panel and package closure means for maintaining the cover closely surrounding said container but providing for opening of the cover to open the package for access to said container, said addressing panel being separably connected to said container-attaching flap along one edge thereof and said closure means being connected to said addressing panel along the opposite edge, said addressing panel having substantially the same dimensions as said main body panel and adapted to be juxtaposed thereto, said closure means adapted to be juxtaposed to the container-attaching flap side of the package.

3. A combined package and mailing cover comprising an approximately flat commodity container having thin flexible walls providing at least one compartment in which a commodity is enclosed, said container including a marginal extension, and a relatively stiff but flexible cover, said cover comprising a main body panel having a length and breadth slightly larger than the length and breadth of said container and juxtaposed to one wall of the container, a container-attaching flap connected to one edge of the main body panel and folded over upon the opposite wall of the container, said marginal extension being located intermediate the main body panel and the container-attaching flap and secured to the container-attaching flap adjacent the fold, the opposite edge of said main body panel being provided with a closure flap adapted to be removably received under said container-attaching flap, and a mailing and package closure portion comprising an addressing panel and package closure means for maintaining the cover closely surrounding said container but providing for opening of the cover to open the package for access to said container, said addressing panel being separably connected to said container-attaching flap along one edge thereof and said chosure means being connected to said addressing panel along the opposite edge, said addressing panel having substantially the same dimensions as said main body panel and adapted to be juxtaposed thereto, said closure means adapted to be juxtaposed to the container-attaching flap side of the package, said closure means including a locking tab formed to provide an index card, said locking tab being separably connected to the addressing panel.

4. A combined package and mailing cover comprising an approximately flat commodity container having thin flexible walls providing at least one compartment in which a commodity is enclosed, said container including a marginal extension, and a relatively stiff but flexible cover formed of a single strip of material, said cover comprising a main body panel having a length and breadth slightly larger than the length and breadth of said container and juxtaposed to one wall of the container, a container-attaching flap connected to one edge of the main body panel and folded over upon the opposite wall of the container, said marginal extension being located intermediate the main body panel and the container-attaching flap and secured to the container-attaching flap adjacent the fold, the opposite edge of said main body panel being provided with a closure flap adapted to be removably received under said container-attaching flap, and a mailing and package closure portion comprising an addressing panel, a connecting section and a package closure panel, said connecting section being connected to one edge of the addressing panel by a fold line, the other edge thereof being separably connected by a scored line to the edge of the container-attaching flap, a package closure slot located on the scored line, said addressing panel having substantially the same dimensions as said main body panel and adapted to be juxtaposed thereto, the container-attaching flap and the connecting section having a combined length substantially equal to the length



of the main body panel, said package closure panel being connected to the opposite edge of said addressing panel by a fold-line and adapted to be juxtaposed to the container-attaching flap side of the package, a locking tab provided by the package closure panel adapted to be removably received in said slot to thereby maintain the cover closely surrounding said container by providing for opening of the cover to open the package for access to said container.

5. A combined package and mailing cover comprising an approximately flat commodity container having thin flexible walls providing at least one compartment in which a commodity is enclosed, said container including a marginal extension, and a relatively stiff but flexible cover, said cover comprising a main body panel having a length and breadth slightly larger than the length and breadth of said container and juxtaposed to one wall of the container, a container-attaching flap connected to one edge of the main body panel and folded over upon the opposite wall of the container, said marginal extension being located intermediate the main body panel and the container-attaching flap and secured to the container-attaching flap adjacent the fold, the opposite edge of said main body panel being provided with a closure flap adapted to be removably received under said container-attaching flap, and a mailing and package closure portion comprising an addressing panel and package closure means for maintaining the cover closely surrounding said container but providing for opening of the cover to open the package for access to said container, said addressing panel being separably connected to said closure flap along one edge thereof and said closure means being connected to said addressing panel along the opposite edge, said addressing panel having substantially the same dimensions as said main body panel and adapted to be exposed on one side of the package when closed, said closure means adapted to be disposed on the opposite side of the package.

6. A combined package and mailing cover comprising an approximately flat commodity container having thin flexible walls providing at least one compartment in which a commodity is enclosed, said container including a marginal extension, and a relatively stiff but flexible cover, said cover comprising a main body panel having a length and breadth slightly larger than the length and breadth of said container and juxtaposed to one wall of the container, a container-attaching flap connected to one edge of the main body panel and folded over upon the opposite wall of the container, said marginal extension being located intermediate the main body panel and the container-attaching flap and secured to the container-attaching flap adjacent the fold, the opposite edge of said main body panel being provided with a closure flap adapted to be removably received under said container-attaching flap, and a mailing and package closure portion comprising an addressing panel and package closure means for maintaining the cover closely surrounding said container but providing for opening of the cover to open the package for access to said container, said addressing panel being separably connected to said closure flap along one edge thereof and said closure means being connected to said addressing panel along the opposite edge, said addressing panel having substantially the same dimensions as said main body panel and adapted to be exposed on one side of the package when closed, said closure means adapted to be disposed on the opposite side of the package, said closure means including a locking tab formed to provide an index card, said locking tab being separably connected to the addressing panel.

7. A combined package and mailing cover comprising an approximately flat commodity container having thin flexible walls providing at least one compartment in which a commodity is enclosed, said container including a marginal extension, and a relatively stiff but flexible cover, said cover comprising a main body panel having a length

and breadth slightly larger than the length and breadth of said container and juxtaposed to one wall of the container, a container-attaching flap connected to one edge of the main body panel and folded over upon the opposite wall of the container, said marginal extension being located intermediate the main body panel and the container-attaching flap and secured to the container-attaching flap adjacent the fold, the opposite edge of said main body panel being provided with a closure flap adapted to be removably received under said container-attaching flap, and a mailing and package closure portion comprising an addressing panel and package closure means for maintaining the cover closely surrounding said container but providing for opening of the cover to open the package for access to said container, said addressing panel being separably connected to said closure flap along one edge thereof and said closure means being connected to said addressing panel along the the opposite edge, said addressing panel having substantially the same dimensions as said main body panel and adapted to be exposed on one side of the package when closed, said closure means adapted to be disposed on the opposite side of the package, said closure means including a locking tab adapted to be reverse-bent intermediate its edges.

8. A combined package and mailing cover comprising an approximately flat commodity container having thin flexible walls providing at least one compartment in which a commodity is enclosed, said container including a marginal extension, and a relatively stiff but flexible cover formed of a single strip of material, said cover comprising a main body panel having a length and breadth slightly larger than the length and breadth of said container and juxtaposed to one wall of the container, a container-attaching flap connected to one edge of the main body panel and folded over upon the opposite wall of the container, said marginal extension being located intermediate the main body panel and secured to the container-attaching flap adjacent the fold, the opposite edge of said main body being provided with a closure flap adapted to be removably received under said container-attaching flap, and a mailing and package closure portion comprising an addressing panel, a locking panel having a locking slot therein and a package closure panel, said locking panel having one edge thereof connected to one edge of the addressing panel by a fold-line, the other edge of the locking panel being separably connected by a scored line to the closure flap, said addressing panel having substantially the same dimensions as said main body panel and adapted to be exposed on one side of the package when closed, said package closure panel being connected to the opposite edge of said addressing panel by a fold-line and adapted to be disposed on the opposite side of the package and inserted into said locking slot and to maintain the cover closely surrounding said container by providing for opening of the cover to open the package for access to said container.

9. A combined package and cover comprising an approximately flat commodity container having thin flexible walls providing at least one compartment in which a commodity is enclosed, and a relatively stiff but flexible cover comprising an elongated strip of material secured to and closely wrapped around the container but providing for unwrapping and opening of the cover to open the package for access to the container, a locking slot formed in said cover strip intermediate its ends and a locking tab provided at one end of the cover strip adapted to be removably received in the locking slot, said container including a marginal extension, a portion of said cover strip providing a main body panel having a length and breadth slightly greater than the length and breadth of the container and juxtaposed to one wall of the container, another portion of said cover strip providing a container-attaching flap having a margin extending transverse of the cover strip adjacent and parallel to a margin of said body panel and juxtaposed to the opposite wall of the container, said marginal extension of the container being secured to the cover strip between said main body panel and said container-attaching flap, the opposite margin of said main body panel being provided with a closure flap juxtaposed to said opposite wall of the container and engaging the container-attaching flap, and said cover strip also providing a mailing and package closure portion including an addressing panel and package closure means connected to said addressing panel for maintaining the cover in closely surrounding relation to the container but providing for unwrapping of the cover to open the package for access to the container, said package closure means including said locking tab removably inserted into said locking slot.

10. A combined package and cover as defined in claim 9 wherein said locking tab comprises an index card, said mailing and package closure portion are separably connected to said closure flap, and said locking tab index card is separably connected to the mailing and closure portion.

11. A combined package and mailing cover as set forth in claim 9 wherein said addressing panel has substantially the same dimensions as said body panel and is adapted to be exposed on one side of the package when closed, said locking tab is adapted to be reverse-bent intermediate its edges, and said mailing and package closure portion is separably connected to said closure flap.

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