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Fig. 1

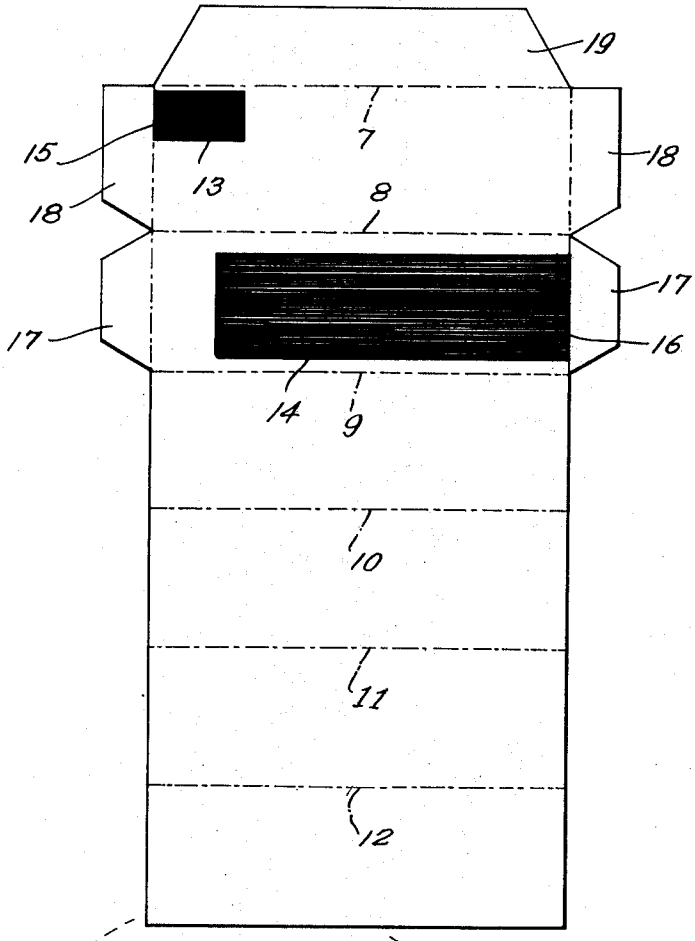
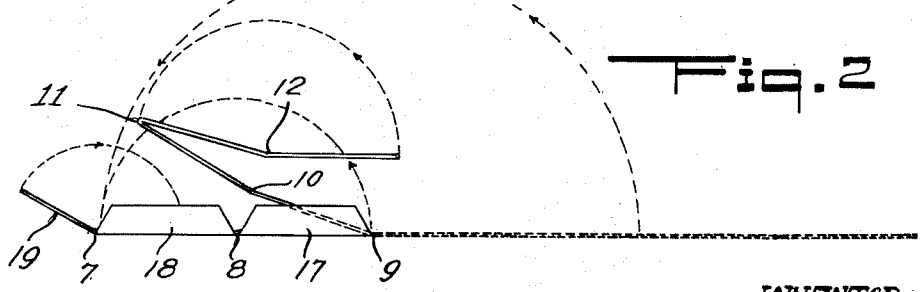


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. SWANSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Weehawken, county of Hudson, State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Record Mailing Sheets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Among the principal objects which the present invention has in view are: To provide means for verifying a written record; to secure for a record the mailing date thereof; to provide means whereby an authorized agency may impart to a record an authenticating date.

Drawings.

Figure 1 is a side view of a paper sheet of the character mentioned, the same being disposed in full extended relation;

Figure 2 is a side edge view of the same, showing the parts thereof as in the act of being folded.

Description.

As seen in the drawings, a properly shaped sheet of paper is scored for folding on the lines 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, said lines being disposed approximately equal distances apart, thereby forming sections of approximately the same dimensions. Attached to the sections bounded by the lines 7 and 8 and 8 and 9 are small pieces of carbon transfer paper 13 and 14 respectively. These pieces are preferably adhered at the edges 15 and 16 thereof, adjacent the outer margins of the sections with which they are associated.

In service and while the record is being made on the outspread sheet, the pieces 13 and 14 are folded back or outward from the sheet to avoid interferingwith the record being made thereon. When the record is made the said pieces are folded back to the position shown in Figure 1 of the drawings. The sheet is then folded as indicated in Figure 2. That is, the sheet is primarily bent on the lines 9 and 11 to fold as indicated in Figure 2. When the fold has been made as indicated it will be found that the fold on the line 11 is juxtaposed to the line 7, while the lines 10 and 12 are superposed on the lines 8. The folded sheet is then again folded, using the sections indicated by the lines 8, 10 and 12 as a hinge. This places the end of the sheet and the portion 9 in juxtaposition and superposed relation to the folds coincident with the lines 7 and 11. Prior to making the last described fold the side flaps 17 are overturned on and adhered to the section of the sheet outside the line 12, at the extreme end thereof. When the last fold is made the end flaps 17 are in line with the end flaps 18 of the envelope. The end flaps 18 are then overturned upon and adhered to the folded sheet, there now remaining only need to close and secure the flap 19 in the usual manner.

It will now be observed that the pieces of carbon transfer paper indicated by the numerals 13 and 14 are disposed in position to be struck by the cancelling and dating stamp of the postal authorities, when the sheet having been properly stamped and mailed is passed through the proper bureau. This stamp is, by means of the pieces 13 and 14, transferred to the sheet on which the record is made and perchance upon portions of the said record, thereby imparting to the sheet and to the record a date not controlled by or subject to change by the maker of the record. Thus it will be seen that even though the record is made by an interested party and addressed to himself, the date imparted by the postal authorities to the record would verify the record as of the date mentioned beyond reasonable doubt. The sheet referred to is particularly designed for use by inventors seeking to secure a record for evidence of their invention without disclosure to others..

It will be understood that after the sheet has been properly folded the back of the sheet resembling the usual mailing envelope is addressed to the party to whom the record is to be sent and placed in the Government mails. In due course it will be understood the missile passes through the Government office where the stamp is cancelled. The stamp used for cancelling the same carrying a date, this is imparted to the sheet through the medium of the pieces 13 and 14.

Claim.

A record sheet comprising the combination of an envelope blank formed for folding and sealing with a carbon transfer slip

substantially rectangular in form and secured at one side thereof to a portion of one edge of the front portion of said blank when folded, and a substantially rectangular relatively large carbon transfer slip secured along one side thereof in opposite disposition to the secured side of said first named slip to a portion of the side edge of the back portion of said blank when folded, said slips being foldable upon themselves to clear the line of writing spaces formed on the record portion of said blank, and for disposition within said blank with their free ends in overlapped relation when said blank is folded and sealed.

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