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Fig. 1.

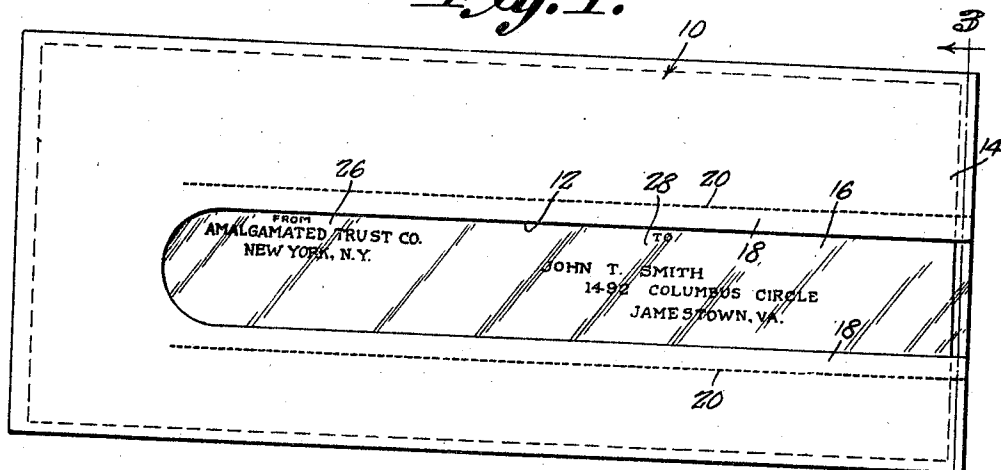
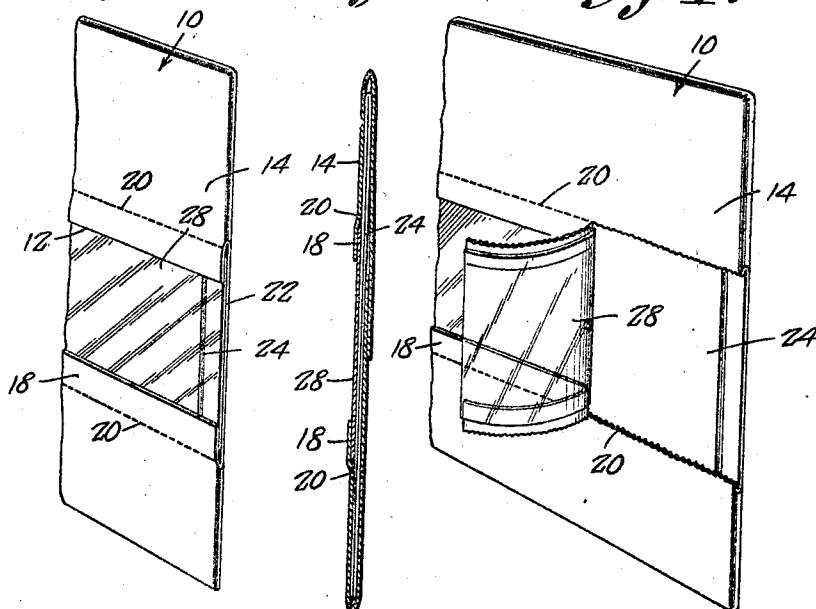


Fig. 2. Fig. 3. Fig. 4.



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1 Claim. (Cl. 229—71)

My invention relates to letter envelopes, and has among its objects and advantages the provision of an improved envelope embodying a window, together with novel means for tearing the envelope, with the window so formed as to cooperate in a novel manner with the enclosure having the return address of the sender printed thereon and the name and address of the addressee.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a face view of an envelope in accordance with my invention;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of one end of the envelope;

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken along the line 3—3 of Figure 1; and

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 2 but illustrating the envelope torn partly open.

In the embodiment selected to illustrate my invention, the envelope 10 is provided with an opening 12 in its front face, which opening intersects one end of the wall 14 and terminates slightly short of its other end. A transparent sheet 16 extends across the opening 12 and is secured to the marginal edges 18 of the face 14, which face is provided with two lines of perforations 20 adjacent the long edges of the sheet 16. The envelope is open at 22 when sealed so that one end of the sheet 16 may be grasped to tear the envelope open along the perforated lines 20.

The letter or enclosure 24 is provided with the name and address of the sender, as at 26, and so

arranged as to be visible through the opening 12. The name and address of the addressee is also printed on the enclosure, as at 28, to be visible through the opening 12. Thus I eliminate the necessity of printing the return address on the envelope, which name and address may be so arranged on the statement or letterhead as to be readable through the opening 12. The name and address of the addressee, which usually appear on the letter or statement, are also readable through the opening 12. In addition, the envelope tears easily for opening purposes.

Without further elaboration, the foregoing will so fully illustrate my invention, that others may, by applying current knowledge, readily adapt the same for use under various conditions of service.

I claim:

An envelope having a wall provided with an opening extending through one end of that wall, and a transparent sheet extending across said opening and secured to said wall, said wall being perforated along two edges of said transparent sheet and up to said end, said transparent sheet overlapping edge margins of said one wall adjacent said opening, said one wall and said transparent sheet being detached from the envelope at said one end throughout the space between the perforations at the two edges of the transparent sheet.

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