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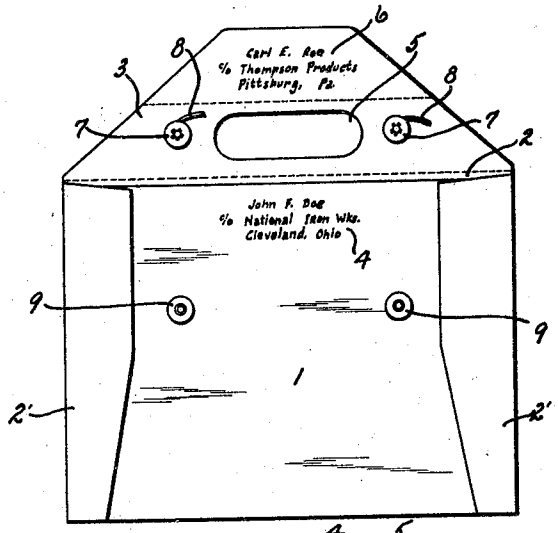


Fig. 1

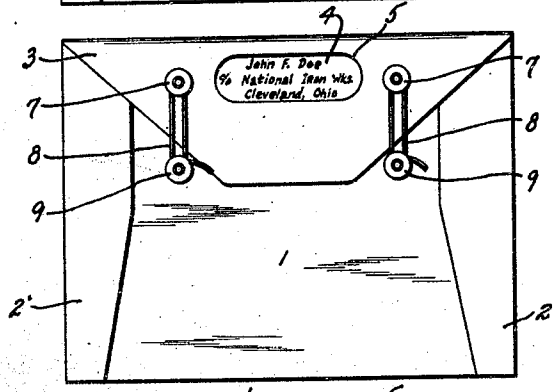


Fig. 2

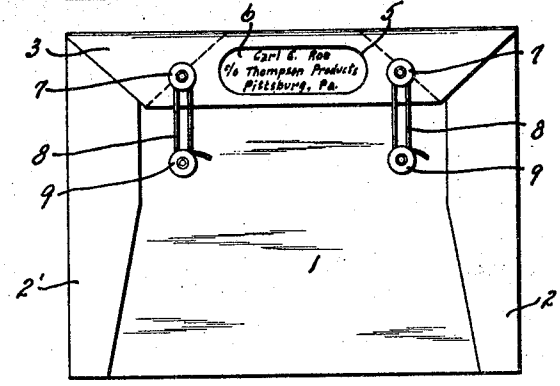


Fig. 3

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My invention relates to envelopes or containers for use in inter-party correspondence or communication.

Heretofore, envelopes adapted to contain matter for transfer thereof either between offices or between distant points through the mail or otherwise have been such that they might only be used one or, at least, a relatively few times inasmuch as no means have been provided thereby the addresses of the sender and receiver and vice versa might be used over and over again selectively.

It is the object of my invention to provide an envelope or container that may be used repeatedly in connection with inter-office communication or correspondence between distant points, the only limitation in the use of the envelopes being its reaching a stage of uselessness due to wear of the envelope or container as a whole.

Various other objects and advantageous features of my invention may be seen in the following description and one embodiment thereof may be seen in the accompanying drawings wherein similar characters of reference designate corresponding parts, and wherein:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of an envelope or container constructed in accordance with my invention and showing the envelope or container in open position to receive matter or correspondence; Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but showing the envelope in closed position with the parts in such relation that a permanent address disposed on one part of the envelope or container is visible; and Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but showing the envelope in closed position with another permanent address visible so that the envelope or container may be used in correspondence or communication with another party.

Referring to the drawings, I have shown one embodiment of my invention as comprising an envelope or container embodying a main body portion and a flap or closure that may, as in this instance, be made up of a single piece of material properly folded. For instance, as shown, the envelope or container comprises a single piece of material folded to form a forward side 1 and a rearward side 2 so formed that its opposing side edges 2′ will overlap the forward side 1 when in folded position and make a rigid structure, the rearward side 2 also embodying a flap or closure 3 that may be folded over the opening at the upper edge of the envelope or container between the forward and rearward sides to effectively produce a closed envelope or container in which practically any type of matter may be transferred safely from one point to another.

As shown in the drawings, the forward side 1 is provided adjacent its upper edge with an address space 4, in this instance containing the name and address of one John F. Doe, and the flap or closure 3 is provided with an opening 5 which is disposed over the address space 4 when the flap or closure is in closed position as shown in Fig. 2 so that the address on such space will be clearly visible through such opening.

In a like manner, the side of the flap or closure 3 that is normally innermost when the flap or closure is in closed position, is provided with an address space 6 adjacent its uppermost edge, in this instance containing the name and address of one Carl E. Roe and the uppermost edge of the flap or closure 3 may be folded prior to the flap or closure being moved to closed position whereby the address in the space 6 will be clearly visible through the opening 5 in the flap or closure while, at the same time, the folded portion of the flap or closure will effectively cover the address in the space 4 which is visible through the opening 5 when the flap or closure is unfolded and in normal closed position.

The flap or closure 3 is provided with suitable fastening means for cooperation with other means on the forward side of the envelope or container 1 when in position to effectively retain the flap or closure in closed position. This fastening means takes the form of brads 7 on the outermost side of the flap or closure 3, the brads 7 having one end of cords or strings 8 attached thereto. When the flap or closure is in either of its closed positions shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the cords 8 may be wrapped around brads 9 disposed

on the forward side 1 of the envelope or container in such manner as to make a firm connection between the brads 7 and the brads 9.

Referring to the drawings and the preceding description, it will be seen that I have provided a device of the above type embodying numerous novel and advantageous features. For instance, I have provided an envelope or container having a plurality of address spaces permanently fixed thereon which may contain permanent addresses together with an envelope or container embodying a flap or closure so constructed that either of the permanent address spaces or addresses may be selectively disclosed whereby the envelope or container may be repeatedly used for correspondence or communication between two parties. This is particularly important as an item of saving where a plurality of parties permanently located carry on a great deal of correspondence or communication inasmuch as the only limitation on an envelope or container constructed in accordance with my invention is the wear which would render the envelope or container as a whole useless as a receptacle for correspondence or matter.

What I claim is:

1. An article of manufacture comprising an envelope embodying a main body portion having an address space thereon, a flap or closure having an opening therein through which the said address space is normally visible when the flap is in closed position, and an address space on the under side of said flap, said flap being movable into or out of open or closed position and selectively foldable to cover the address space on said main body portion and present the address space on said flap when in closed position.

2. An article of manufacture comprising an envelope embodying a main body portion having an address space thereon, a flap or closure having an opening therein through which the said address space is normally visible when the flap is in closed position, an address space on the under side of said flap, said flap being movable into or out of open or closed position and selectively foldable to cover the address space on said main body portion and present the address space on said flap when in closed position, and means for securing said flap in said positions consisting of a flexible member having one end in fixed position on one side of said flap and a member fixed on said main body portion to which said flexible member may be removably secured.

3. An article of manufacture comprising an envelope embodying a forward wall having an address space thereon, a rearward wall, a flap or closure having an opening therein through which the address space on said forward wall is visible when the flap is in closed position, and an address space on the side of said flap when in open position corresponding to the forward wall of said envelope, said flap being selectively foldable to present the address space thereon through the opening in said flap and cover the address space on said forward wall normally visible through the opening in said flap when said flap is in closed position.

4. An article of manufacture comprising an envelope embodying a forward wall having an address space thereon, a rearward wall, a flap or closure having an opening therein through which the address space on said forward wall is visible when the flap is in closed position, an address space on the side of said flap when in open position corresponding to the forward wall of said envelope, said flap being selectively foldable to present the address space thereon through the opening in said flap and cover the address space on said forward wall normally visible through the opening in said flap when said flap is in closed position, and means for securing said flap in said positions consisting of a flexible member having one end in fixed position on one side of said flap and a member fixed on said main body portion to which said flexible member may be removably secured.

In testimony whereof I hereby affix my signature.

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