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Fig. 1.

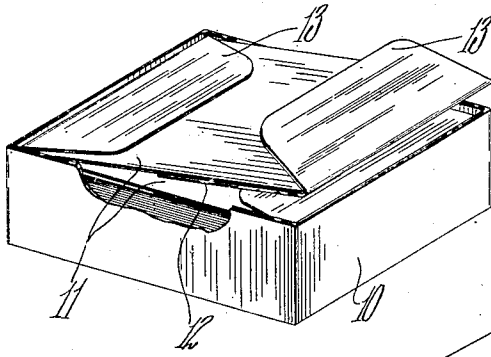


Fig. 3.

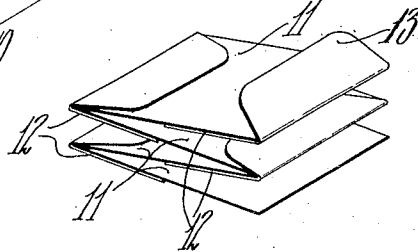


Fig. 4.

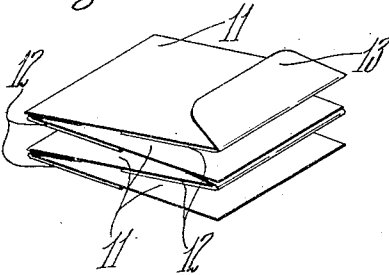
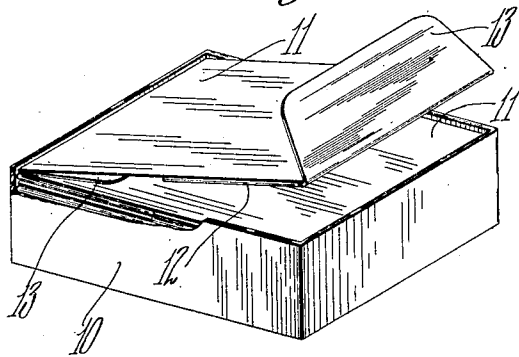


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT R. THORPE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Holyoke, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stationery Packages, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to packages of stationery, and specifically to packages of writing paper and envelops commonly referred to as papeterie.

It has for its object, the provision of more convenient packages of writing paper and envelops than have heretofore been obtainable, and in particular to packages having one or more sheets of writing paper associated with an envelop in such a manner that complete equipment for a letter may be withdrawn from the box without disturbing the remaining contents.

As writing paper is commonly packed the paper sheets are located in the bottom of a cardboard box, and are surmounted by a pair of packages of envelops. In order to withdraw a sheet of paper from such a package it is first necessary to remove all the envelops. This is inconvenient, and the frequent handling is likely to soil the envelops. There is also the disadvantage that the symmetry of the package is destroyed by removing envelops from one of the envelop packs.

My invention is designed to remedy these defects, and consists in a package such as is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a package of writing paper and envelops made according to my invention, the top of the box being removed, and the uppermost element of the package being shown as slightly raised above the remainder;

Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing a slightly different way of making the package;

Fig. 3 is a diagrammatic view showing the disposition of successive elements in the form of the invention illustrated in Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3, showing the disposition of successive elements in the form illustrated in Fig. 2.

The several elements are preferably packed in a box 10 of the usual form, pro-

vided with an inverted tray-like cover not shown. The letter sheets 11, which may be one or more separate sheets, are associated with envelops 12 so that one unit, consisting of the writing sheet or sheets and an envelop may be withdrawn from the package without disturbing the remainder of the contents. To this end one end of each sheet is placed under the flap 13 of an envelop 12. The envelops are arranged alternately at one end of the box and the other, so that two adjacent but oppositely facing piles are produced. In the modification illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3 both ends of the letter sheets are placed under the flap of an envelop, this giving two sheets under each flap. In the modification illustrated in Figs. 2 and 4 one end of each letter sheet is placed under a flap of an envelop, while the opposite end is placed over the flap of the next envelop. This latter modification is in general preferable, as there is no danger of grasping the wrong envelop, thereby withdrawing two letter sheets from the box. It is sometimes desirable to arrange the bulk of the elements in the box in the manner shown in Figs. 2 and 4, but to have the top element placed as in Figs. 1 and 3 so as to give symmetry to the package.

It will be understood that the term "sheet," as used in the appended claims may apply to a single sheet or to a plurality of sheets which are intended for use with a single envelop.

I am aware that paper napkins, paper towels, and the like have been packed with interlocking folds, and I do not claim any such package.

What I do claim is—

1. A package comprising a plurality of envelops arranged in adjacent but oppositely facing stacks, and a plurality of letter sheets each having one end located under the flap of an envelop in one stack and its other end extending into the other stack of envelops.

2. A package comprising a plurality of envelops arranged in adjacent but oppositely facing stacks, and a plurality of letter sheets each having one of its ends located under the flap of an envelop in one stack, and its other end extending into the other stack of envelops between the flap of one envelop and the body of an adjacent envelop.

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