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Fig. 1.

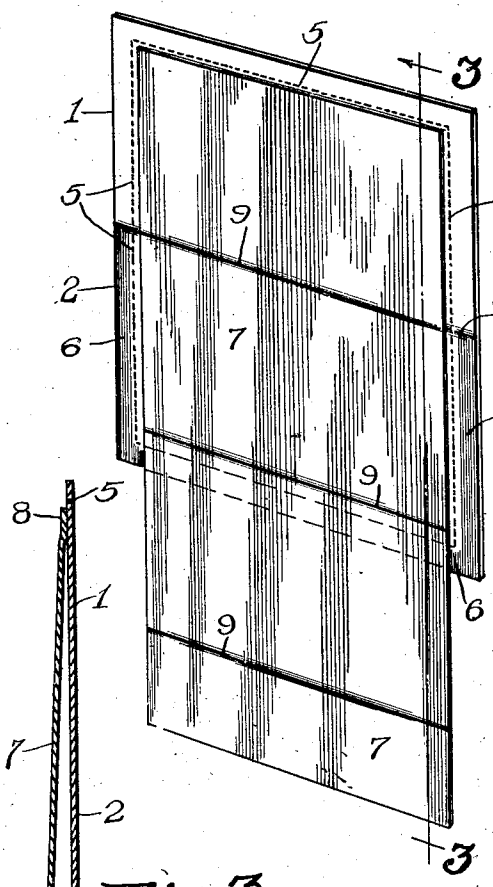


Fig. 2.

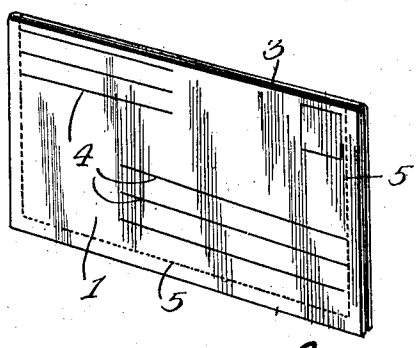


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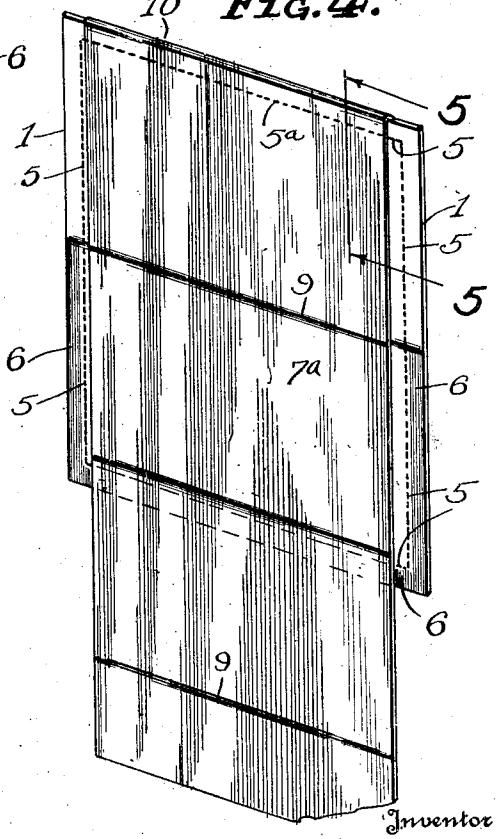
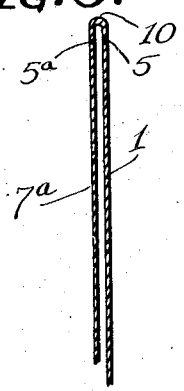


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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in a combined letter sheet and envelope and has for its primary object to provide an article of this character wherein the letter sheet is carried by an envelope that is preferably of rectangular formation and foldable upon its transverse median line with the meeting edges of the envelope gummed together outwardly of the letter sheet.

A further object of the invention is to provide a combined letter sheet and envelope of the above type wherein a weakened line or row of perforations is formed in the envelope adjacent its edge to facilitate opening thereof.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a combined letter sheet and envelope wherein the letter sheet may be adhesively attached at one of its ends to the envelope or formed integral with one end edge of the envelope to be folded thereover and within the envelope when the latter is folded and sealed.

With the above and other objects in view that will become apparent as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawing and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing wherein certain reference characters are employed to designate corresponding parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the combined letter sheet and envelope constructed in accordance with the present invention, showing the letter sheet and envelope of separate elements adhesively secured together at one end thereof;

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing the article in its folded and sealed condition;

Figure 3 is a vertical cross-sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of another form of the combined letter sheet and envelope wherein the letter sheet is formed integral with one end edge of the envelope; and

Figure 5 is a detail sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Referring more in detail to the accompanying drawing, and particularly to Figures 1 and 2 there is illustrated a combined letter sheet and envelope wherein the envelope is of substantially rectangular formation in plan view and comprises sections 1 and 2 that are foldable upon the transverse median line 3 to assume the position shown in Figure 2 with the outer side of the section 1 lined as at 4 for names and addresses or the like. A weakened line 5 of perforations or the like is arranged parallel and adjacent to each edge of the envelope and when the envelope is folded upon the line 3 and sealed by aid of the gummed surfaces 6 located between the lines of perforations and the edges of the envelope, opening of the envelope is greatly facilitated by tearing the same on the weakened line.

The letter sheet 7 is adhesively or otherwise secured at its upper edge at 8 to the envelope within and adjacent the perforated line 5 and said letter sheet 7 is foldable upon the lines 9 to be entirely confined within the area of the envelope and its lines of perforations. The advantages of a combined letter sheet and envelope of this character should at once be appreciated from an inspection of Figures 1 and 2 wherein the letter sheet carried by the envelope is foldable therein while the envelope is readily opened by tearing the same upon the weakened lines of perforations 5.

In the form of the invention shown in Figures 4 and 5, the letter sheet 7^a is formed integral with the envelope at one end thereof as at 10 and being foldable to overlie the envelope as illustrated, said letter sheet 7^a has a line of perforations 5^a registering with the adjacent line of perforations 5 at the corresponding end of the envelope. The combined letter sheet and envelope shown in Figures 4 and 5 can be struck from a single sheet of material and may be readily detached from the envelope when the latter is opened by tearing upon the weakened line as the letter sheet 7^a is not adhesively or otherwise carried by the envelope, other than the weakened line of perforations 5^a. The envelope shown in Figures 4 and 5 is sealed in the manner similar to the form shown in Figure 1 and the letter sheet is safely carried therein. In either form of the invention, detection of unauthorized attempts to open the letter is easily discernible and a highly useful and practical article of the character described herein has been provided.

While there are herein shown and described the preferred embodiments of the

present invention it is nevertheless to be understood that minor changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim as new is:—

In a combined letter sheet and envelope, an envelope of rectangular formation embodying two sections, one foldable upon the other and adhesively secured together adjacent their marginal edges, a weakened line of tearing perforations adjacent and inwardly of the gummed edges, a rectangular letter sheet extended from one end of the envelope and separately foldable therein, said letter sheet being of a diameter less than the distance between the parallel side edge tearing perforations, a line of tearing perforations extending across the letter sheet adjacent its end attached to the envelope and adapted to register with the adjacent end line of tearing perforations in the envelope whereby when the letter sheet is folded within the sealed envelope access to the letter sheet and severance from the envelope is had upon severance of the gummed edges of the envelope on the lines of tearing perforations.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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