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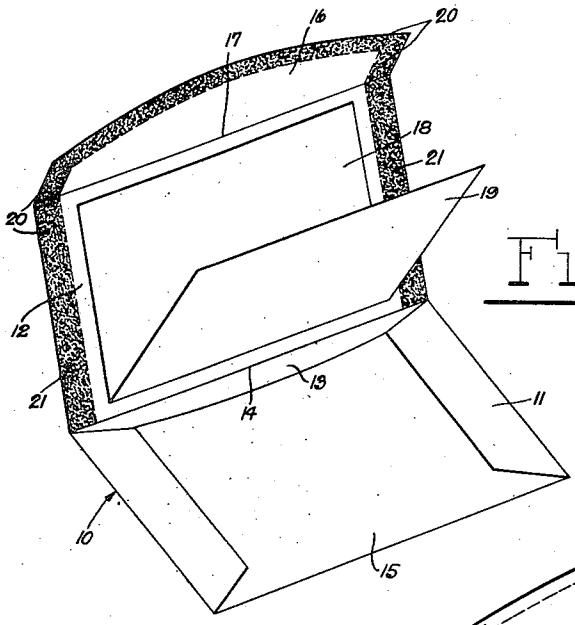


Fig. 1

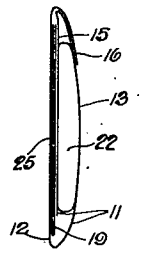


Fig. 2

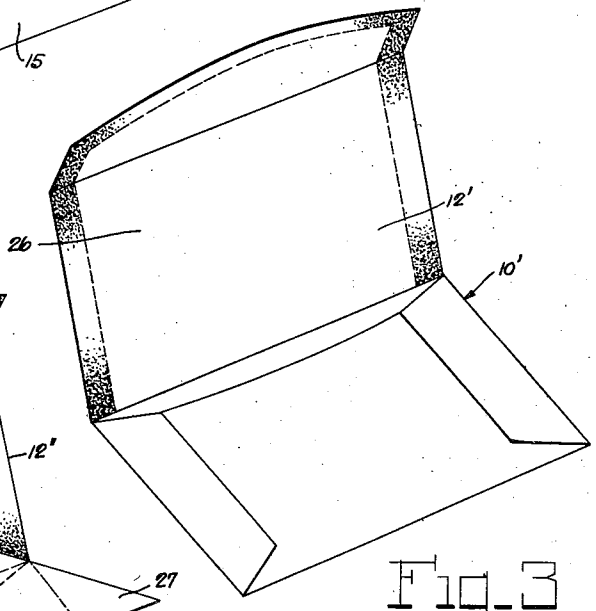


Fig. 3

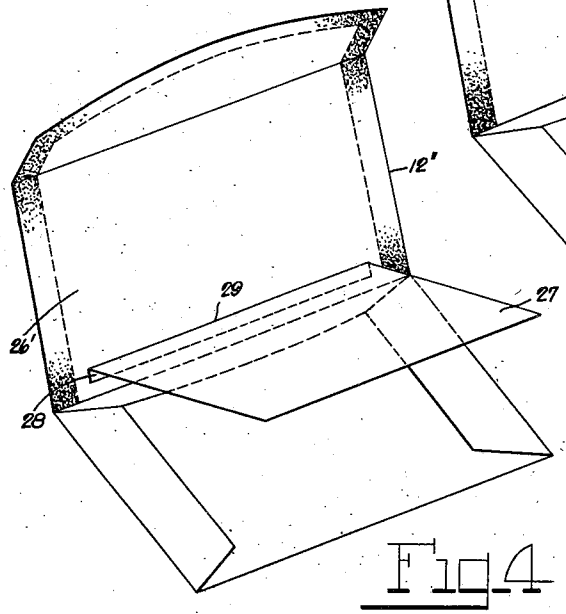


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to envelopes of the stationery type, and more particularly to envelopes adapted to hold relatively small articles to be sent through the mail.

Every so often the occasion arises where a person wants to send a small article such as a handkerchief, a few coins, a souvenir present, etc., to another person. Heretofore, the sender usually hesitated to use a conventional enevelope for this purpose for fear it may be torn too readily and the article lost, also because an enclosed covering note or letter may become more or less crumbled by the article and might cast reflections on the sender's reputation of good taste. Hence, most persons preferred to do the article up in a small package, send it through the mail, and send a covering note by separate mail, usually involving not only tedious efforts to obtain a neat package but a trip to the post office as well.

It is the aim and object of the present invention to provide an envelope which serves as a neat package for small articles, has a special place on which to write a covering note, may be sealed as quickly and simply as a conventional envelope, is not liable to be readily torn, and may simply be dropped into the nearest mail box on putting the proper postage stamp or stamps thereon.

The foregoing and other objects of the invention, together with means whereby the latter may be carried into effect will best be understood from the following description of an illustrative embodiment shown in the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an open envelope embodying the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a section through the envelope when sealed.

Figs. 3 and 4 are perspective views of envelopes embodying the present invention in modified ways.

Referring to Fig. 1, the envelope 10 is formed from a blank folded to provide a pocket section having inturned side portions 11, an intermediate flap 12 continuous with the back 13 of the pocket section and creased at 14 so as to be foldable against the front 15 of said pocket section, and a seal flap 16 continuous with the intermediate flap 12 and creased at 17 so as to be foldable against the back 13 of said pocket section 11 in order to close the envelope in the manner shown in Fig. 2. The paper from which the envelope 10 is made is preferably, though not necessarily, somewhat stronger than that from which ordinary stationery envelopes are made.

Cemented to the intermediate flap 12 is one half 18 of a preferably pre-folded writing sheet

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19. The sheet 19 has a width sufficient to overlap the inner edges of the inturned portions 11 when the envelope is closed and thereby serve as a back for the pocket and as a reinforcing member for the envelope. The seal flap 16 is provided with adhesive strips as at 20, and the intermediate flap 12 is provided with adhesive strips as at 21, for sealing the side edges of the envelope by adhering to the inturned portions 11.

In using the envelope, advantage may first be taken of the writing sheet 19 to pen a note, whereupon the article to be sent, for instance, a handkerchief 22 (Fig. 2), is inserted into the pocket section. The cement-lined portions 21 of the intermediate flap 12 may then be wetted, whereupon said intermediate flap with the folded writing sheet 19 thereon is folded against the front 15 of the pocket section and pressed down at the cement-lined portions 21 thereof in order to cause adherence of the intermediate flap 12 to the pocket section. The cement-lined portion 20 of the seal flap 16 is next wetted and the latter folded and pressed against the back 13 of the pocket section to complete the sealing of the envelope 10. The recipient's name and address, as well as the sender's return address may be written on and the proper postage stamp or stamps attached to the outer face 25 of the intermediate flap 12 before or after the envelope is sealed. To facilitate the addressing of the envelope, particularly before the same is closed and sealed, the outer face 25 of the intermediate flap 12 may be marked in any suitable manner to indicate its reservation for the recipient's name and address, the sender's return address and the postage stamp or stamps. For instance, the outer face 25 of the intermediate flap 12 may have lines imprinted (not shown) on which to write the above-mentioned data, or may have a rectangle (not shown) imprinted in the proper corner to indicate the place for the postage stamp or stamps.

The modified envelope 10' of Fig. 3 is particularly well suited for a brief covering note requiring no more space than that on an average postcard. To this end, no separate writing sheet is attached to the intermediate flap 12', but the inner face 26 of the latter is used to pen the note.

Another modified envelope is shown in Fig. 4, in which, in addition to the inner face 26' of the intermediate flap 12'', a short sheet of writing paper 27 may be used to write a note. The writing sheet 27 may be cemented to the intermediate flap 12'' in the manner shown at 28 in Fig. 4, and creased as at 29 to facilitate the unfolding of the sheet 27 for writing thereon.

While either one of the envelopes described herein is well suited for personal use, it is equally well suited for commercial use. For instance, a manufacturer of small articles may prefer the type of envelope disclosed herein to costly wrappings or packages, for the purpose of sending the article through the mail or offering it to the public in stores. The space in or on the envelope provided for writing may be used advantageously for instructions, an invoice, etc.

I claim:

An envelope comprising a blank of paper of a shape adapted to be folded to provide a portion forming a pocket section having inturned side portions, a seal portion and an intermediate portion of substantially the same width and length as the pocket section, said seal portion and said intermediate portion having adhesive strips at their edge portions, and a sheet of paper secured to a face of said intermediate portion and adapted to overlap the inner edges of said inturned side portions and serve as a partial closure for the pocket section and as a reinforcing member for the envelope, said seal portion being adapted to be folded over and seal the open end of said pocket section and said adhesive strips on said intermediate portion being adhered to said inturned side portions to seal the sides of said pocket section when the envelope is closed.

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