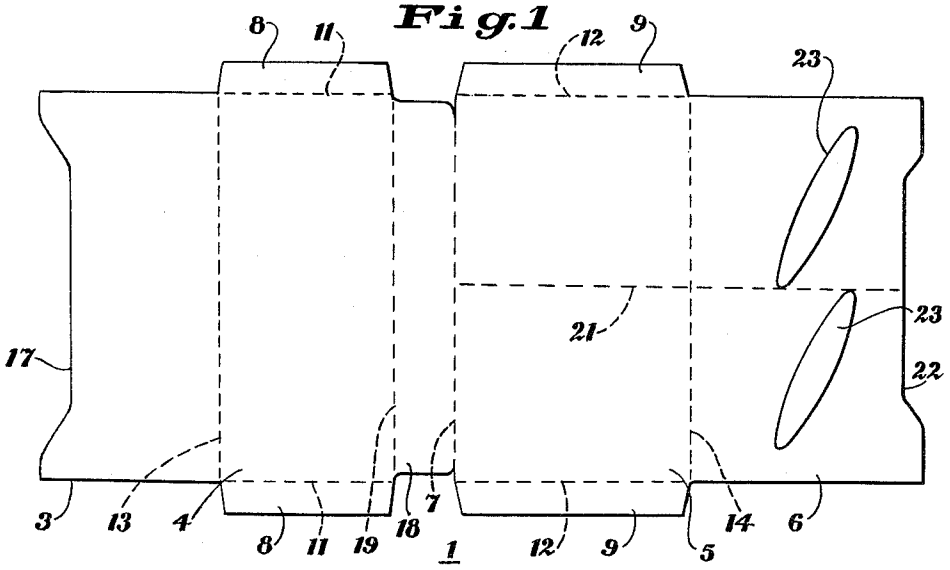
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Fig. 1



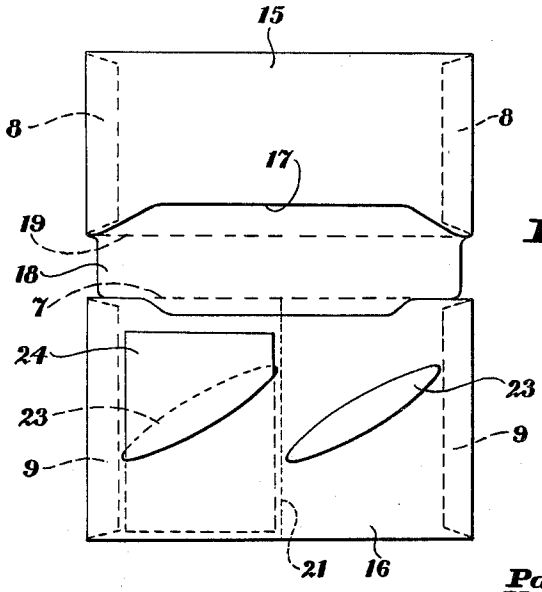


Fig. 2

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Fig. 3

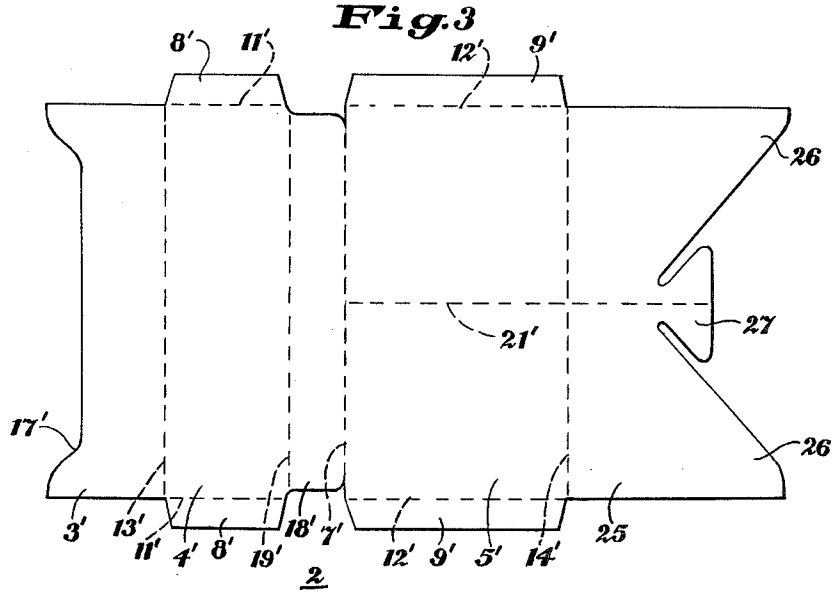
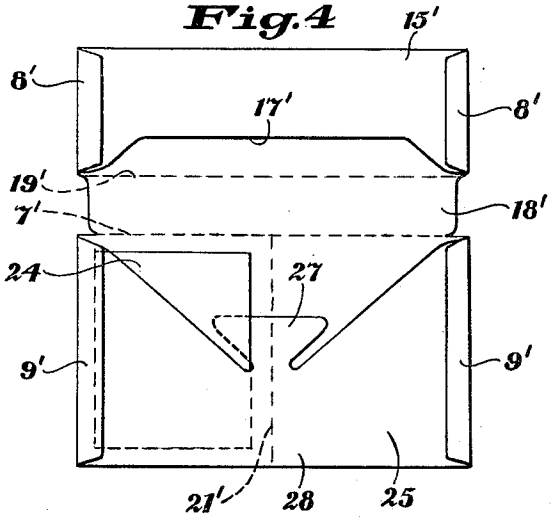


Fig. 4



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This invention relates generally to receptacles, and more specifically to an improved receptacle for photographic prints and negatives.

This is a divisional case of applicants' U.S. pending application Serial No. 742,857, filed June 18, 1958, now Patent No. 2,956,726.

There exists a need in the photofinishing industry, particularly in connection with the development and printing of photographs for customers, for an improved receptacle for delivering the developed films and prints to the customer. It is old in this respect to use a receptacle such as an envelope embodying a pair of spaced apart pockets in which the negatives may be positioned in one pocket and the prints disposed in the other pocket. To our knowledge, however, none of the envelopes have a print compartment which is adapted to form a wallet thereby providing a convenient receptacle for protecting the prints from smudges, scratches, creases, or any other damage that prints are normally susceptible to when they are inserted without any type of protective covering into a customer's pocket or billfold.

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide an improved receptacle for photofinishers having one compartment for receiving negatives, and a second compartment for receiving prints in which the second compartment is adapted to form a wallet for conveniently and protectively housing the prints for ready insertion in the customer's pocket or billfold.

Another object of the present invention is to provide an improved receptacle for photographic negatives and prints that may be formed from a single blank of material.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide an improved receptacle for photofinishers that is of simple design and construction, thoroughly reliable, and economical to manufacture.

One more object of this invention is the provision of an improved receptacle for photofinishers having a print envelope provided with compartments for receiving prints of varying sizes and confining the prints for limited movement within the compartments.

Objects and advantages other than those set forth above will be apparent from the following description when read in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIG. 1 is a plan view of a single blank from which the receptacle of this invention is formed;

FIG. 2 is a plan view of the receptacle formed from the single blank of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a view similar to FIG. 1 showing a modification of the invention; and

FIG. 4 is a view similar to FIG. 2 showing the receptacle formed from the single blank of FIG. 3.

As shown in the drawings, the single blanks **1**, **2** appearing in FIGS. 1 and 3 respectively may be made from a continuous length of sheet material of suitable strong paper, plastic, fiberboard or equivalent sheet material customarily used for making mailing receptacles. The blank **1** is precut and prescored to form panels **3**, **4**, **5** and **6**. A perforated line **7** is provided at the junction of the panels **4**, **5**. The panels **4**, **5** are further provided with marginal portions **8**, **9** respectively which are adapted to be folded

inwardly along fold lines **11**, **12** in parallel overlapping relationship with their respective panels **4**, **5**. The panels **3**, **4** are separated from one another by a fold line **13**, and the panels **5**, **6** are separated from one another by fold line **14**. The panels **3**, **6** may be folded in overlapping engagement with the complementary marginal portions **8**, **9** and may be secured thereto by a suitable adhesive carried by the marginal portions to form negative and print compartments **15**, **16** respectively as seen in FIG. 2. If desired, the adhesive may be placed along the edges of the panels **3**, **6** instead of on the marginal portions **8**, **9**. Furthermore, if preferred, the panels **3**, **6** may in the first instance be folded along the respective fold lines **13**, **14** in overlapping engagement with the panels **4**, **6** and the marginal portions **8**, **9** folded over the edges of the panels **3**, **6** and secured thereto by a suitable adhesive. A similar construction is shown in FIG. 4 which discloses another embodiment of the invention. The panel **3** is provided with a recessed edge **17** which is adapted in the assembled position to facilitate the insertion of negatives into the negative compartment **15**. The panel **4** is further provided with a flap portion **18** which may be folded along a fold line **19** over the entrance of the negative compartment **15** after the negative compartment has been separated from the print compartment **16** along the perforated line **7**. This forms a handy envelope for the negatives which the customer may place in a file or conveniently mail to the photofinisher for reprints. The panels **5**, **6** of the print compartment **16** have a central longitudinally extending score line **21** extending completely across the panels **5**, **6** from one end to the other intermediate the sides thereof. The panel **6** further has a recessed edge **22** similar to the recessed edge **17** and a pair of elliptical slots **23** which are shown inclined with respect to the perforated line **7**. The print compartment **16** receives prints **24**, only one of which is shown, within the slots **23** which confine the prints and prevent unnecessary movement thereof. A portion of each print **24** protrudes from the slot **13** to facilitate insertion therein and removal of the print therefrom. Prints of a size too large to fit within a slot **23** may be inserted in the space between the panels **5**, **6** which forms a large pocket extending across the entire width of the compartment **16**. After the prints **24** have been placed in the print compartment **16**, it may be folded along the center score line **21** to form a protective wallet for the prints **24** which may be inserted by the customer in a pocket or billfold. The wallet conveniently protects the prints from damage resulting from creasing, smudging, bending, or the like.

In the modification of the invention shown in FIGS. 3 and 4, the parts of the single blank **2** that are similar to corresponding parts of blank **1** are designated by the same numerals primed. The print panel **25** of blank **2** is of slightly different form from the corresponding print panel **6** of FIG. 1. The elliptical slots **23** are eliminated, and the panel **25** is precut to provide a pair of ears **26** which merge to form a small lip or flap **27**. The flap **27** is provided with an adhesive which secures the flap **27** and hence the panel **25** to panel **5'** when the panel **25** is folded over along the fold line **14'** into overlapping engagement with panel **5'**. The marginal portions **9'** are then folded over the edges of the panel **25** and secured thereto by adhesive as seen in FIG. 4. The resulting print compartment **28** provides two pockets for receiving the prints **24'**, and as a result of the slanted edge of each ear **26**, a portion of each print **24'** protrudes from the pocket to facilitate insertion therein and removal of the print therefrom.

In the practical application of this invention, a photofinisher, after developing and printing the photographs for

a customer, would place the negatives in the negative compartment **15, 15'** and the prints in the print compartment **16, 28** respectively depending upon which type of receptacle is being used and would then fold the compartments in overlapping relation along the perforated line **7, 7'**. The folded receptacle is sent to the customer who upon receipt thereof separates the negative and print compartments along the perforated line **7 ,7'**. The customer may then place the negative compartment **15, 15'** in a suitable file, and when he desires, may fold the flap **18, 18'** over to form an envelope for mailing the negatives to a photofinisher for reprints. The print compartment **16, 28** may be folded along the center score line **21, 21'**, to form a wallet which may be placed in the customer's pocket or billfold.

The invention has been described in detail with particular reference to preferred embodiments thereof, but it will be understood that variations and modifications can be effected within the spirit and scope of the invention as described hereinabove and as defined in the appended claim.

We claim:

In a receptacle for photographic prints and negatives, the combination of: a unitary blank forming first, second, third and fourth panels, said first and second panels having an adjoining first fold line, said third and fourth panels having an adjoining second fold line, said second and third panels having an adjoining perforated line; marginal portions provided by said second panel adapted to secure said first panel to said second panel when said first panel is folded along said first fold line in overlapping relation with said second panel to form a negative compartment for receiving negatives; marginal portions provided by said third panel adapted to secure said fourth panel to said third panel when said fourth panel is folded along said second fold line in overlapping relation with said third panel to form a print compartment extending across the width of said third panel for receiving prints of a predetermined size; said fourth panel further having a pair of spaced apart elliptical slots cooperating with said third panel for receiving prints of a size smaller than said predetermined size; a flap formed by said second panel adapted to fold over the entrance of said negative compartment to form an envelope when said negative compartment is separated from said print compartment along said perforated line; and said third and fourth panels further having a scored line transverse to said perforated line and extending completely across said third and fourth panels intermediate the sides of said third and fourth panels and passing between said slots whereby said print compartment may be folded therealong to form a protective wallet for the prints.

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