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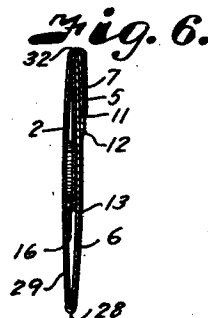
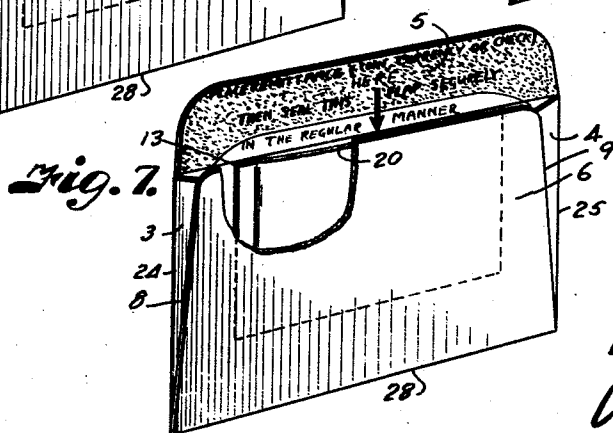
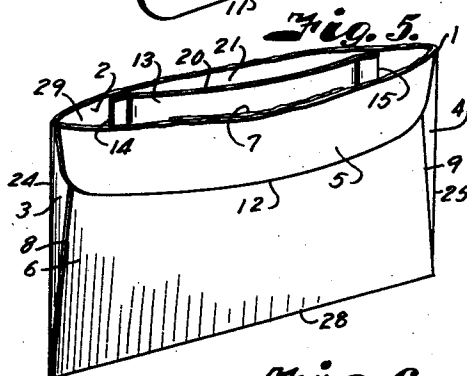
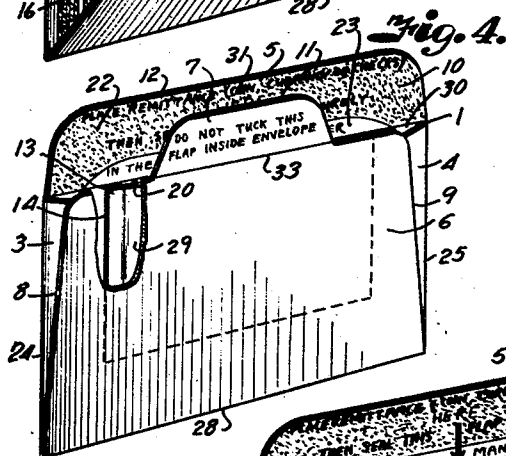
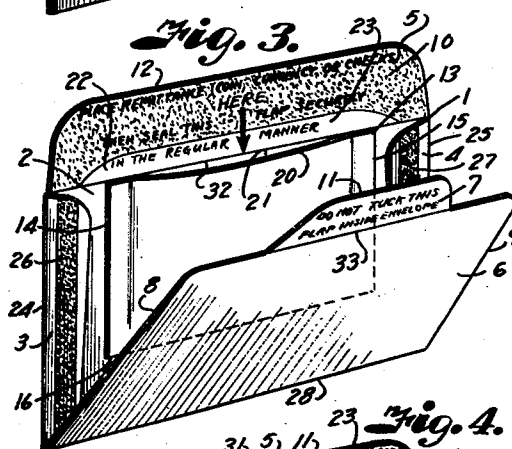
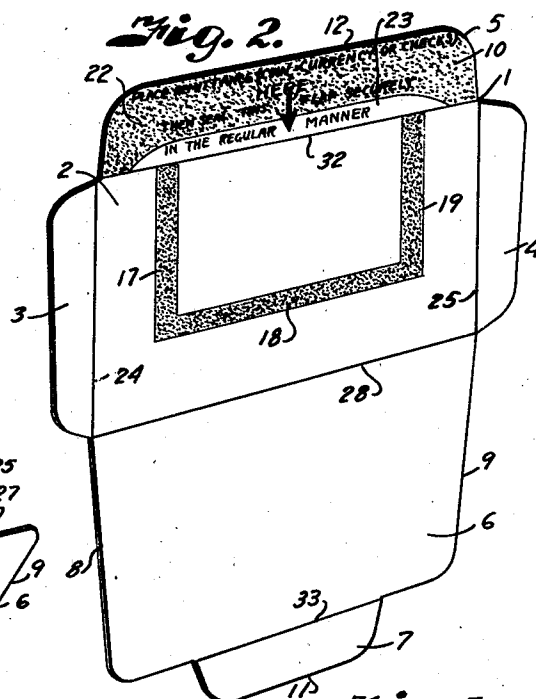
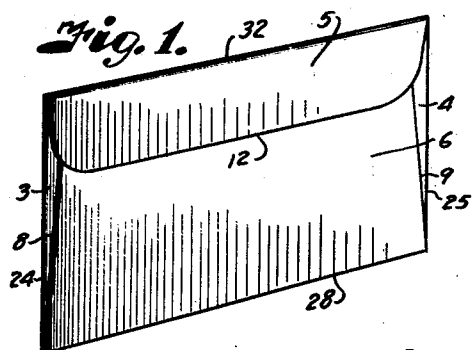
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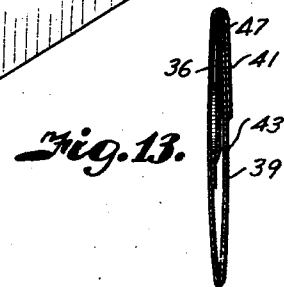
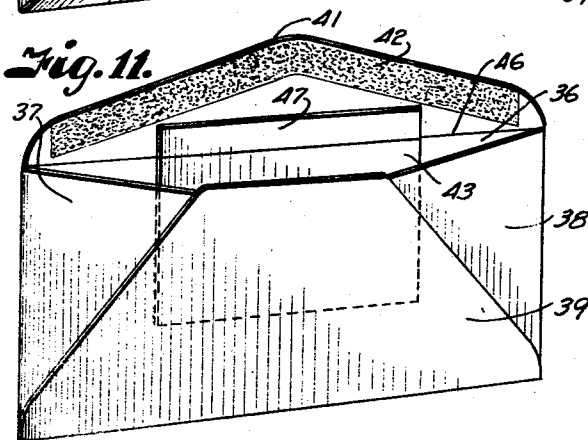
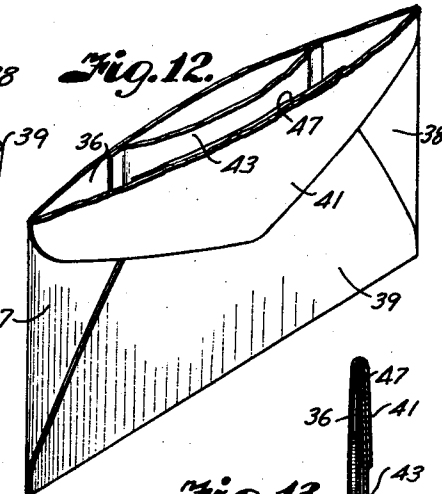
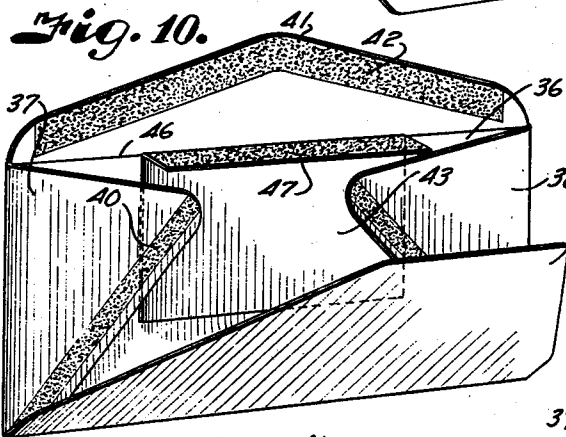
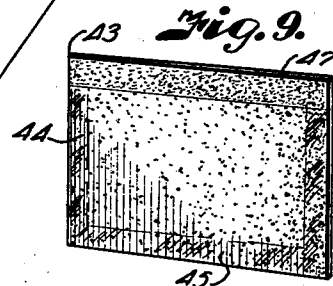
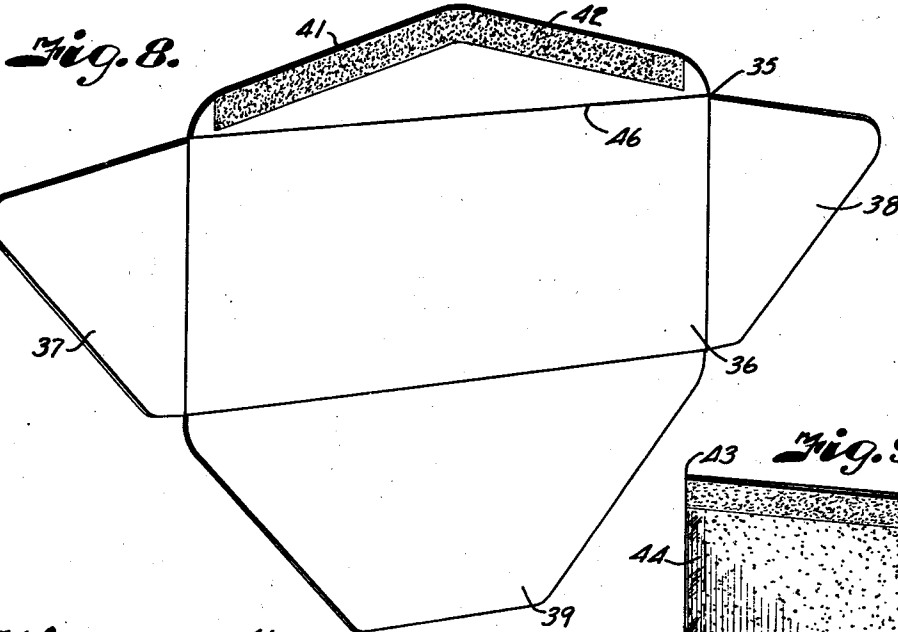
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This invention relates to envelopes, particularly those of the character described in Patent No. 2,062,776, issued to me under date of December 1, 1936.

Envelopes of this character are usually used in forwarding money for the purchase of merchandise, payment of statements, and the like, so that it is desirable to enclose in the envelope a letter, order form, or a statement covering the amount being paid.

It is, therefore, a principal object of the present invention to provide a simple, inexpensive envelope equipped with a money containing pocket and a separate compartment for reception of an enclosure.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a money compartment envelope constructed so that it may be manufactured on a standard envelope machine; to provide a money compartment envelope having a simplified sealing arrangement whereby both the money and enclosure compartments are closed by a sealing flap; and to provide an envelope with a supplementary sealing flap which is adapted to be sealed with the gum of the main sealing flap to close the money compartment and folded with the main flap when it is brought into sealing relation with the back of the envelope.

In accomplishing these and other objects of the invention, as hereinafter pointed out, I have provided improved details of structure, the preferred forms of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an envelope constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the blank showing the gumming thereon and prior to application of the money pocket forming patch.

Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the blank partly folded.

Fig. 4 is a view of the completed envelope showing a part of the back flap broken away to illustrate the coin pocket.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the envelope as it appears after opening.

Fig. 6 is a cross-section through the envelope on the line 6—6 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a modified form of envelope wherein the supplementary sealing flap is omitted.

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of an ordinary envelope blank which may be used in producing a further modification of the invention.

Fig. 9 is a perspective view of a patch consist-

ing of a section of gum tape to be applied to the inner face of the blank illustrated in Fig. 8 to form the money compartment.

Fig. 10 is a perspective view showing the patch applied to the blank and the blank partly folded.

Fig. 11 is a perspective view of the complete envelope showing the sealing flap portion of the tape in sealed relation with the gummed closure flap of the envelope.

Fig. 12 is a perspective view of the envelope after the flaps have been severed, as when opening the sealed envelope.

Fig. 13 is a cross-section through the envelope with the closure flap in sealed position.

Referring more in detail to the drawings:

1 designates an envelope blank, including a front portion 2 of substantially rectangular shape, side flaps 3 and 4 projecting from the sides of the front portion, a main sealing flap 5, and a back flap 6 projecting from the upper and lower edges of the front portion, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. The upper edge of the back flap 6 may be provided with a supplementary sealing flap 7 of less length and width than the flap 5.

The back flap 6 is substantially the same width and depth as the front portion 2 but the side edges 8 and 9 converge slightly toward the edge thereof which carries the supplementary sealing flap 7.

The side flaps 3 and 4 extend the full depth of the front portion and are of a width to provide ample sealing area for the back flap 6 in forming an enclosure compartment, as later described.

The main sealing flap 5 extends completely across the width of the front portion 2 and is preferably of a depth to provide more than the ordinary sealing surface 10. The supplementary sealing flap 7 is of narrower width and less depth so that when the blank is folded the terminal edge 11 thereof will be spaced below the terminal edge 12 of the main flap, as clearly shown in Fig. 4.

A blank of the character described is readily adapted for folding in a standard envelope manufacturing machine and is fed through the patch applying section thereof to effect application of a patch 13 to the inner face of the front portion 2 in a manner similar to application of a transparent patch over an opening in a window envelope. The patch 13 may be of various shapes and sizes but preferably consists of a rectangular strip of less width than the width of the envelope and of shallower depth so that

the side edges 14 and 15, and bottom edge 16 are spaced inwardly from the corresponding edges of the front portion 2 and are sealed thereto by strips of adhesive 17, 18 and 19 illustrated in Figure 2, the patch being applied so that the upper edge 20 is located in registry with the upper edge of the front portion to form an insert opening 21 therebetween, as shown in Fig. 3.

After application of the patch, the blank passes through the section of the machine which applies sealing gum 22 to the inner face of the main sealing flap 5. The sealing gum extends from the terminal edge 12 completely across the width of the flap, but is spaced slightly from the insert opening 21, as illustrated at 23. The sealing gum, however, is carried completely to the fold portion near the ends of the sealing flap so that tight seals are effected at the corners of the envelope.

The blanks, after passing through the drying section of a standard machine, then have their side flaps 3 and 4 folded over the inner face of the front portion 2 on fold lines 24 and 25, after which gum stripes 26 and 27 are applied thereto and the back flap 6 is folded thereover into sealing relation with the gum stripes on the fold line 28 to form an enclosure compartment 29 having an insert opening 30 extending across the entire width of the envelope. Folding of the envelope is then complete with the supplementary sealing flap 7 overlapping the gum 22 on the main sealing flap. The terminal edge 11, however, is spaced below the terminal edge 12 of the main flap so as to expose a portion of the gum therebetween, as indicated at 31 in Fig. 4.

The form of the invention shown in Fig. 7 is exactly the same as that just described, with the exception that the supplementary sealing flap 7 is omitted.

In using the preferred form of envelope constructed as described, the money to be enclosed, such as coin, currency or the like, is inserted through the opening 21 into the money pocket, after which the enclosure, such as a statement, order blank, or the like, is inserted in the enclosure compartment through the opening 30 so that the enclosure lies between the back flap and the money pocket forming patch. The supplementary flap is raised from the main flap so that the gum may be moistened completely across the width thereof. The supplemental flap is then pressed against the moistened gum of the main flap. The main sealing flap is then folded on the fold line 32, together with the adhered supplementary flap, which folds on the line 33 into sealing relation with the outer face of the back flap, as shown in Fig. 6. The gummed area 31 between the terminal edges of the respective flaps effects seal of the main flap along the entire length thereof so that it is sealed to the back flap even though the supplementary flap is positioned thereunder.

When the envelop is received by the addressee, a letter opener may be inserted in one corner of the envelope under the main sealing flap and drawn along the folds of the sealing flap to effect severance thereof, including the supplementary flap, as shown in Fig. 5, so that both pockets are exposed for removal of the contents.

The form of the invention illustrated in Fig. 7 operates in the same manner, with the exception that the closure flap seals both the money and letter enclosure compartments.

It is obvious that the patch forming the money pocket may be applied to the inner face of the

back flap without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Figs. 8 to 13 inclusive show an embodiment of the invention carried out in a standard type envelope. In this form the envelope blank 35 is of conventional design having a rectangular portion to form the front of a completed envelope, substantially angular shaped end flaps 37 and 38, and a back flap 39 which is adapted to be sealed to the end flaps by gum, as indicated at 40 in Fig. 10, to form the back of the envelope. The body portion of the blank has a sealing flap 41 that is adapted to be folded over the back portion and sealed thereto with gum 42. In this embodiment of the invention, the patch is formed from a section of gum tape 43 having dimensions corresponding to the desired pocket. The side and bottom marginal edges of the gummed surface are moistened in the course of envelope manufacture, as indicated at 44 and 45, and the patch is applied to the inner face of the body portion of the blank with the upper edge thereof extending above the fold line 46 of the sealing flap 41 to leave a loose, marginal, upper edge on the patch to constitute a sealing flap 47 for the coin pocket. After the envelope is completely formed, it appears as shown in Fig. 11. In sealing an enclosure in the money compartment, the gum on the flap 47 is moistened and sealed to the sealing flap 41 of the envelope, after which an enclosure to be placed in the envelope is inserted and the gum on the flap 41 is moistened and the flap is folded together with the coin compartment flap 47 over the back portion of the envelope, as shown in Fig. 13. When the envelope is opened, the paper knife or the like severing the sealing flap 41 also severs the flap 47 of the coin pocket so that the coin pocket is simultaneously opened as shown in Fig. 12.

From the foregoing it is obvious that I have provided a money compartment envelope which may be readily manufactured on a standard envelope machine and which includes an enclosure compartment so that a letter, statement, order, or the like, may be included in the envelope along with the money enclosure, but in a separate compartment.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A money compartment envelope including front and back portions, side flaps on one of said portions and sealingly engaging the other portion to form an enclosure compartment having an insert opening extending along one edge thereof, a money pocket forming patch having side and bottom edges spaced from corresponding edges of the envelope and secured to the inner face of one of said portions with its upper edge substantially registering with said enclosure compartment insert opening and providing an insert opening to said money pocket, a flap for said money pocket, and a gummed sealing flap on one of said portions and foldable with said pocket flap to sealingly engage with the other of said portions and retain the pocket flap sealed between said portion and the sealing flap.

2. A money compartment envelope including front and back portions, side flaps on one of said portions and sealingly engaging the other portion to form an enclosure compartment having an insert opening extending along one edge thereof, a money pocket forming patch having side and bottom edges spaced from corresponding edges of the envelope and secured to the inner face of one of said portions with its upper edge sub-

stantially registering with said enclosure compartment insert opening to form an insert opening into said pocket, a gummed main sealing flap on one of said portions, and a supplemental sealing flap extending along the insert opening of said money pocket and of a size to overlie the gummed area of the main sealing flap so that said supplemental sealing flap seals against the gum of the main sealing flap when the gum is moistened and is foldable with the main sealing flap when the main sealing flap is sealed with said other portion, the marginal edges of said supplemental flap terminating within said gummed area so that the gum securing the main sealing flap forms an extended seal about said edges of the supplemental flap.

3. A money compartment envelope including front and back portions, side flaps on one of said portions and sealingly engaging the other portion to form an enclosure compartment having an insert opening extending along one edge

thereof, a money pocket forming patch having side and bottom edges spaced from corresponding edges of the envelope and secured to the inner face of one of said portions with its upper edge substantially registering with said enclosure compartment insert opening to form an insert opening into said pocket, a gummed main sealing flap on one of said portions, and a supplemental sealing flap projecting from the corresponding edge of the other portion to overlie the gummed area of the main sealing flap so that said supplemental sealing flap seals against the gum of the main sealing flap when the gum is moistened and is foldable with the main sealing flap when the main sealing flap is sealed with said other portion, the marginal edges of said supplemental flap terminating within said gummed area so that the gum securing the main sealing flap forms an extended seal about said edges of the supplemental flap.

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