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ENVELOPE AND CARTON

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Fig. 1

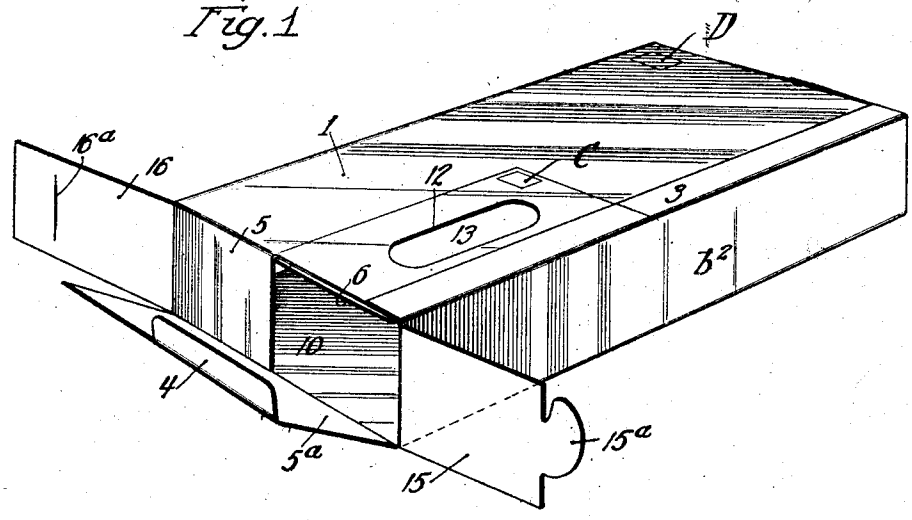


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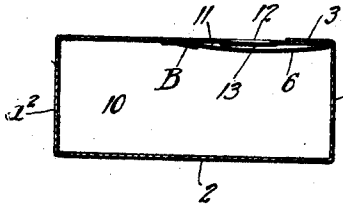
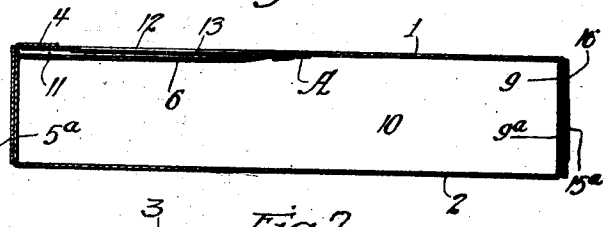
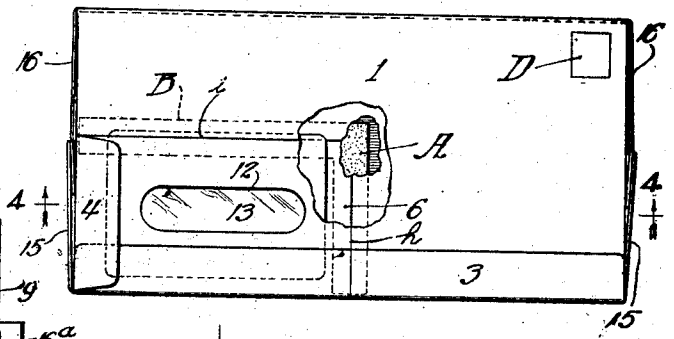


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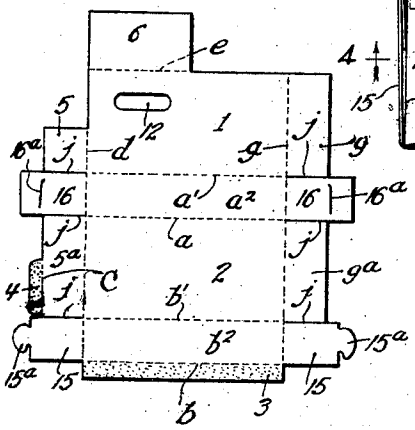
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY IRENE SNAPE, a citizen of the United States, a resident of Springfield, in the county of Sangamon and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Envelopes and Cartons, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to cartons used for mailing purposes in which, things which are ordinarily subject to different postal rates, and which are usually sent in separate envelopes, and cartons may be inclosed in practically one and the same package and the sender thus assured that such things will arrive at their destination together.

The invention has for its principal object to provide a package for mailing purposes in which may be inclosed automobile license number plates issued by the automobile department of the several States, and also the registration card issued by such departments. These two things, the license plate and registration card, are each subject to different postal rates, one being first class, and the other usually fourth class. To the accomplishment of this end, the package is formed with two compartments or pockets; one a large compartment or pocket to contain the license plates and designed to be accessibly fastened, and the other a relatively smaller compartment or pocket to contain the registration card and designed to be inaccessibly sealed. The latter compartment or pocket is preferably provided with a window in one of its walls to expose the name and address of the addressee to whom the plates and card are being mailed.

The invention has for a further object to construct such two compartment mailing package which constitutes, preferably a six sided rectangular package.

A further object of the invention is to form the carton from a blank made from a single sheet of material, paper or cardboard, and to so design and cut the blank that the small compartment or pocket for the registration card may be located at one end of the package with an opening thereinto at the end of the package, for the insertion of the registration or address card therein.

The invention contemplates a two compartment carton for the purposes herein stated, and for all and such other purposes in which it may be desirable to mail things subject to different postal rates. Also cartons, folders and like packages in which is provided a compartment or pocket for receiving and containing bulky articles.

That the invention may be more fully understood reference is had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of the present description, illustrating a preferred embodiment of the invention, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a carton embodying the invention.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the carton, the top wall being broken away to show a certain construction;

Figure 3 is a cross-section as the same would appear, if taken on the line 3—3 Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a cross-section as the same would appear, if taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 2;

Figure 5 is a plan view of the blank, when cut, and before the carton is formed as in Figures 1 and 2;

Like characters of reference denote corresponding parts thruout the figures.

Referring to Figure 5, it will be observed, that the package is made from a single sheet of material which is cut or stamped, so that when scored it may be folded into a carton constructed, as shown in Figure 1. Such sheet has a front wall 1 and a back wall 2, the line of division between the two being preferably scored, as at *a*, *a'* and *b'* so that 1 and 2 may be folded as in Figure 1, to provide a large compartment or pocket 10 therebetween. The back 2 along its longitudinal edge is provided with a flap 3 coated with adhesive and the line of division between the flap and back is preferably scored, as at *b*, so that when 1 and 2 are folded, the flap 3 is folded over the front wall 1 and pasted down, as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3. Said back 2, along a part of one transverse edge is provided with a flap 4 and the line of division between said flap and the back is preferably scored, as at *c*, and such flap serves as a closure for inaccessibly sealing the small compartment or pocket, by being folded over the end of the front wall and pasted down, as shown in Figure 2. The front wall 1, along a part of one transverse edge is provided with a flap 5 and the line of division between said flap and the front is preferably scored, as at *d*. The front wall 1 has formed integrally therewith the preferably rectangular section 6 joined

thereto at one end of the blank and extending a suitable distance the length thereof, the line of division between the front 1 and said section 6 being preferably scored as at *e*. Tapes or adhesive strips, A and B are applied to the inner transverse and longitudinal edges of the said section 6 and to the front wall 1 to provide a small compartment or pocket 11 within the compartment or pocket 10 of the envelope. The compartment or pocket 10 preferably opens out of one end of the envelope, whereas the compartment or pocket 11 opens out of the opposite end of said envelope. The compartment or pocket 11 is inaccessibly closed by the flap 4, as previously explained, which is pasted down and over the open end of the compartment or pocket 11 and against the front wall 1, see Figure 4. The compartment or pocket 10 is preferably accessibly closed by a flap 9 provided on the transverse edge of the front wall 1, opposite the location of flap 5 and the entrance into the compartment or pocket 11 and by flaps 9^a, 15 and 16. The line of division between said flap 9 and said front wall 1 is scored, as at *g*, that the flap may be folded over the opening leading into compartment or pocket 10. That the name and address on the registration or address card may be visible thru the front wall 1 of the small compartment or pocket 11, I provide the wall 1 with a window 12, and preferably covering such window is a transparent sheet 13 which is pasted along its longitudinal edges and inner transverse edge to the front wall 1. An end wall forming strip or section 5^a and flap 9^a are carried by the respective ends of the back wall 2, while flaps 16 are slitted at 16^a and extend outwardly from the respective ends of the side walls a^2. The flaps 15 are provided with tongues 15^a and extend outwardly from the respective ends of the side wall b^2. The flaps 15 and 16 are formed by slitting the blank at *j*.

While the foregoing described package has its value as a container for automobile license plates and the registration card, it is of course understood, there is no limit to the uses to which the same may be put, and whatever the character or description of the thing mailed in the compartment or pocket 10, the compartment or pocket 11 may contain the name and address of the addressee which may appear on a letter, small envelope containing a letter, or other piece of first class mailable matter.

Use of the within described invention obviates the necessity of mailing things, subject to different postal rates, in separate packages, and thereby removes the annoyance due to the delivery of one class of mail with one delivery, and the delivery of a different class of mail matter with another delivery; providing of course one or the other pieces of mail is not lost. This has been particularly annoying in the sending of automobile license plates and registration cards. Owners of several cars have been inconvenienced by the receipt of automobile license plates for their different cars, without their registration designating cards, and the plates could not be used until knowledge of which car a particular plate was to be applied thereto. With the package shown and described, however, the plates and card, will arrive together and will be handed to the addressee in practically one and the same carton, but in a manner that complies with the postal laws, one being sealed and the other unsealed, and each having its own proper postage. The first class postage is applied at C on the front wall 1, while the proper postage for the contents of compartment or pocket 10 is applied at D on the front wall 1.

If the window 12 is omitted, the address can be placed on the envelope, preferably in the area described by the line *h* and *i* and the right angle edges at one end of the envelope. The return card of the sender may appear at the upper left hand corner of the envelope, in the usual manner.

To construct the carton in Figure 1 from the blank in Figure 5, the blank is folded on the scoring *a*, *a'*, *b*, *b'* which produces the top and bottom walls 1 and 2 and the side walls a^2 and b^2. The section 6 is folded in over the window 12 and tapes or adhesive strips A and B are used to secure the longitudinal and inner transverse edge of said section to the inside of the front wall 1. The strip 3 is folded over and pasted down on the outside of the top wall 1, as shown. The end walls are formed by turning down the flaps 5 and 9 and turning up the strips or sections 5^a and 9^a; the sections 5^a having the strip 4 which folds over the open end of the compartment or pocket 11 and arranged to be pasted down on the outside of the front wall 1, as shown in Figure 6, to inaccessibly seal the smaller compartment or pocket 11. To accessibly fasten the ends of the compartment or pocket 10 of the carton, the flaps or sections 16 are folded inwardly over the respective sections 5^a and 9^a and the sections 15 are folded over the sections 16 with their ends overlapping the ends of said flaps or sections 16, whereupon the tongues of 15^a are inserted in the respective slits 16^a.

What I claim is:—

1. A combined carton and envelope comprising a body formed of relatively heavy stock and formed to provide a container for third and fourth class matter and with a closure for accessibly closing one end of said carton, and an envelope for first class matter at one end of said carton and opening out of the end of the carton, its back wall

being interposed between the front and back walls of the carton to protect first class matter within said envelope from any filling within said carton, said body being formed of one integral piece of material and having an integral sealing flap adapted to non-accessibly close the open end of the letter compartment at the end of the carton, said sealing flap and said back wall of the letter compartment being integral with and formed of the same stock as the body of the combined envelope and carton.

2. A combined carton and envelope comprising a body formed of relatively heavy stock and formed to comprise an open ended container for third and fourth class matter and an envelope for first class matter at one end of the carton and opening out of the end thereof, said body being formed of one integral piece of material and having integral foldable closures at each end of the container adapted to accessibly close the same, and a sealing flap for non-accessibly closing the envelope at one end thereof, said closures being integral with and formed of the same stock as the body of the combined envelope and carton.

3. A combined carton and envelope comprising a body of relatively heavy stock and formed to provide an open ended container for third and fourth-class matter and an envelope for first-class matter located at one end of the carton and opening out of the end thereof, the back wall for said envelope being interposed between the front and back walls of the carton to protect first-class matter from contents within said container, said body being formed of one integral piece of material and having integral foldable closures at either end of said container and with a sealing flap for non-accessibly closing the open end of said letter compartment, said sealing flap and back wall for the letter compartment being integral with and formed of the same stock as the body of the combined envelope and carton.

4. A combined carton and envelope comprising a body formed of relatively heavy stock and formed to provide a container for third and fourth-class matter and an envelope for first-class matter, said body being formed of one integral piece of material and having an integral sealing flap adapted to close the letter compartment, said sealing flap being integral with and formed of the same stock as the body of the combined envelope and carton.

5. A package for mailing purposes, comprising a rectangular body having six sides and formed from a single sheet of material and including a box-like compartment for mail matter less than first class, and a relatively small letter compartment on the top of said box-like compartment, so that one address applied to the small compartment is sufficient for both kinds of mail matter, flaps for accessibly closing the opposite ends of said box-like compartment, and a flap for non-accessibly sealing the small compartment.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 31st day of December, 1921.

MARY IRENE SNAPE.