United States Patent [19]

Vandergrift et al.

[11] **3,718,276**

[45] **Feb. 27, 1973**

[54] **ENVELOPE**

[75] Inventors: **Don W. Vandergrift,** Roanoke; **David E. Secrist,** Troutville, both of Va.

[73] Assignee: **Double Envelope Corporation,** Roanoke, Va.

[22] Filed: **May 27, 1971**

[21] Appl. No.: **147,513**

[52] **U.S. Cl.** **229/72**

[51] **Int. Cl.** **B65d 27/08**

[58] **Field of Search** 229/72, 75, 76

[56] **References Cited**

UNITED STATES PATENTS

2,965,282	12/1960	Whitman	229/72
3,030,004	4/1962	Pieromek et al.	229/72
875,636	12/1907	Tubbs	229/72 UX
900,751	10/1908	Lockwood	229/72 UX
2,135,865	11/1938	Winokar	229/72 UX
3,315,878	4/1967	Hiersteiner	229/72

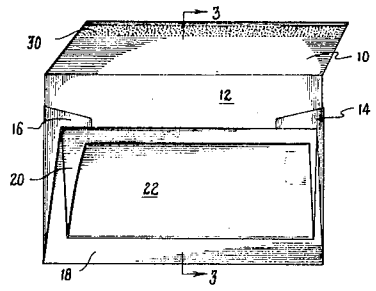
Primary Examiner—Davis T. Moorhead

Attorney—Fredrick W. Turnbull

[57] **ABSTRACT**

A combination envelope especially for use to deliver processed photographic negatives and prints from the processor to the customer, the envelope having a separable pocket for later use in filing the negatives.

3 Claims, 3 Drawing Figures



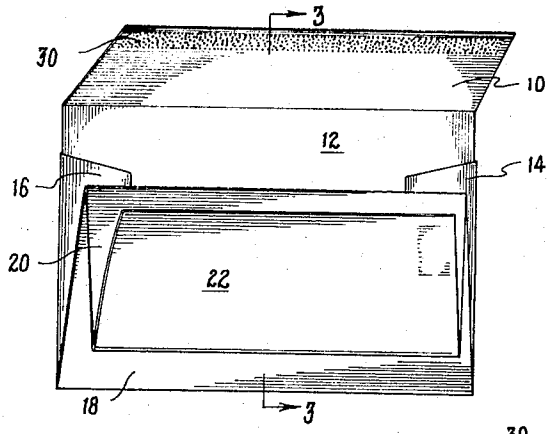


Fig. 1

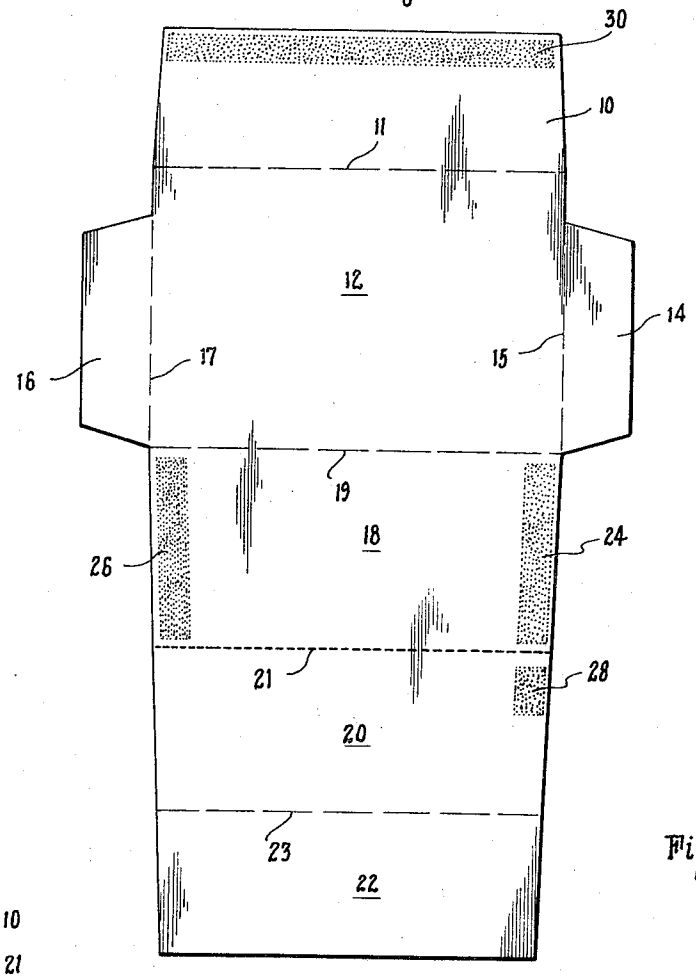


Fig. 2

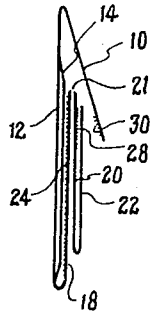


Fig. 3

ENVELOPE

It has become customary to return processed photographic negatives and prints thereof in a dual pocketed envelope, one pocket to receive and hold the prints, and another shallower pocket to hold the processed negatives. In other instances, two envelopes are provided, one for the prints and another for the negatives.

While the single two pocketed envelope is satisfactory in so far as the photographic processor is concerned, as it requires only the one envelope which may have the prints and negatives readily inserted in the appropriate pockets, the customers find the use of seperate envelopes preferable as, upon receipt of the processed material, it is usual for the customer to wish to store the negatives in a file, but to carry the prints in his pocket or mail them to a fried or relative.

It is a primary object of this invention to supply a single envelope to provide both of these parties.

It is a further object to supply a single inexpensive envelope incorporating two serviceable pockets such that the pocket to contain the negatives may be severed from the pocket to contain the prints, which latter forms a complete envelope which may be used to mail the prints to a friend while the negatives are retained in the protective pocket for further prints to be made and for file.

Other and further objects and advantages will appear from the following specification taken with the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters denote like parts in the several views, and in which:

FIG. **1** is a perspective view of the completed envelope.

FIG. **2**, is a view of the blank from which the envelope is formed.

FIG. **3** is a section on line **3—3** of FIG. **1**.

The complete envelope is seen in FIG. **1**, and the blank from which it is formed is shown in FIG. **2**. For the sake of clarity, the closure flap **10** will be considered to be at the top of the envelope, and the solid rectangular panel **12** will be considered to be the back of the envelope.

All of the parts of the envelope and their relative positions when assembled can be seen in FIG. **1**. It will be seen that the two end flaps **14** and **16** folded at fold lines **15** and **17**, overlie back panel **12**. A front panel **18** is folded up on fold line **19** to overlie back panel **12** and is adhered to end flaps **14** and **16** by adhesive areas **24** and **26** to form a first envelope pocket to receive photographic prints. Whether the adhesive is placed on panel **18** or on flaps **14** and **16** is not material.

Further panels **20** and **22** forming a back and a front panel, respectively, of a second envelope pocket are formed as an extension of panel **18** and these two panels, when folded along fold line **23** and secured together at, or along one edge by adhesive **28**, form said second pocket open at the top and at one end to receive photographic negatives. While both ends of the second pocket may be closed, the preferred embodiment contemplates the pocket being closed only at one end. The adhesive **28** may be placed on panel **22** instead of on panel **20** if it should be found in practice to be preferable.

The fold line **21**, by which the pocket **20**, **22**, is secured to the envelope, is preferably a line of weakness such that after receiving the prints and negatives from the processor, the customer may readily sever the pocket **20**, **22**, holding the negatives from the pocket **12**, **18**, holding the prints.

An adhesive area **30** may, of course, be provided on closure flap **10**. This flap **10** may be of sufficient length, if desired, to enclose the pocket **20**, **22** which may be shallow enough to leave an area of panel **18** exposed so that the closure flap **10** could be sealed to the panel **18** while enclosing the pocket **20**, **22** and its contents. It is preferred, however, to have closure flap **10** of sufficient length to overlie the top open side of pocket **20**, **22**, but not to be of excessive length which might render the stuffing of the prints and negatives into the envelope more difficult.

In use at the film processing plant, the envelope of the present invention, as seen in FIG. **1**, would be held in the left hand with the top of the envelope facing toward the right. The prints would then be inserted in the pocket **12**, **18** and the negatives in pocket **20**, **22**. The packet is then complete and ready for delivery.

Upon receipt of the envelope and contents by the customer, the packet may be handled as a unit, precisely as the known two pocket envelope would necessarily be, or the pocket **20**, **22** may be seperated from panel **18** to provide all of the conveniences that accrue from the known use of two seperate envelopes.

Any desired printed matter or indicia may, of course, be placed on the envelopes.

Having thus disclosed our invention, we claim:

1. An envelope comprising a generally rectangular back panel, a closure flap secured by a fold line to said back panel, side flaps folded over said back panel, and a front panel secured by a fold line opposite to the closure flap to the bottom edge of said back panel and adhered to said side flaps to form a first envelope pocket, a second envelope pocket comprising a back panel and a front panel formed of an extension of the said front panel of said first envelope pocket by a fold line along the top edge thereof, the back panel of said second envelope pocket being secured by a fold line to the top edge of said front panel of said first envelope pocket, said second envelope pocket being closed at at least one end by an adhesive connection between said front and back panels of said second envelope pocket.

2. The envelope of claim **1**, in which said fold line along the top edge of said front panel of said first envelope pocket is a line of weakness.

3. The envelope of claim **1**, in which said second envelope pocket is of less length and depth than said first envelope pocket.

* * * * *