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[54] **BANKING ENVELOPE**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A banking envelope includes separate coin and currency pockets. Flaps associated with each pocket, when properly folded into place after the coin and currency pockets have been filled, close the mouths of the coin and currency pockets and are held closed to provide protection against both coins and currency falling from the envelope, but both flaps are readily manually opened to remove the envelope contents.

5 Claims, 10 Drawing Figures

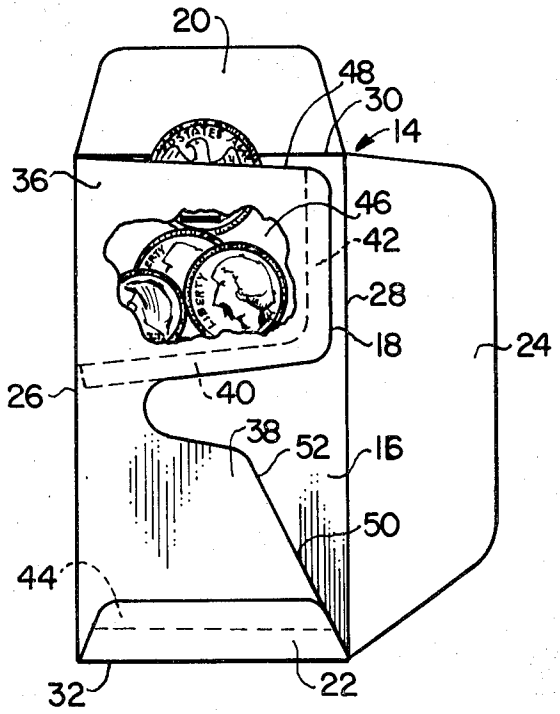
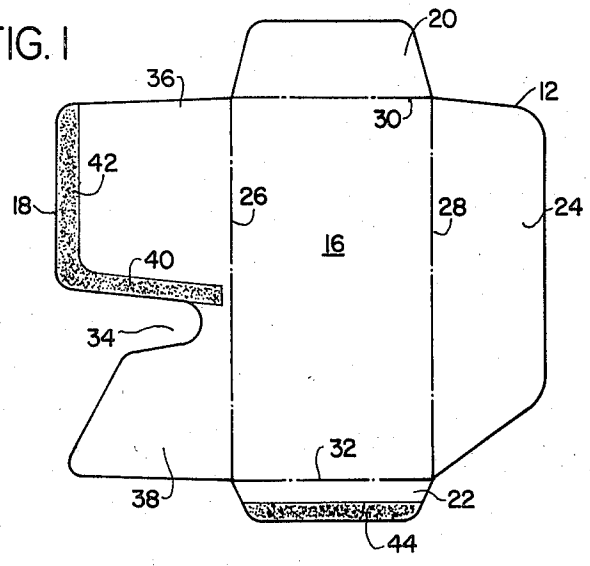


FIG. 1



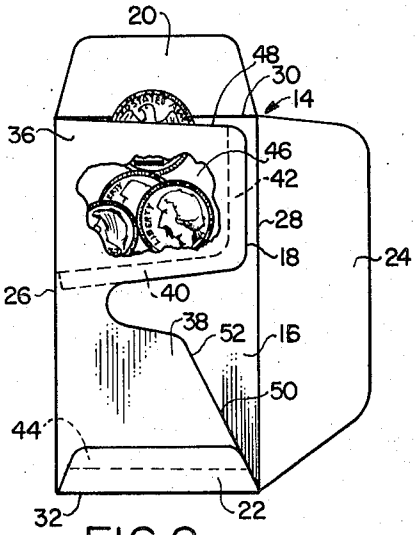


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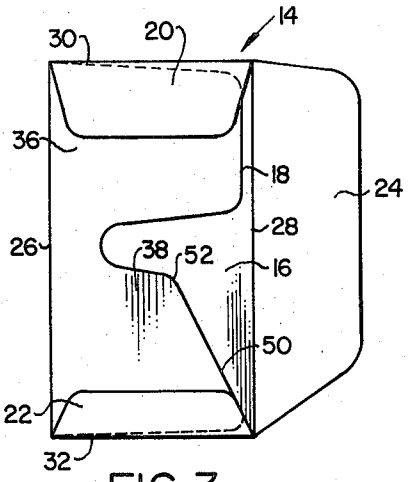


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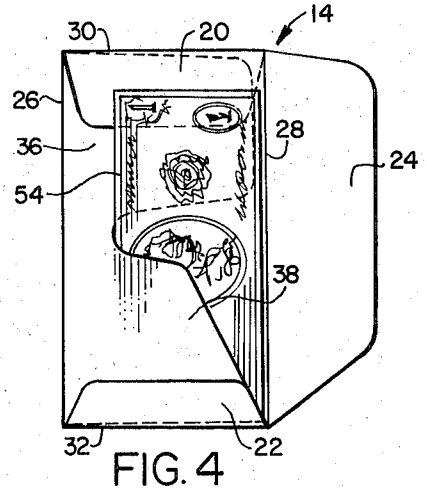


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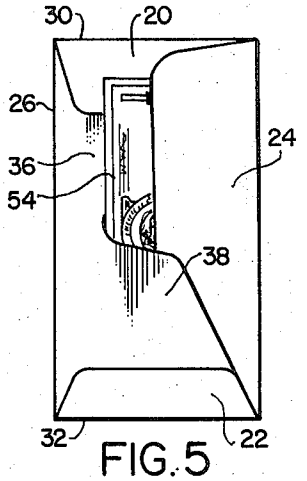
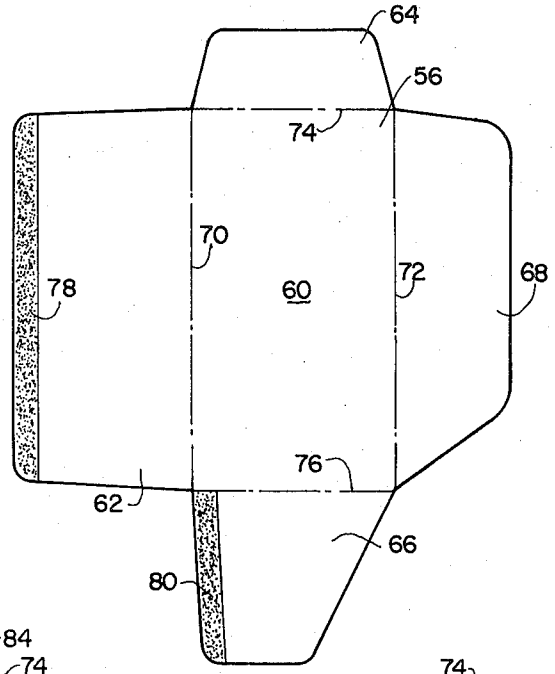


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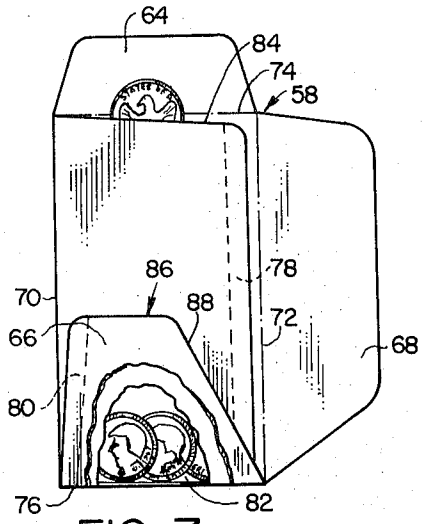


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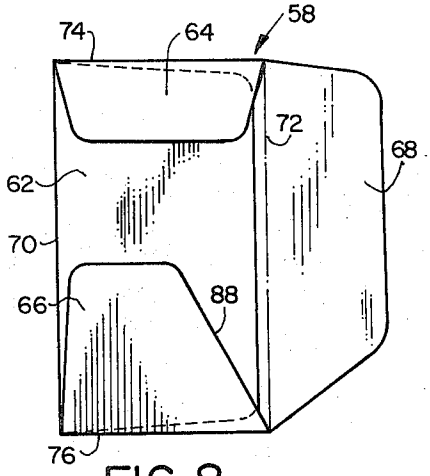


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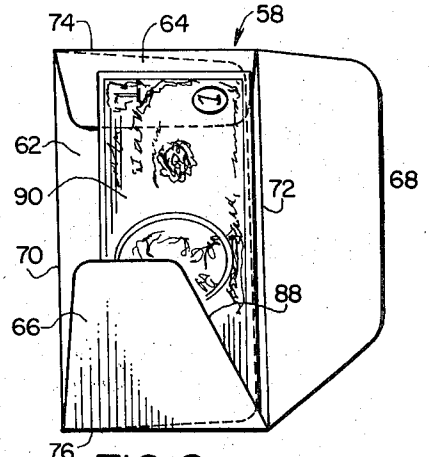


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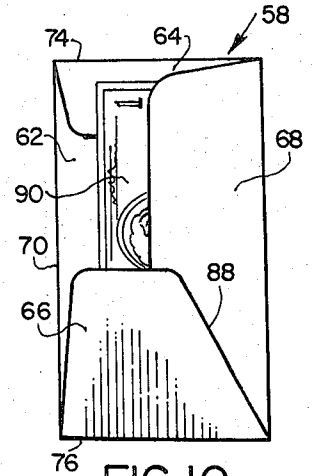


FIG. 10

BANKING ENVELOPE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to envelopes particularly adapted for applications such as drive-in banking wherein groups of coins and currency relating to individual transactions are transported from place to place, or for example, between bank tellers and customers or vice versa, and the present invention particularly relates to such an envelope designed to inhibit both coins and currency from falling therefrom during use.

Envelopes of the type with which this invention is concerned are often used by banks and bank customers to enable the segregation and packaging into proper units of quantities of coins and currency relating to individual transactions and to enable such collections or groups of coins and currency to be transported as units without danger of the coins and currency of any one transaction being lost or mixed with that relating to other transactions or other items.

Such envelopes are usually intended to be expendable and be used only once or for a very few number of transactions, and therefore they should be capable of being made in large quantities at small cost. Also, in addition to inhibiting the loss of both coins and currency from the envelope, the construction of the envelope preferably is such that the currency, deposit slips and the like which may be placed in the currency pocket are at least partially visible when the envelope is closed so that a customer or teller handling the closed envelope can determine the presence of items in the currency pocket without opening the envelope and, if desired, may even count the currency in the currency pocket without opening the envelope. Still further, the envelope should be one very simple to use both in the filling and closing thereof and in the opening and removal of the contents thereof.

The aim of the present invention is to provide a banking envelope of unique design providing all of the objectives mentioned above, these including low cost, protection against loss of both coins and currency from the envelope, visibility of currency in the closed envelope and ease of manipulation in opening and closing.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention resides in a banking envelope made of a blank of paper or similar sheet material and folded and sealed to itself to form a coin pocket, a currency pocket, a first flap for closing the coin pocket, and a second flap for closing the currency pocket. The currency pocket, the aforesaid first and second flaps, and other parts of the envelope are so designed that after the second flap is folded to close the currency pocket, it overlies the previously folded first flap closing the coin pocket and may be tucked into the mouth of and under a flap forming the currency pocket whereby the latter flap of the currency pocket holds the second flap closed and the second flap in turn holds the first flap closed.

In particular, the envelope includes a rectangular rear panel and a front panel connected to one side edge of the rear panel and folded into overlying relationship therewith. In one embodiment, a coin pocket is defined by sealing the front panel to the rear panel by adhesive including a line thereof extending transversely across the front and rear panels and located intermediate the

end edges of the rear panel, and the currency pocket is defined in part by a portion of the front panel located below such line of adhesive, the bottom of the currency pocket being closed by an end flap connected to the lower end edge of the rear panel, folded into overlying relationship with the front panel and sealed thereto. In another embodiment, the front panel is rectangular and of substantially the same size and shape as the rear panel and is sealed to the rear panel by a line of adhesive located adjacent the other side edge of the rear panel so that the coin pocket extends substantially the full length of the envelope. At the bottom of the rear panel is a flap folded about the bottom end edge of the rear panel into overlying relationship wwth the front panel. This flap forms the currency pocket between itself and the front panel and is sealed to the front panel by a line of adhesive extending along one side edge of the rear panel.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. **1** is a plan view of a blank from which a banking envelope comprising one embodiment of this invention is made.

FIG. **2** is a view showing the blank of FIG. **1** folded and sealed to form a completed envelope and with a portion thereof being shown removed to reveal the interior of the coin pocket and the contents thereof.

FIG. **3** is a view similar to FIG. **2** but showing the envelope of FIG. **2** with the top flap folded to close the coin pocket.

FIG. **4** is a view similar to FIG. **3** but showing the envelope of FIG. **3** with currency received in its currency pocket.

FIG. **5** is a view similar to FIG. **4** but showing the envelope of FIG. **4** with the side flap closed and tucked under the flap forming the currency pocket.

FIG. **6** is a plan view showing a blank from which a banking envelope comprising another embodiment of this invention is made.

FIG. **7** is a view showing an envelope made from the blank of FIG. **6,** a portion of the envelope being shown broken away to reveal the interior and contents of the coin pocket.

FIG. **8** is a view similar to FIG. **7** but showing the envelope of FIG. **7** with the top flap folded to close the coin pocket.

FIG. **9** is a view similar to FIG. **8** but showing the envelope in question with currency received in its currency pocket.

FIG. **10** is a view similar to FIG. **9** but showing the side flap folded to its closed position and tucked under the flap forming the currency pocket.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Turning first to FIGS. **1** to **5,** FIG. **1** shows a blank **12** from which an envelope comprising one embodiment of this invention may be made, and FIGS. **2** to **5** show an envelope **14,** formed from the blank **12,** in various stages of use. The blank **12** is cut from paper or similar sheet material as, for example, by a die cutting operation. It includes a rectangular rear panel **16,** a front panel **18,** a top flap **20,** a bottom flap **22** and a side flap **24.** The rectangular rear panel has two side edges **26** and **28** and two end edges, namely, a top end edge **30** and a bottom end edge **32.** The front panel **18** is shaped to include a generally transversely extending notch **34**

which divides it into an upper portion **36** and a lower portion **38.**

It will be understood that FIG. **1** shows the blank **12** prior to its being folded to form the envelope **14** of FIGS. **2** to **5.** Prior to or during the folding process, adhesive is applied to both the front panel **18** and bottom flap **22.** As shown, this adhesive includes a line **40** thereof on the front panel extending generally perpendicular to the side edges **26** and **28** of the rear panel and adjacent the bottom of the upper portion **36** of the front panel, and a line **42** thereof adjacent the free vertical edge of the upper portion **36** of the front panel. The adhesive also includes a line **44** thereof extending along the free edge of the bottom flap **22.**

FIG. **2** shows the envelope **14** in its completed form with the coin pocket filled but with the envelope otherwise unfilled and open. Referring to this figure, it will be understood that the front panel **18** is bonded to the rear panel **16** by the lines **40** and **42** of adhesive so that the upper portion **36** of the front panel defines a coin pocket **46** between itself and the rear panel **16,** the coin pocket **46** having a mouth **48** adjacent the top end edge **30** of the rear panel. Similarly, the bottom portion **38** of the front panel forms a currency pocket **50** between such portion **38,** referred to hereinafter as the currency pocket flap **38,** and the rear panel **16,** which currency pocket may be used to receive currency, deposit slips and the like. The bottom of the currency pocket **50** is closed by the end flap **22** which is folded above the bottom end edge **32** of the rear panel and sealed to the currency pocket flap **38** by the line of adhesive **44.** The free edge **52** of the currency pocket flap **38,** which edge faces generally upwardly and toward the side edge **28** of the rear panel, defines the mouth of the currency pocket.

In the use of the envelope **14** of FIGS. **2** to **4,** coins are first placed into the coin pocket **46** as shown in FIG. **2.** The top flap **20** is then folded along the top end edge **30,** which is preferably creased in the forming of the envelope to facilitate such folding, to the closed position of FIG. **3.** Thereafter, currency **54** may be placed in the currency pocket as shown in FIG. **4.** Then, as a final step, the side flap **24** is folded to the position shown in FIG. **5,** at which it overlies partially the currency **54.** This folding occurs about the side edge **28** of the rear panel which side edge is also preferably creased in the making of the envelope to facilitate such folding. From FIGS. **4** and **5** it will be particularly noted that the dimension of the side flap **24** is such that when it is folded from the FIG. **4** to the FIG. **5** position the lower portion of it may be tucked into the mouth of the currency pocket **50** so as to underlie a portion of the currency flap **38.** Therefore, in the closed and "tucked-in" position of FIG. **5,** the side flap **24** is held closed by the currency flap **38,** and the side flap **24** in turn holds closed the top flap **20,** thereby sealing both the currency pocket and the coin pocket. It will also be noted from FIG. **5** that when the envelope **14** is in its illustrated closed position, a portion of the currency **54** is visible so as to allow a user to quickly visually determine the presence or absence of currency without the need for opening the envelope.

From FIG. **5** it should also be noted that the relative dimensions of the various parts of the envelope **14** are such that when currency **54** is placed in the currency pocket, a portion of the currency overlaps the closed top flap **20** but does not extend beyond the top edge **30.** It will therefore be evident that, if desired, currency may be placed in the currency pocket before folding the top flap **20** into closed position. When this is done and when the top flap **20** is thereafter folded to its closed position, the top flap **20** will also aid in holding the currency in the currency pocket.

Another embodiment of the invention is shown in FIGS. **6** to **10.** Referring to these figures, FIG. **6** shows a blank **56** from which an envelope may be made, and in FIGS. **7** to **10** such envelope is shown and indicated at **58.** The blank **56** includes a rectangular rear panel **60,** a generally rectangular front panel **62,** a top flap **64,** a bottom flap **66** and a side flap **68.** The rear panel **60** is defined by two parallel side edges **70** and **72** and two parallel end edges **74** and **76.** The edges **72** and **74** are preferably creased to facilitate subsequent manual folding of the flaps **64** and **68.** The blank **56** is made from paper or similar sheet material, as for example by die cutting, and prior to or during the folding process, by which an envelope is made from it, a line **78** of adhesive is applied along the free vertical edge of the front panel **62** and a vertical line **80** of adhesive is applied along the left-hand edge of bottom flap **66.**

Referring to FIGS. **7** to **10** and first considering FIG. **7,** it will be understood that the envelope **58** includes a coin pocket **82** located between the front panel **62** and rear panel **60.** This coin pocket **82** is closed along the illustrated left-hand edge by the fold line **70,** along its right-hand edge by the line of adhesive **78** and at its bottom edge by the fold line **76** about which the bottom flap **66** is folded into overlying relationship with the front panel, the bottom flap **66** being adhesively secured to the front panel by the line of adhesive **80.** The top edge of the front panel **62** is free of the rear panel **60** so as to define a mouth **84** for the coin pocket. The end flap **66** constitutes a currency flap which together with the front panel **62** defines a currency pocket **86.** This currency pocket is closed at its left-hand edge by the line of adhesive **80** and at its bottom edge by the fold line **76.** The remaining and generally upwardly and rightwardly facing edge **88** of the currency flap **66** is free of attachment to any other panel and defines the mouth of the currency pocket **86.**

FIG. **7** shows the envelope **58** with its coin pocket **82** containing a number of coins. After the coin pocket is filled, its mouth **84** may be closed by folding the top flap **64** about the line **74** to the position of FIG. **8.** Thereafter, currency **90** may be placed in the currency pocket as shown in FIG. **9,** and finally the side flap **68** may be folded from the position shown in FIG. **9** to the position shown in FIG. **10.** From FIG. **10** it should be noted that the side flap **68** is of such a size and shape as to be capable of being partially received in the currency pocket **86.** Therefore, as it is folded to its closed or FIG. **10** position, it may be tucked under the currency flap **66** so that the currency flap **66** thereafter holds it in such closed position. Also, when the side flap **68** is in its closed position, as shown in FIG. **10,** it in turn partially overlaps and holds closed the top flap **64.**

As with the envelope **14** of FIGS. **2** to **5,** the envelope **58** of FIGS. **7** to **10** has its parts so relatively shaped and sized that when currency **90** is received in the currency pocket **86** and the top flap **64** is folded to its closed position, the currency will partially overlap the top flap **64** but not extend above the top edge **74.** Therefore, if desired, currency may be placed in the currency pocket before the top flap **64** is folded to its

closed position. If this is done, then the top flap **64**, after folded to its closed position, will also aid in holding the currency in the currency pocket.

I claim:

1. A banking envelope for use in transporting both coins and currency, or similar items, said envelope comprising: a rectangular rear panel having two parallel side edges and two parallel end edges, said side edges being longer than said end edges and said end edges consisting of a top end edge and a bottom end edge, a front panel connected to said rear panel along a fold line defining one of said side edges and immediately overlying said rear panel, means sealing said front panel to said rear panel to form a coin pocket therebetween having a mouth adjacent said top end edge, a top flap connected to said rear panel along said top edge and adapted to be folded along said top edge into overlying relationship with said front panel to close said coin pocket mouth, means defining a currency pocket including a currency flap extending upwardly from said bottom end edge, said currency flap having a free marginal edge portion facing generally upwardly and toward the other of said edges of said rear panel and defining a mouth for said currency pocket, said currency flap having an upper end spaced below said top flap when said top flap is folded to close said coin pocket, and a side flap connected to said rear panel along said other side edge of said rear panel, said side flap having a dimension perpendicular to said side edges less than that of said rear panel and said side panel also being foldable along said other side edge so as to at least partially overlie currency received in said currency pocket and as so folded being partially receivable in said mouth of said currency pocket so as to be held in said folded condition by said currency flap.

2. A banking envelope as defined in claim **1** further characterized by said side flap being of such size and shape as to partially overlie said top flap and thereby hold said top flap in its closed position when said side flap is in its folded condition and partially received in said currency pocket.

3. A banking envelope as defined in claim **1** further characterized by said means sealing said front panel to said rear panel including a line of adhesive extending generally perpendicular to said side edges of said rear panel and located intermediate said end edges, said line of adhesive defining the bottom of said coin pocket, and said currency flap being a portion of said front panel located below said line of adhesive.

4. A banking envelope as defined in claim **3** further characterized by a bottom flap connected to said rear panel along said bottom end edge and folded into overlying relationship with said currency flap portion of said front panel, and means bonding said bottom flap to said currency flap.

5. A banking envelope as defined in claim **1** further characterized by said currency flap being a flap connected to said rear panel along said bottom end edge and folded along said bottom end edge into overlying relationship with said rear panel, said currency flap having a side edge located generally adjacent and parallel to said one side edge of said rear panel and means securing said currency flap adjacent said side edge thereof to the immediately underlying panel.

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