

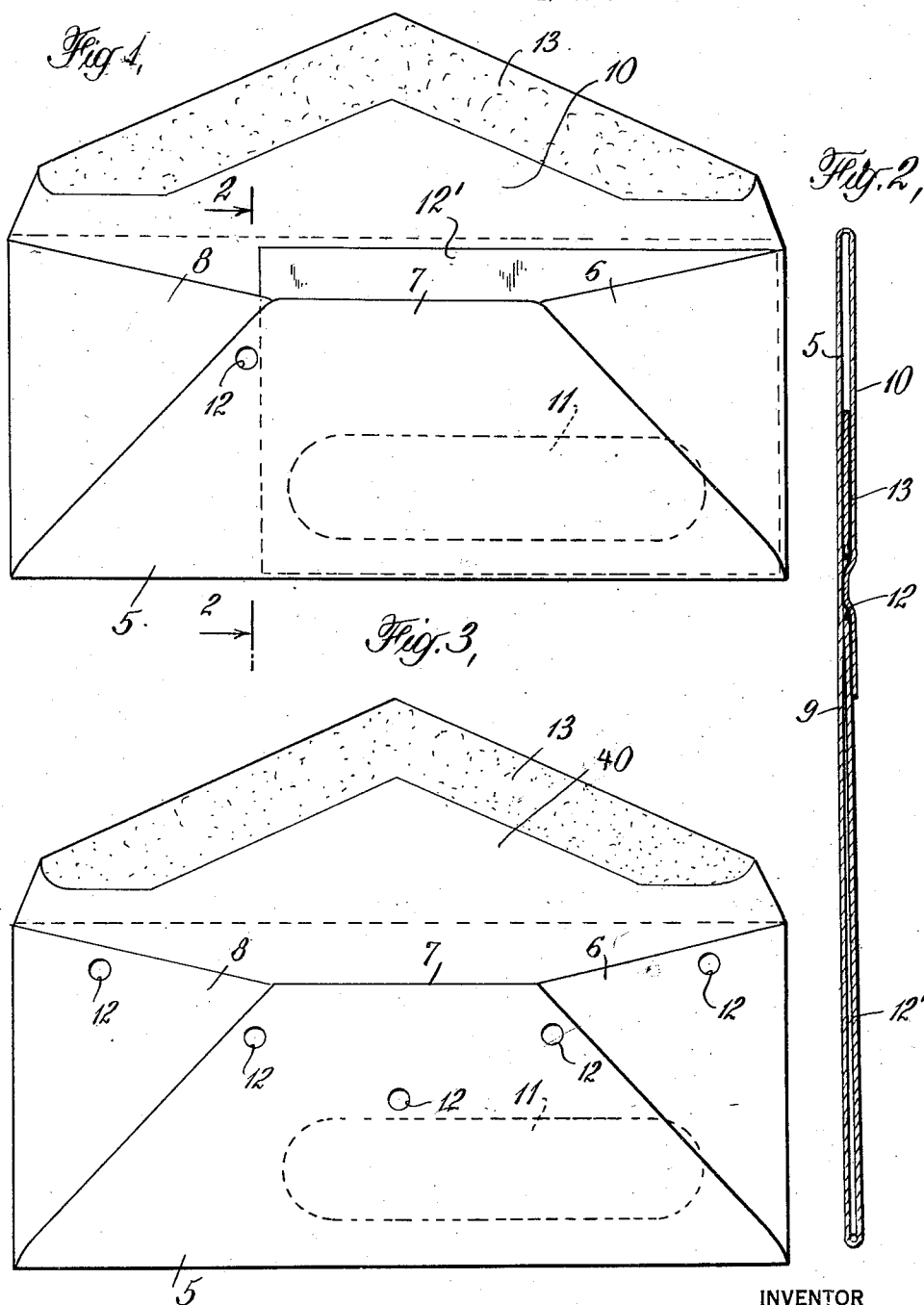
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This invention relates to so-called "window envelopes" which have usually an opening in the face thereof with a cover of glassine paper so that an address written upon the contents of the envelope is visible through the window.

Such envelopes are made in various sizes, but the successful use thereof depends upon the adoption of an envelope of substantially the same size as the enclosure so that the latter when inserted will not shift its position with reference to the window. This permits the placing of the name and address in a definite position on the enclosure and ensures that the name and address will remain visible while the envelope is in the mail.

Window envelopes have not been adapted heretofore for use in transmitting enclosures which do not fit snugly in the envelope for the obvious reason that any shifting of the enclosure may make the name and address partly or wholly invisible. In certain cases where enclosures of different kinds are mailed in such envelopes part of the enclosures are longer than the part bearing the name and address. For example, in mailing cancelled checks from banks with the accompanying monthly statement, a long envelope must be used to accommodate the checks whereas the statement is rarely of the same length and in such a case the window envelope cannot be used successfully.

It is the object of the present invention to provide an improved window envelope which permits the use of enclosures which are shorter than the envelope and ensures, nevertheless, that the enclosure will remain in predetermined position with reference to the window.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent as it is better understood by reference to the following specification and accompanying drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of an envelope embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view of the envelope; and

Fig. 3 is a plan view illustrating a modified form of envelope.

In carrying out the invention, the rear face of the envelope is provided with one or more small openings so positioned as to be beneath the gummed flap when the enve-

lope is sealed. The opening or openings permit the moistened gum to adhere to the inner side of the front of the envelope or to the contents thereof. The opening or openings can be positioned to meet various requirements as, for example, near the end of the window in the face of the envelope so that the gum will prevent an enclosure from slipping past the gummed spot. A card bearing the name and address can be inserted thus in an envelope which is longer than the card, and it will be held by the gummed spot in position so that the name and address are visible through the window. The gummed spot may be positioned likewise so that the gum will adhere to the card or other enclosure and hold it firmly in the desired position with reference to the window, or the gum may adhere to the back of one of a number of enclosures which are clipped or otherwise fastened together. The enclosure nearest the window may bear the name and address which will be visible therethrough even though this particular enclosure is shorter than the envelope. The invention may, in fact, be utilized in various ways to accomplish its primary purpose, that is, the retention of an enclosure in the proper position within the envelope so that the name and address are visible through the window.

Referring to the drawing, 5 indicates an envelope of the usual form having flaps 6, 7 and 8 folded upon the face 9 and secured by gum in the usual way. A gummed flap 10 is provided for the purpose of sealing the envelope. Of course the form and arrangement of the flaps may be varied to conform with any usual or desired practice in the construction of envelopes, the exact structure forming no part of the present invention.

The face 9 of the envelope is provided with a glassine window 11 through which the name and address on the enclosure 12 are visible. If the enclosure is substantially as long as the envelope it is necessary only that the name and address be positioned properly on the enclosure. If, however, the enclosure is shorter than the envelope it will tend to shift therein while the envelope is in the mail. To avoid this difficulty a small opening 12 is provided in the flap 7 so that it is beneath the gum 13 on the flap 10 when the envelope is sealed. The opening 12 may be positioned as indicated in the

flap 7 or in the flap 6 or 8 and at any desired point so long as it is beneath the gum 13 when the envelope is sealed.

In using the envelope the enclosure is placed therein and properly positioned with reference to the windows so that the name and address are visible therethrough. The gum is then moistened and the flap 10 is folded in the usual manner. A portion of the moist gum will adhere either to the inner side of the face of the envelope or to the contents thereof, depending upon the position of the opening 12. The contents of the envelope will be prevented, accordingly, from shifting with reference to the window.

In Fig. 3 of the drawing the envelope is the same as in Figs. 1 and 2 with the exception of the provision of a number of openings 12 disposed at intervals in the flaps 6, 7 and 8 so that the envelope is adapted for use with a variety of enclosures, the latter being held in the desired position either by adherence of the gum thereto or to the front face of the envelope adjacent to the edge of the enclosure.

In utilizing the invention to transmit cancelled checks with a statement, the checks may be folded inside of the statement so that the rear fold thereof will be behind one or more of the openings 12 in the rear face of the envelope. The statement may be shorter than the envelope but it will be held firmly in the desired position so that the name and address on the statement will be visible through the window and will not move with reference thereto. If there are a considerable number of checks so that the envelope is expanded, the statement may be fastened to the checks by a clip or rubber band. The gum on the flap 10 will adhere to the rearmost check in the bundle and thus hold the bundle firmly in the desired position so that the name and address on the statement remain visible while the envelope and contents are in transit.

The form of the opening 12 may be circular although the form is not essential to

the successful use of the invention. It is desirable that the size of the opening be reduced as much as possible in order that the amount of gum adhering to the contents be limited. Nevertheless, openings of considerable size can be used and they may be of any desired shape.

Various changes may be made in the details of the invention without departing therefrom or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

I claim:—

1. An envelope having a window, a gummed flap adapted to seal the envelope and an opening in the face of the envelope to which the gum adheres when the envelope is sealed, whereby the gum adheres also to a surface within the envelope to hold an enclosure in proper relation to the window.

2. An envelope having a window, a gummed flap adapted to seal the envelope and a plurality of openings in the face of the envelope to which the gum adheres when the envelope is sealed, whereby the gum adheres also to a surface within the envelope to hold an enclosure in proper relation to the window.

3. An envelope having a window in its front face, a gummed flap adapted to seal the envelope by adhesion to the rear face thereof and an opening in the rear face through which the gum adheres also to a surface within the envelope to hold an enclosure in proper relative position to the window.

4. An envelope having a window in its front wall, a gummed flap adapted to seal the envelope by adhesion to the rear wall of the envelope, this rear wall having an opening so positioned that it is covered by the gummed part of the flap when the envelope is sealed whereby the gum adheres, through the opening, to the inner side of the front wall to hold an enclosure in proper relative position to the window.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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