

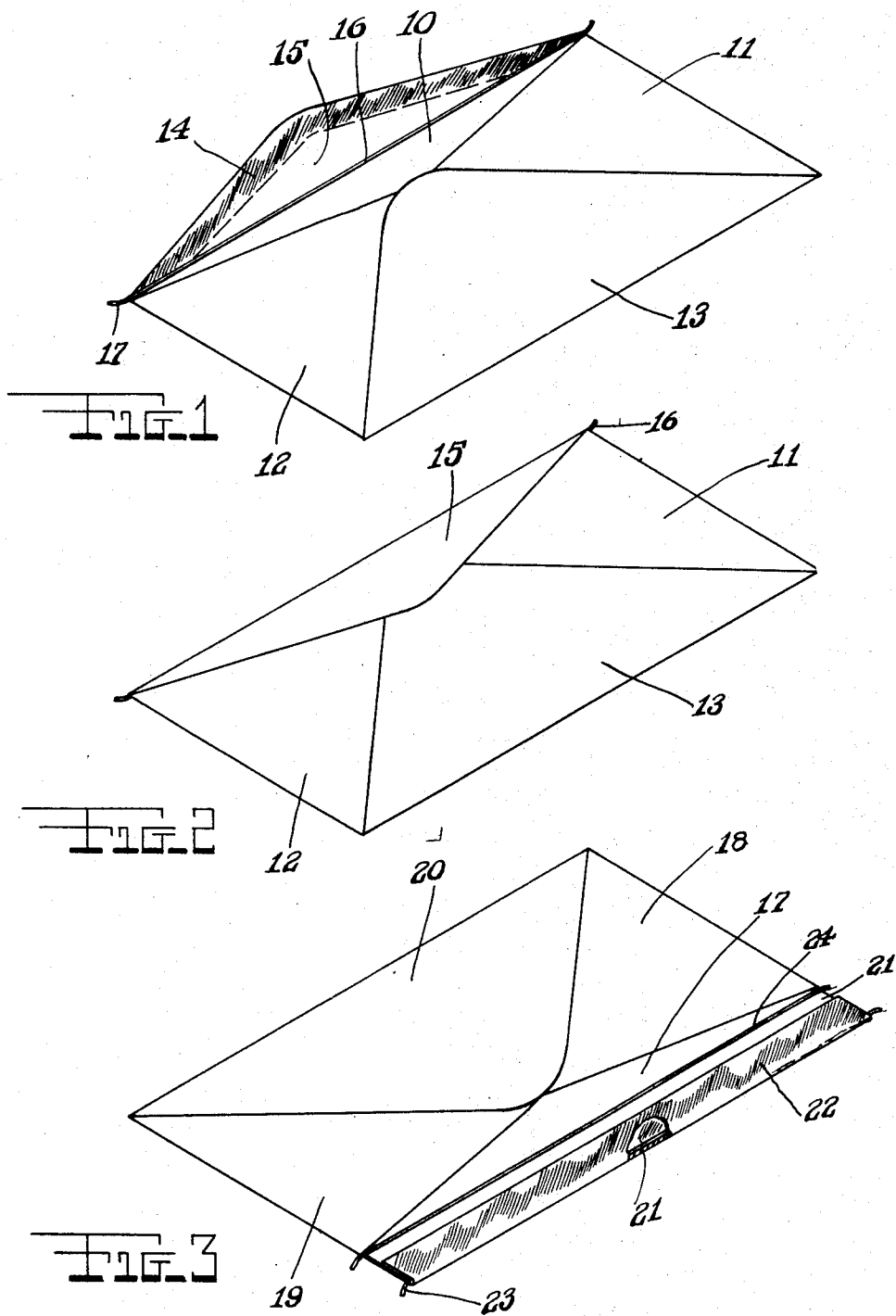
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The main object of this invention is to provide an envelope which is provided with means for shirring the closure flap from the body of the envelope so that the same may be quickly and readily opened for removing the contents thereof.

Another object of the invention is to provide a modified type of envelope which may be sealed several times in a successive manner so that the envelope may be used several times for mailing purposes, and is additionally provided with means for shirring the closure flap from the body of the envelope so that no tools or letter-openers are required in this letter opening operation.

The above and other objects will become apparent in the description below, in which characters of reference refer to like-named parts in the drawing.

Referring briefly to the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the preferred type of envelope showing the closure flap in open position.

Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1, showing the closure flap in sealed condition.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the modified form of envelope showing the same in unsealed condition.

Referring in detail to the drawing, numeral 10 indicates the main rectangular body of the envelope. On end sides of this body end flaps 11 and 12 are located. These end flaps are folded over upon a predetermined line to lie parallel upon the body 10 of the envelope and are retained in this condition by sealing flap 13. This structure presents a pocket between end flap, sealing flap and body of the envelope, in which a missive may be deposited. The entire pocket is sealed by wetting the gummed marginal edge 14 of a closure flap 15, which is adapted to be folded over upon the end flaps 11 and 12, to which said closure flap adheres. In the bight of the loop formed between the closure flap and the body 10 of the envelope a linear string 16 is secured. This string is preferably specially prepared by a coating with wax or the like and has its ends 17 projecting from the upper opposing corners of the envelope.

In the modified form of envelope shown in Figure 3, a structure is provided which permits several successive sealings of the envelope so that the same may be used more than once. This envelope has a rectangular body 17, end flaps 18 and 19, and a sealing flap 20, which are arranged and have the same shape as the equivalent flaps in the preferred type of envelope illustrated in Figures 1 and 2. The closure flap comprises two strips, a main closure strip 21, which has its obverse surface treated with glue, and an auxiliary closure flap 22 continuing therefrom. The auxiliary flap is folded over to lie flat upon the main flap 21 but does not adhere to the glued surface of the latter. In the bight loop formed between the auxiliary flap 22 and main flap 21, a string 23 is anchored by being glued in place and has its ends projected from the side edges of these flap members as illustrated in Figure 3. Upon the line of bending between the main flap 21 and the body 17 of the envelope, a second auxiliary string 24 is located.

The envelope illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 is adapted to be shirred at the bight of the loop formed between the over-closure flap 15 and the body 10 of the envelope. By simply pulling the end 17 of the string located in this bight, the closure flap 15 is shirred in a clean manner from the remainder of the envelope and the contents of the latter may be removed without requiring the use of a letter-opener or the like. In the modified form of device, shown in Figure 3, a closure flap is provided which permits the repeated use of the envelope. The envelope illustrated in Figure 3 is provided with a plurality of closure flaps. The closure flap lying on top and indicated by the numeral 22, has an upper gummed surface which is the first flap used in originally sealing the envelope. When the string 23 is separated, the auxiliary flap 22 from the flap 21, the envelope is in open condition and the contents thereof may be removed. For a successive use of the envelope, the gummed surface of the main flap 21 is caused to adhere to the side flaps 18 and 19 and is opened a second time by the application of a pull open of the string 24.

It is to be noted that certain changes in form and construction may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

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In an envelope having a body and a main closure flap, an auxiliary closure flap integral with said main closure flap, said closure flaps having the same faces treated with glue and
10 being independently and successively adapted to adhere to said body, a string between said main closure flap and said auxiliary closure flap, a second string between said main
15 closure flap and said body, said strings being adapted to be independently and successively pulled to shirr each successive closure flap.

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