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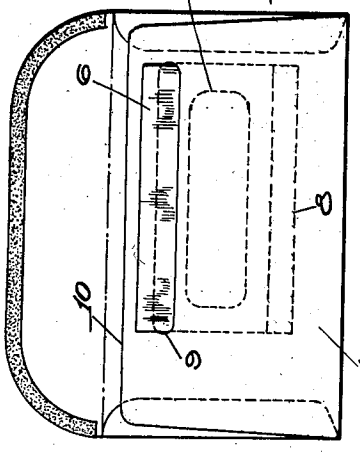


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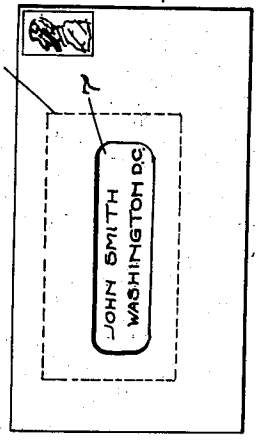


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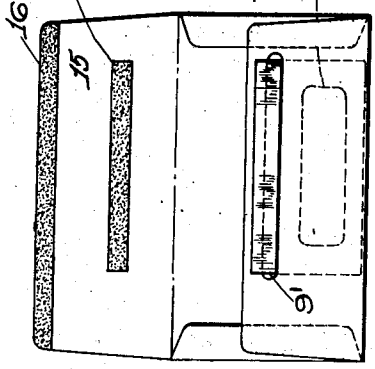


Fig. 1.

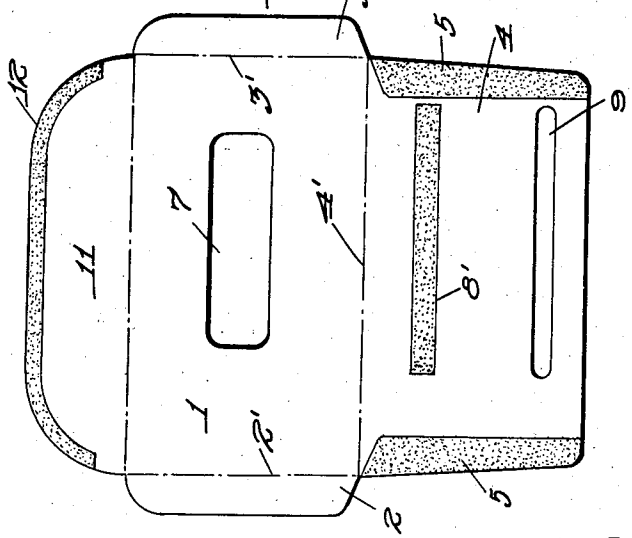
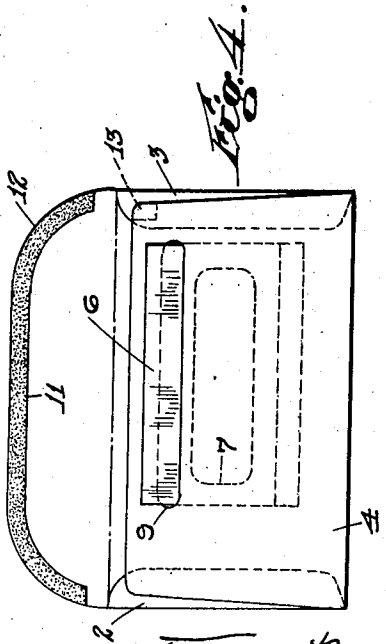


Fig. 4.



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The present invention relates to an envelope so constructed as to serve for the transmission, by mail or otherwise, of a card or other inclosure that is much smaller than the area bounded by the envelope's edges,—notwithstanding which disparity of size, the sendee's name and address appearing on said card are maintained in registry with an opening or window in the face of the envelope.

Other and further objects and advantages of the invention will be made apparent in the following detailed description thereof, reference in this connection being had to the accompanying drawing, wherein

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the sheet or blank from which my improved envelope is made.

Fig. 2 is a rear view of the completed envelope, after the insertion of the card or inclosure.

Fig. 3 is a front view of the completed envelope after closing or sealing the same.

Fig. 4 is a rear view of a modified form of my invention.

Fig. 5 is a rear view of another modification of my invention.

Like reference characters refer to like parts in the different figures.

The envelope blank of Fig. 1 provides a rectangular body portion 1, from which project the opposite narrow end flaps 2 and 3, the latter in the manufacture of the envelope being initially folded inwardly along the lines of fold 2′ and 3′. Also projecting from said body portion 1 is a back flap 4, whose end edges are gummed as shown at 5, 5, so that when said back flap 4 is folded along the line 4′, the gummed margins 5, 5 register with the previously infolded end flaps 2 and 3, for the production of an envelope, as shown in Fig. 2, of the same size as the body portion 1.

My invention contemplates that such an envelope, of conventional size, shall serve for the transmission of a card or inclosure 6 of much smaller size, such a card, for example, an automobile license card, to be so held within the envelope as to maintain registry with a window or opening 7 cut or provided in the body portion 1 which constitutes the front wall of the completed envelope, whereby the name and address of the sendee appearing on one face of said card shall be exposed by said window. To this end, a suitable barrier, to prevent the card 6 from dropping down to the bottom of the envelope, away from registry with the window 7, is provided in the form of an adhesive attachment 8, Fig. 2, between the back flap 4 and the body portion 1, such adhesive attachment being produced by a band of moist adhesive 8′, Fig. 1, laid on the back flap 4 prior to the latter's folding along the line 4′.

To prevent the card 6 from slipping sidewise away from registry with the window 7, the back wall of the envelope, in this instance constituted principally by the flap 4, is provided near its upper edge with a slot 9 of substantially the same length as the card 6, the latter, in the act of being placed in the envelope being inserted through the slot 9, rather than through the open mouth of the envelope that is defined by the free edge 10 of said back wall. The location of said slot 9, in relation to the barrier 8 and to the shortest dimension of the card 6, is such that invariably the upper edge of the card is left projecting through said slot, as shown in Fig. 2, so that the ends of the slot prevent any appreciable endwise displacement of the card, away from registry with the window 7.

With the card 6 thus inserted and registered with the window 7, the usual closure flap 11 can be folded down and sealed to the back wall by means of its adhesive margin 12, thus preventing withdrawal of the card 6 from the envelope until the latter is opened in the usual way.

Referring to Fig. 4, the construction therein illustrated is substantially the same as that shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, except that the gumming 5 along one end margin of the back flap 4 is omitted, this allowing the adjacent end flap 3 to be pulled out, so as to afford postal inspection of the envelope's contents when said envelope is mailed at a lower rate of postage than that required for a completely sealed inclosure.

In this envelope, as is ordinarily the case with "postage saver" envelope constructions, a spot of gum 13 at one corner of the back flap 4 may be supplied, for adhesion to the flap 3, in order to hold the back flap 4 in position, while still permitting inspection of the envelope's contents through the virtually-open end thereof.

Fig. 5 represents an envelope having a front wall window 14 very close to the bottom fold, so that said fold itself provides the barrier that prevents the card or inclosure 6 from dropping too low for proper registration of its address with said window. In this situation, the back wall slit 9′ is at a correspondingly lower level, and this necessitates a wider closure flap 15 for the coverage of the slot and the upper edge of card 6. The free edge of flap 15 provides the usual seal gumming 16, and said flap 15 also

provides, for adhesion to the inner surface of the front wall of this envelope, a band of gum 17, thus to provide a barrier, cooperating with the upper edge of the card 6, to prevent the latter from slipping upwardly through the slit 9' with consequent loss of registration with window 14.

I claim.

1. As a new article of manufacture, a single-pocket envelope having front and back walls of uniform size, one of said walls providing a window for revealing the address on an inclosure of substantially smaller size than the envelope, and the other wall providing a single unbroken slit through which projects one edge of said inclosure, when the latter is registered with said window, whereby to prevent substantial displacement of said inclosure from said registered position.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a single pocket envelope having front and back walls and a closure flap foldable on a margin of one wall and sealable to the other wall, one of said walls providing a window for revealing the address on an inclosure of substantially smaller size than the envelope, and the other wall providing a single unbroken slit through which projects one edge of said inclosure, when the latter is registered with said window, whereby to prevent substantial displacement of said inclosure from said registered position, said slit and the projecting edge of said inclosure being covered by said closure flap when the latter is folded over and sealed.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a single-pocket envelope having front and back walls and a closure flap foldable on a margin of one wall and sealable to the other wall, one of said walls providing a window for revealing the address on an inclosure of substantially smaller size than the envelope, and the other wall providing a single unbroken slit through which projects one edge of said inclosure, when the latter is registered with said window, whereby to prevent substantial displacement of said inclosure from said registered position, said slit and the projecting edge of said inclosure being covered by said closure flap when the latter is folded over and sealed, said back wall being constituted by a plurality of marginally-overlapped flaps, one of which is substantially unsecured by adhesive, whereby postal inspection of the envelope's contents is permitted, notwithstanding the sealing of said closure flap.

4. As a new article of manufacture, an envelope having front and back walls and a closure flap, one of said walls providing a window for revealing the address on an inclosure of substantially smaller size than the envelope, and the other wall providing a slit through which projects one edge of said inclosure, when the latter is registered with said window, whereby to prevent substantial displacement of said inclosure from said registered position, said slit and the projecting edge of said inclosure being covered by said closure flap when the latter is folded over and sealed, and adhesive intermediately connecting said closure flap in sealed position with the window-equipped wall, to provide a barrier against displacement of said inclosure from said registered position.

5. As a new article of manufacture, an envelope having front and back walls and a closure flap, one of said walls providing a window for revealing the address on an inclosure of substantially smaller size than the envelope, and the other wall providing a slit through which projects one edge of said inclosure, when the latter is registered with said window, whereby to prevent substantial displacement of said inclosure from said registered position, said slit and the projecting edge of said inclosure being covered by said closure flap when the latter is folded over and sealed to the slitted wall, and a band of gum on said closure flap, inwardly of its marginal sealing gum, for adhesion to one of said walls, to provide a barrier against displacement of said inclosure from said registered position.

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