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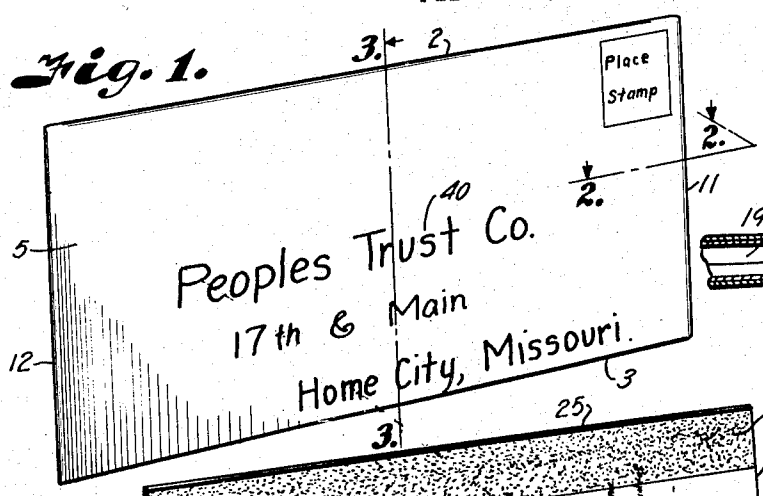


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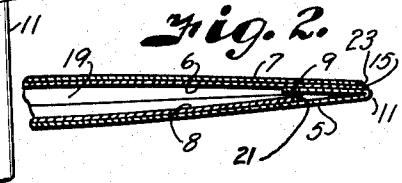


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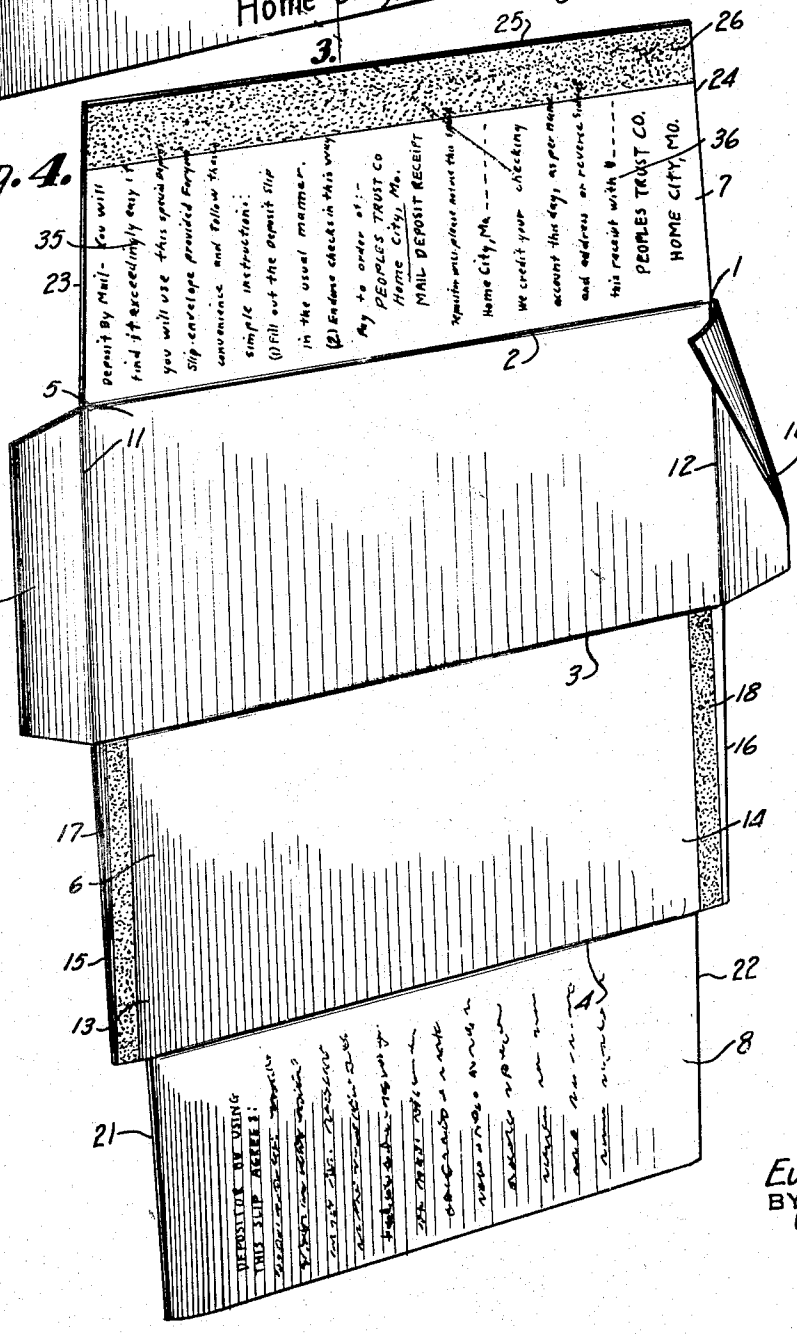
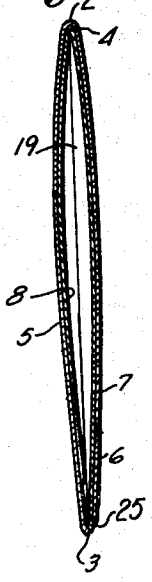


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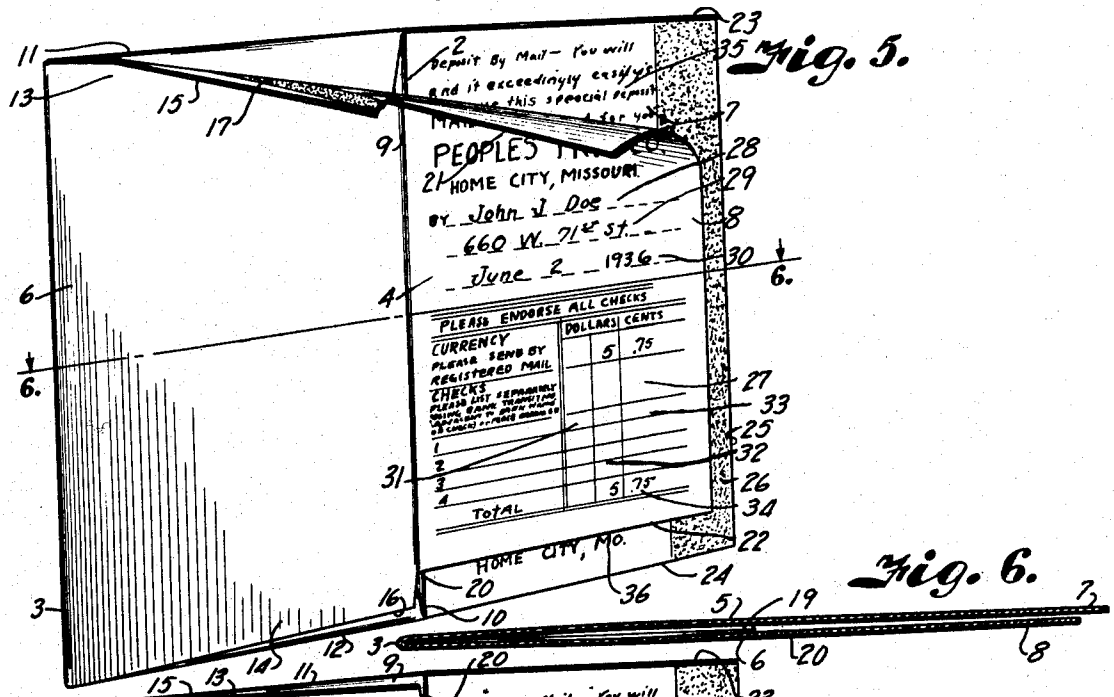


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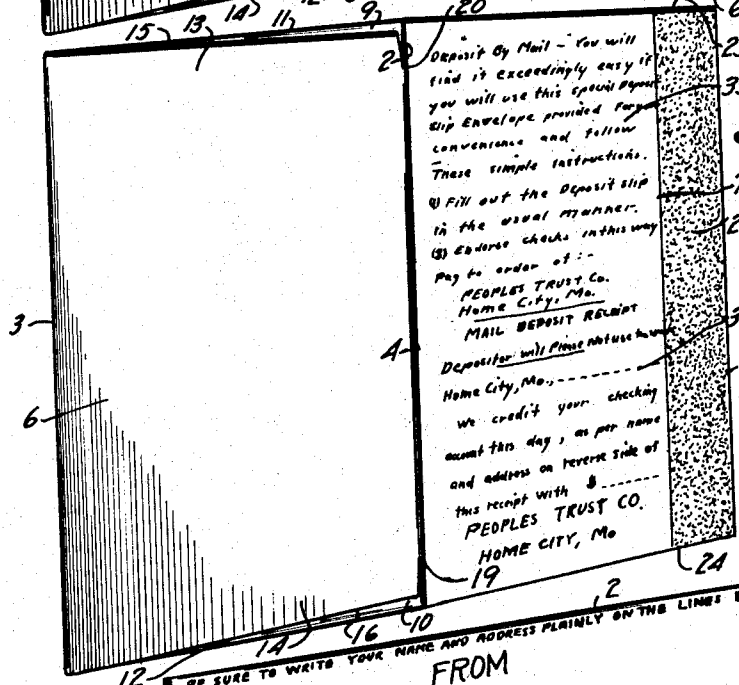


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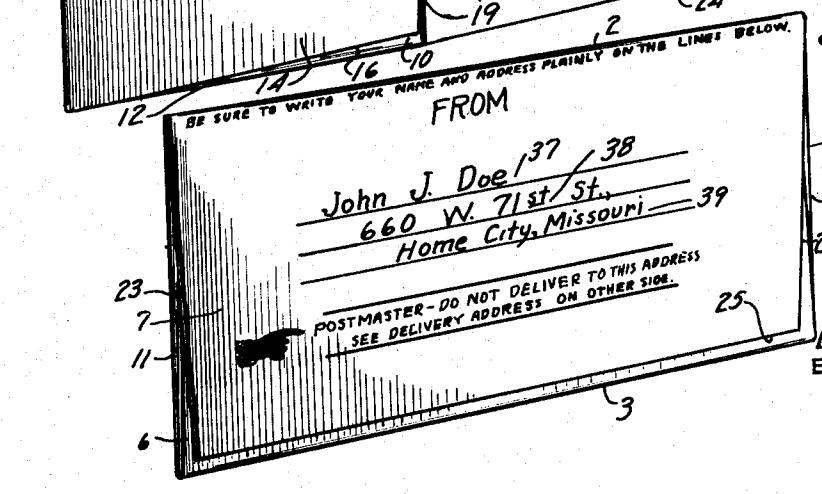


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1 Claim. (Cl. 229—70)

This invention relates to envelopes, particularly to those for enclosing papers or articles relating to business transactions, such as bank deposits, and has for its principal object to provide an envelope of this character for securely enclosing papers, such as checks, currencies and the like, incidental to folding in of an auxiliary flap constituting a deposit slip upon which data regarding the enclosures is recorded.

It is also an important object of the present invention to provide a sealing flap, bearing the name and address of the sender, with a receipt adapted to be filled in by the recipient and returned to the sender in a window type envelope.

In accomplishing these and other objects of the invention, as hereinafter pointed out, I have provided improved details of structure, the preferred form of which is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an envelope constructed in accordance with the present invention, the envelope being sealed and containing an enclosure ready for mailing to the addressee.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary section through one side of the envelope.

Fig. 3 is a cross-section through the envelope on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a plan view of one side of the blank from which the envelope is formed.

Fig. 5 is a similar view of the blank partly folded, with the auxiliary and sealing flaps in open position.

Fig. 6 is a section through the partly folded blank on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

Fig. 7 is a view of the envelope with the auxiliary flap folded into the envelope pocket.

Fig. 8 is a rear view of the envelope with the sealing flap in closed position.

Referring more in detail to the drawings:

1 designates an envelope blank particularly adapted, when folded, to form an envelope for facilitating transmission of bank deposits through the mail. The blank 1 is formed of foldable material and is provided with transverse score or fold lines 2, 3 and 4 dividing the blank into areas forming the front and back sides 5 and 6, a sealing flap 7, and an auxiliary flap 8 of the envelope. The portion forming the front side 5 has side flaps 9 and 10 extending integrally from the ends thereof and adapted to fold over its inner face on fold lines 11 and 12.

The portion forming the back side 6 of the envelope extends along the lower edge of the front face and substantially conforms to the length and width thereof so that when it is folded on the line 3 the sides 13 and 14 will overlie the side flaps 9 and 10, and the fold line 4 forming the opposite edge substantially registers with the fold line 2 forming the upper edge of the back face of the envelope. The side edges 15 and 16 converge slightly toward the fold line 4 and are provided with adhesive 17 and 18 to seal against the inturned side flaps 9 and 10. When the blank is thus folded a pocket 19 is formed between the front and back sides 5 and 6, having an insert opening 20 between the auxiliary flap 8 and the sealing flap 7 which then lie in superimposed relation to each other.

The auxiliary flap 8 is of a size and shape corresponding to a standard deposit slip and is, therefore, slightly shorter than the back face of the envelope so that the ends 21 and 22 are inset within the sides of the envelope to facilitate folding of the auxiliary flap into the pocket 19. The sealing flap 7 is coextensive with the fold line 2 and the side edges 23 and 24 thereof converge inwardly toward the sealing edge 25. The sealing flap 7 corresponds in dimensions to a standard size window envelope and its width is slightly less than the depth of the back portion of the envelope so that when folded thereover its sealing edge is spaced slightly from the lower edge of the envelope, as shown in Figs. 3 and 8. The sealing flap is provided on its inner face with a gum stripe 26 to seal against the back face of the envelope as in conventional practice.

The outer face of the auxiliary flap is printed, as at 27, in the same manner as an ordinary deposit slip, it being provided with lines 28, 29 and 30 on which the name and address of a depositor, together with the date of deposit, is inserted. Also printed on the deposit slip are the usual columns 31, 32 and 33 for insertion of the amounts of the individual items, such as checks, currency or the like, that may be enclosed in the envelope. The columns are divided horizontally to align with areas designated currency and checks, under which the bank transit numbers of the checks are inserted. Located at the bottom of the columns is a space 34 in which the total amount of deposit is entered.

Printed on the inner face of the sealing flap are instructions regarding the procedure to be followed in mailing a deposit to a bank, as indicated at 35, and located therebelow is a receipt 36 to be filled in by the bank for the amount of deposit received. Printed on the back of the sealing flap are lines 37, 38 and 39 on which the depositor inserts his name and return address. These lines, however, are preferably filled in by

the bank on an addressing machine before delivery of the deposit envelopes to the depositor. In fact, where the envelopes are mailed to the depositor, they are inserted in a window envelope so that the name and address printed thereon appear through the window and it is not necessary to further address the enclosure envelope. The front faces of the deposit envelopes are printed with the name and address of the bank to which they are to be returned, as indicated at 40.

In using an envelope as described, for making a deposit, the depositor lists the respective articles to be deposited, for example the amount of currency and the amount of each individual check, together with its transfer number, in the spaces provided. The amounts are then totaled in the proper column, after which the checks, currency or the like, are inserted in the envelope, whereupon the auxiliary flap bearing the deposit data is folded inwardly on the fold line 4 so that the auxiliary flap passes through the opening of the envelope to cover and securely retain the enclosures. The sealing flap is then folded and sealed over the back face of the envelope, after which, if the bank has not done so, the depositor writes his name and address on the lines 37, 38 and 39. Attention is specifically directed to the fact that the fold of the auxiliary flap protects the enclosures across the width of the insert opening, and it is impossible to rifle the enclosures by rolling them with an instrument inserted into the pocket at the ends of the closure flap. The envelope carrying the deposit is then forwarded to the bank. After receipt by the bank, the envelope is opened by severing the seal flap along the fold line 2 and detaching it from the back of the envelope. The auxiliary flap bearing the deposit data is then withdrawn from the pocket to permit removal of the enclosures which are checked against the listings thereon. To facilitate removal of the deposit slip it may be provided with a series of perforations along its fold line. The bank clerk will then enter the date of the deposit, as well as the amount received, on the receipt portion of the sealing flap, after which the detached sealing flap is inserted in a window envelope and returned to the depositor in accordance with the name and address appearing through the window thereof.

Attention is directed to the fact that the inturned auxiliary flap makes the envelope more opaque and it is impossible for unauthorized persons to read the amount of the deposit or to ascertain the nature of the enclosures. Also, by printing the name and address of the depositor on the receipt and employing a window envelope assures that the receipt is returned to the depositor.

From the foregoing, it is obvious that I have provided an envelope equipped with an auxiliary flap forming a deposit slip that is folded or tucked within the open mouth of the envelope to overlie and securely retain the enclosures, such as checks and currency or the like, then when the sealing flap is folded over the open mouth of the envelope the contents, as well as the deposit slip, are doubly retained against accidental loss of the contents.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

An envelope for making bank deposits and like transactions by mail, including a blank folded to form front and back portions of an envelope, side flaps on one of said portions and sealingly engaged with the other to provide a pocket having an insert opening, a sealing flap on one of said portions and having a fold line extending along said insert opening, and a deposit slip fixed to the other portion and having a fold line registering with the fold line of the sealing flap, whereby the deposit slip is foldable into the pocket over articles placed in said pocket.

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