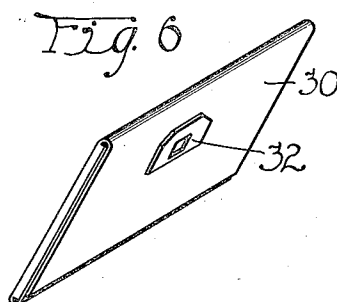
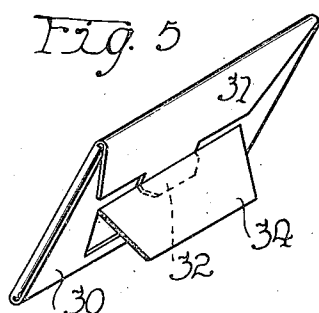
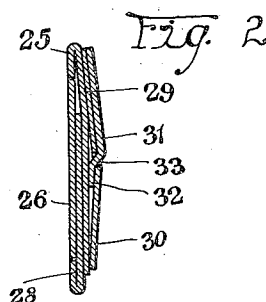
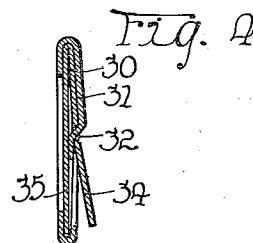
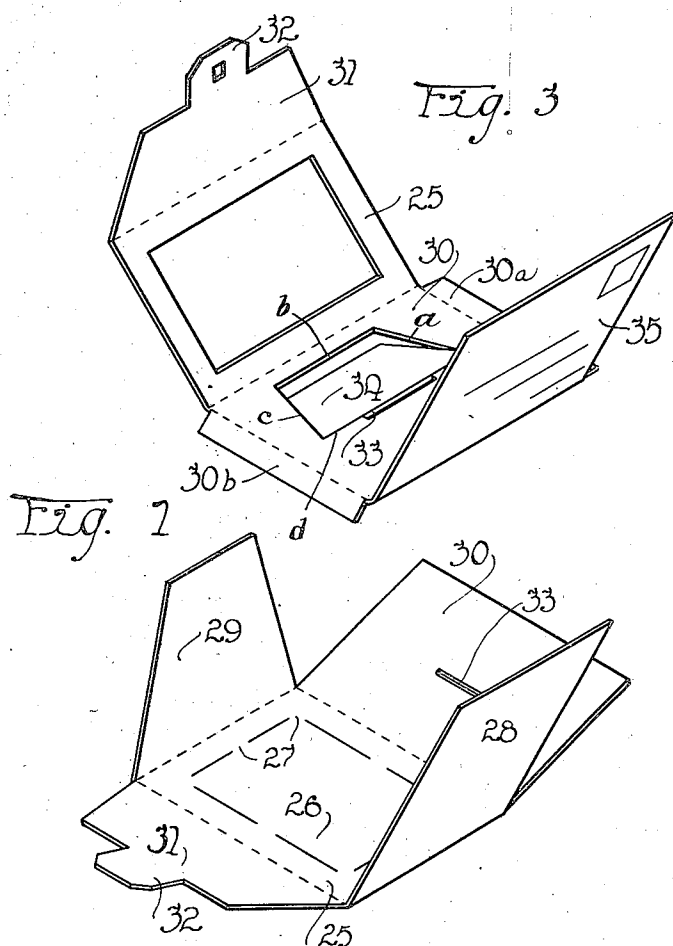


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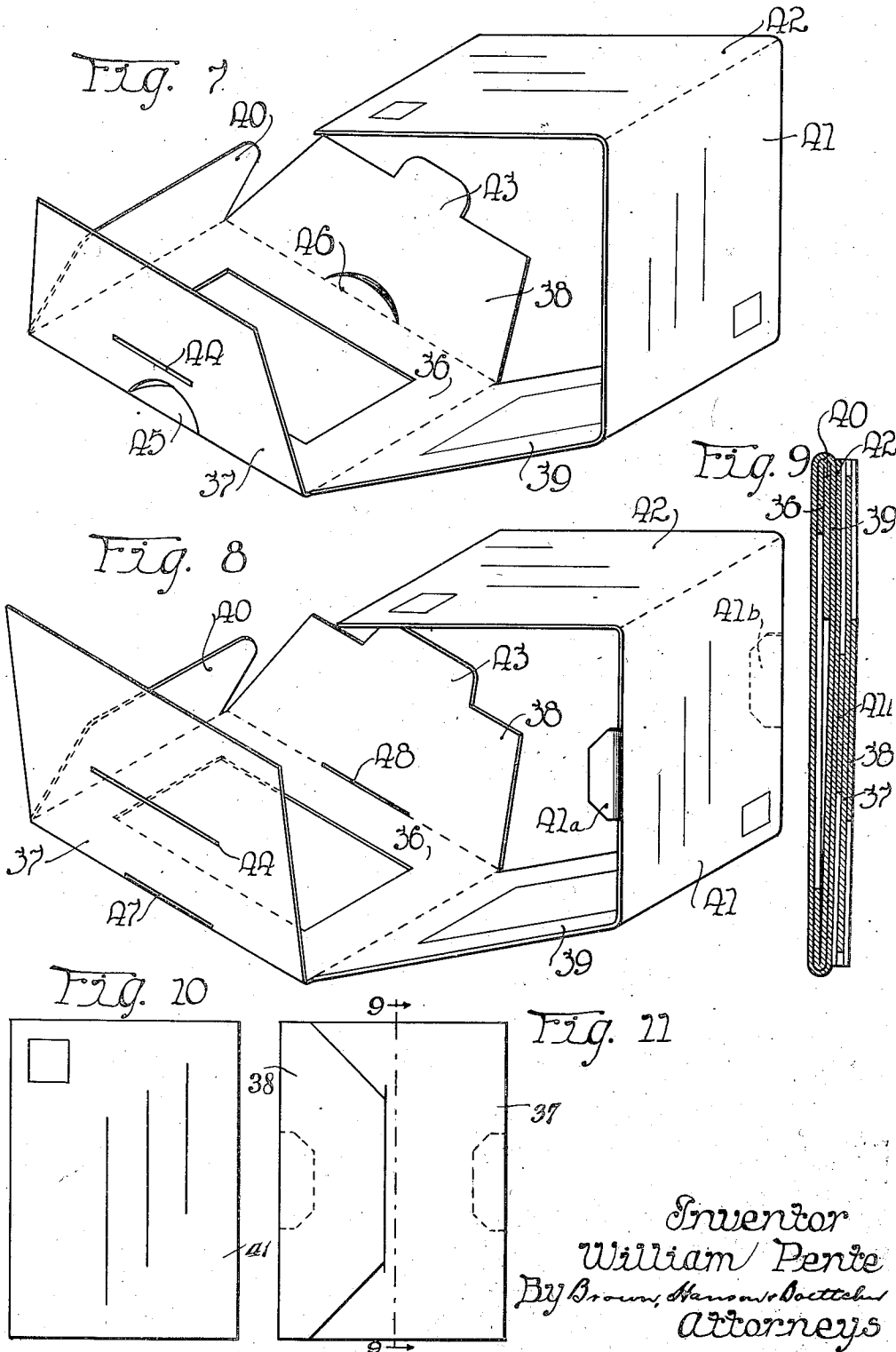
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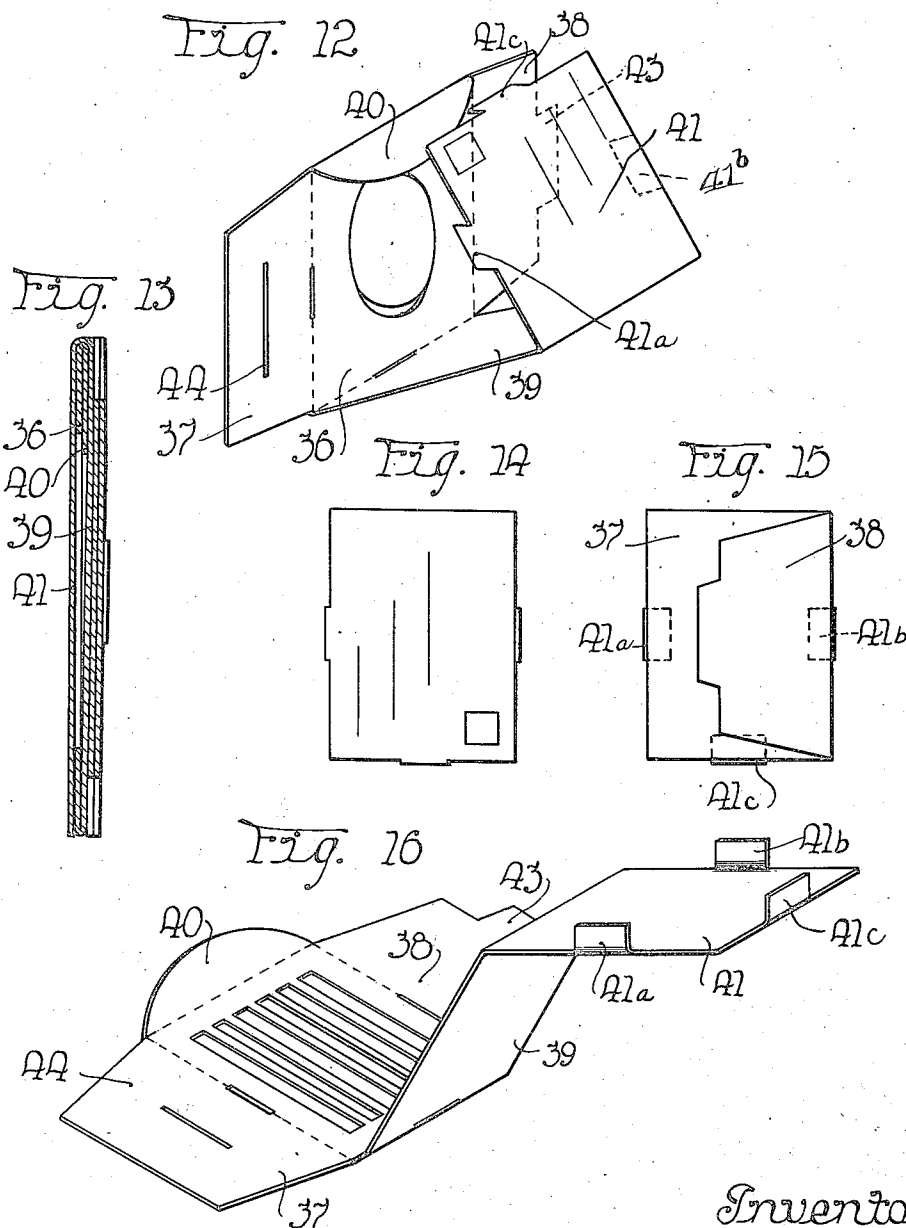
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Fig. 17

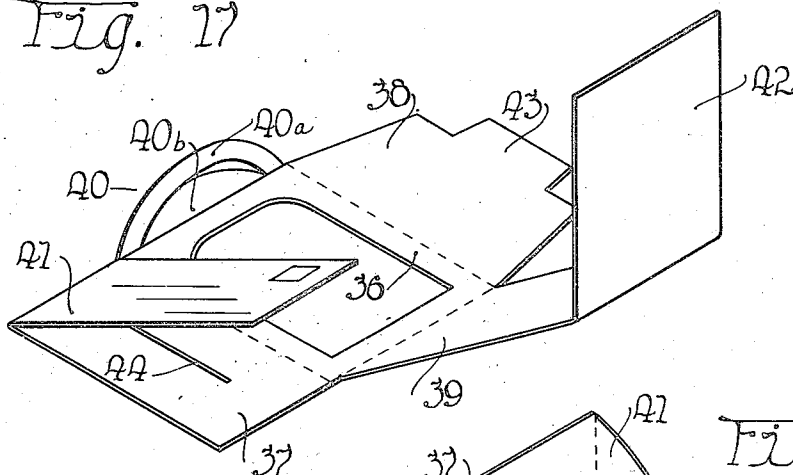


Fig. 18

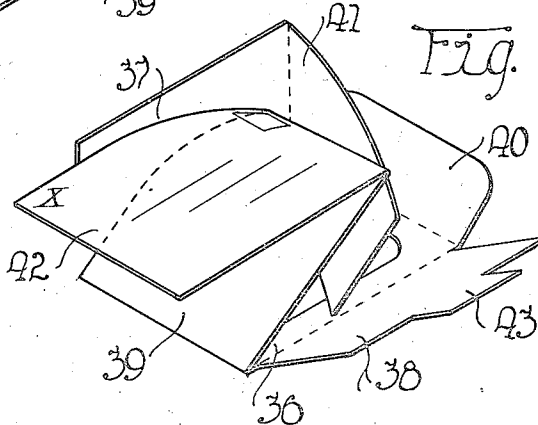


Fig. 19

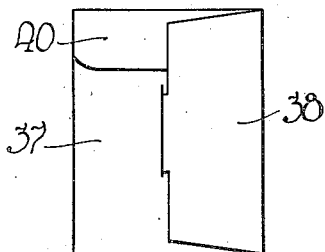


Fig. 20

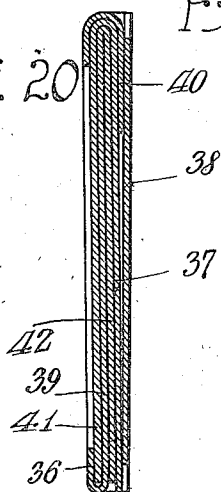


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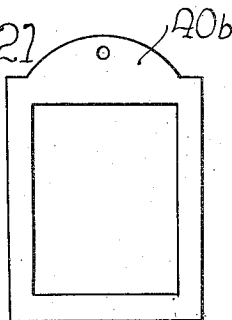
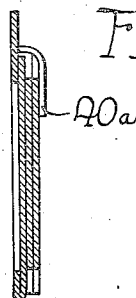


Fig. 22



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM PENTE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Envelops and Frames for Pictures and the like, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to an envelop or frame for pictures and the like.

More particularly my invention relates to an envelop cut from a paper blank and provided with a plurality of wings or flaps folded and arranged to protect a picture or the like, when sent by mail, one flap being used for the mailing address, another flap as a return acknowledgement card and the other flaps adapted to form a suitable frame for the picture, which may be supported in an upright position on a table or stand or be suspended from a suitable wall hook. One of the flaps is provided with a sight opening behind which the picture may be placed, being either loosely inserted between the flaps or mounted on one of the flaps.

Envelops or folders of the class described may be put to a great variety of uses in connection with advertising matter and when employed for such purposes may be sent in packages of merchandise, in which case the mailing address card and the return receipt card may be omitted if desirable.

The object of my invention is to provide an envelop or folder adapted to protect a picture or the like when sent through the mail and which will serve as a frame for the picture after being received by the addressee.

A further object of my invention is to provide, as one of the flaps of the envelop, a mailing card which may be detached and used as a return receipt card.

A further object of my invention is to provide, as one of the flaps of the envelop, a return acknowledgement receipt card which may be detached without impairing the utility and general appearance of the envelop as a picture frame.

A further object of my invention is to provide means to hold the various flaps of the envelop snugly against the main wall of the envelop without making it difficult for the postal authorities to inspect the contents.

Another object of my invention is to provide an envelop with flaps so cut and folded

that the main wall of the envelop, which is the face or front wall of the resulting frame, may be protected on both sides while being transported, thus providing a clean and unmarred frame for the picture.

Other objects will appear from the following detailed description of an embodiment of my invention, considered in connection with the accompanying drawings in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one of the preferred forms of an open foldable envelop disclosing the interior of the frame or mounting;

Figure 2 is a section of same in folded or mailing position;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a slight modification, wherein the front face of the envelop is provided with an opening and showing an upright supporting member;

Figure 4 is a section of same in folded position;

Figure 5 is a rear view of the form shown in Figure 3, showing in folded position the upright supporting means;

Figure 6 is a similar view showing means for suspending the frame from a hook on a wall;

Figure 7 is a perspective view of a modification having a mailing card and a return receipt card and provided with means to hold the parts snugly together;

Figure 8 is a view similar to that illustrated in Figure 7, provided with a modification in the means for holding the flaps together;

Figure 9 is an enlarged sectional view of the folder illustrated in Figure 8, in folded position;

Figures 10 and 11 are front and rear elevational views, respectively, of the envelop illustrated in Figures 8 and 9, ready for mailing;

Figure 12 is a perspective view of a folder wherein one flap serves as the mailing card and the receipt card;

Figures 13, 14 and 15 are sectional, front and rear elevational views, respectively, of the envelop illustrated in Figure 12 when the same is folded ready for mailing;

Figure 16 is a perspective view of an envelop adapted for the display of animal pictures and the like;

Figure 17 is a perspective view of an envelop and frame with flaps providing mailing and return cards, in which all flaps fold against the rear wall of the frame;

Figures 18 and 19 are views of the envelop illustrated in Figure 17, showing the same in partially folded and folded position, respectively;

5 Figure 20 is an enlarged sectional view of this form in folded position;

Figure 21 is a front elevational view of an envelop provided with a tab for suspending the envelop from a hook on the wall; and

10 Figure 22 is a vertical sectional view of this form.

In the drawings the various figures illustrate envelops or folders of one piece construction, creased and folded to provide the necessary wings or flaps. In the form illustrated in Figure 1 the main side 25 of the envelop is cut around the edges a short distance from the margin as shown in the drawing, to form the card 26, on the outer face of which may be written the name and address of the addressee. It will be noted that the card 26 is not entirely cut out of the side 25, but small spaces, as at 27, are left uncut to hold the card 26 in the side 25, until it is removed by the addressee by cutting the connecting portions of material 27. The paper is cut to provide the end flaps 28 and 29 and the side flaps 30 and 31. The flap 28 is intended to be folded against the wall 25 and the flap 29 folded down over the flap 28. The flaps 30 and 31 are then folded over and the tab 32 of the flap 31 passed through the slot 33 in the flap 30, thus making a compact envelop ready for mailing. Before the flaps are folded over a photograph or picture may be mounted or printed on the inner side of the flap 28, or may be inserted loosely between the wall 25 and the flap 28.

The flap 30 may be perforated along the lines *a*, *b* and *c* and bent or folded along the line *d* to form the leg portion 34 to support the frame in upright position as shown in Figure 5. In Figure 6 the frame is shown in an inverted position from that shown in Figure 5 and with the flap 30 folded over the flap 31 and the tab 32 passing upwardly through the slot 33 to afford means for suspending the frame from a wall hook, which may pass through the opening provided in the tab 32. When in this form the perforated leg portion 34 of the flap may or may not be disconnected. It will thus be seen that the envelop frame may be supported upright or suspended from the wall with the tab concealed.

It will be obvious from an inspection of Figure 5 that the flap 31 may be pasted to the flap 30 and the tab 32 bent upwardly to afford means for suspending the frame from a wall hook in which case the frame is not inverted as in Figure 6.

In Figure 3, the envelop is provided with a mailing card of different style from that

shown in Figure 1. The flaps 25, 30 and 31 are as shown in Figure 1, the center portion of the side 25, however, being cut entirely out. The flap 35 is in the form of a mailing post card on one side of which may be written the name and address of the addressee, the other side being used as a return acknowledgement card, if desired. In this form a picture may be inserted between the flaps 35 and 30, the flap 35 being folded down against the flap 30, the end flaps 30^a and 30^b being folded over to prevent the picture from slipping out at either end, and these flaps folded over against the side 25 so the name and address of the addressee may be seen through the opening in the side 25. The end flaps 30^a and 30^b are made narrow in width so as not to project over and obstruct the opening in the side 25 when the folder is used as a frame. If desired the picture may be mounted on the flap 30 and the end flaps 30^a and 30^b omitted. The means for supporting the frame are the same as shown in Figures 1, 5 and 6. In this form the return acknowledgement card may be a separate card formed by making the flap 35 of double width in which case in mailing the return card would be folded over against the back of the mailing card.

Referring now to Figures 7 and 8, it will be seen that the folder illustrated is similar to the folder illustrated in Figure 1, provided however with certain additional features. The envelop or folder is cut from a paper blank and creased to form the main or front side 36, to which the side and end flaps 37—38—39 and 40 are attached, the side 36 being provided with a sight opening. The mailing card 41 and the return acknowledgement card 42 are formed by extending the flap 39. The folder shown in Figure 7 is designed to protect the front side of the wall 36 when the folder is sent through the mail. The envelop is folded by first bending down the end flap 40 against the rear side of the wall 36, then bringing the other end flap 39 up against the back of the wall 36, bending over the mailing card 41 thus covering the front side of the wall 36 and then bending up the return acknowledgement card 42 against the back of the flap 39. The flaps 37 and 38 are then bent over and the tab 43 tucked through the slot 44. In order to hold the mailing card 41 close against the front side of the wall 36, the wing members 45 and 46 may be cut out of the respective side flaps 37 and 38, the wing members being bent around and pasted to the front side of the mailing card 41. The folder shown in Figure 7 is designed to be used as a frame for the picture in the form of an easel and when received by the addressee the return acknowledgement card is detached and mailed, and the mailing card 41 may be detached and discarded.

A picture may be mounted or printed on the flap 39 or placed loosely between the flap 39 and the wall 36. In either case the flap 39 is bent or turned upwardly against the back of the wall 36 and the top flap 40 is bent down over the flap 39 and pasted to the back of it. The side flaps 37 and 38 are cut diagonally at the bottom and may be bent outwardly and serve as supporting means to hold the frame in an upright position. The form shown in Figure 8 is similar to that shown in Figure 7 except that different means is provided to hold the mailing card 41 close against the front side of the wall 36 when the folder is being used as an envelop and sent through the mail.

In this form the side flaps 37 and 38 are provided with the slots 47 and 48, respectively. These slots are cut close to the crease but are cut out of the side flaps rather than the front wall 36, the object being not to deface the front of the frame in any manner. The mailing card 41 is provided with the side tabs 41^a and 41^b which are adapted to slip through the slots 47 and 48 when the envelop is in the folded position. To prepare this form of envelop for mailing, the picture is either mounted or printed on the flap 39 or loosely inserted between the flap 39 and the wall 36; the top flap 40 is then bent down against the back of the wall 36 and the flap 39 brought up against the back of the wall 36, the back of the mailing card then being folded over against the front of the wall 36 and the tabs 41^a and 41^b being inserted through the respective flaps 47 and 48. These tabs are then bent over against the flap 39 and the side flaps 37 and 38 folded over, the tab 43 being inserted through the slot 44. With this form it will thus be seen that a compact mailing envelop is provided without the use of paste to hold the parts together. The position of the tabs 41^a and 41^b when folded over is as shown in Figure 11. The position of the various tabs when folded is clearly shown in Figure 9 which is a sectional view taken along the line 9—9 of Figure 11 looking in the direction indicated by the arrows. In the forms shown in Figures 7 and 8, it will be noted that the face or front of the frame is completely covered when used as a mailing folder, thus insuring a clean and unmarred frame for the picture.

The form shown in Figures 12, 13, 14 and 15 is similar to that shown in Figure 8, except the flap 41 serves both as a mailing card and a return acknowledgement card. The flap 41 is provided with the side tabs 41^a and 41^b also the top tab 41^c. No slot is provided for the tab 41^c. This tab is simply bent up around and folded against the back of the flap 39 before the side flaps 37 and 38 are folded over. The central portion of the wall 36 may be arranged in the form of

a door to give it a more attractive appearance or in the form of an animal cage as shown in Figure 16.

In the form shown in Figure 16, cut-out pictures of animals and the like may be sent in the folder. If it is desired not to use the return acknowledgement feature animal pictures may be printed on the back of the mailing card 41 as indicated in dotted lines, and cut out when received and placed between the flap 39 and the wall 36. I find that this form of folder is particularly interesting to children. A number of them may be placed along in a row, each containing a picture of a different animal.

The form of folder shown in Figures 12 to 16 may be used either as an easel by bending out the side flaps 37 and 38 to form supporting means or suspended from a hook on the wall, in which case the side flaps 37 and 38 are folded over and the frame suspended from the top flap 40.

In the form shown in Figures 17 and 18, the mailing card is shown attached to the upper side of the side flap 37 and the return acknowledgement card 42 is shown attached to the flap 39. In this form, to fold the envelop the mailing card 41 is brought partially around as shown in Figure 18. The corner α of the return card 42 is bent downwardly and at the same time the card 41 is brought around underneath the flap 39 so that when folded the card 42 and flap 39 lie between the flap 37 and the card 41. The flap 40 is then folded over and the flap 38 also folded over, the tab 43 being inserted through the slot 44.

It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that many modifications may be made in the arrangement of the mailing card and the side flap, the showing of Figures 17 and 18 merely illustrating one of such modifications. When the folder shown in Figure 17 is received by the addressee, the mailing cards 41 and 42 are detached, the flap 39 being folded over against the back of the wall 36 and held in place by the top flap 40, while the side flaps 37 and 38 are bent around to form supporting means for the easel, or may be folded entirely over and the frame supported from the flap 40.

In Figure 17 it will be noted that the flap 40 is perforated to provide a double hanging means. As shown in Figures 21 and 22, if desired, the flap 40 may be separated into the members 40^a and 40^b. In one form the portion 40^a may be bent over to hold the flap 39 in position, in which case the portion 40^b will serve as the hanging portion. It will be obvious that the portion 40^a may be used as a hanging portion and the portion 40^b bent over to hold the flap 39 against the wall 36.

It will now be apparent that the only part of the envelop exposed to view has all the

appearance of a finished picture frame, which may be embossed or colored in an attractive manner. The envelop structure is simple and economical to manufacture as it is cut from a single sheet of paper and does not require the use of mechanical devices to hold the parts in folded position for mailing.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art that my invention may be applied to a variety of containers for merchandise, such as handkerchiefs, novelties, birthday cards, calendars and the like and after having served such purposes may be used as a frame for a picture or the like.

It will also be obvious to those skilled in the art that numerous modifications will suggest themselves, as for example any of the forms shown in Figures 1 to 16 may be provided with the double hanging tab shown in Figures 17, 21 and 22, and while I have described my invention in detail I do not intend to be limited to the particular forms illustrated and described.

What I claim is:

1. An envelop and frame for the transmission and display of pictures and the like, consisting of a single sheet cut and creased to provide a wall and a plurality of flaps, said sheet having a sight opening and a mailing card.

2. An envelop and frame for the transmission and display of pictures and the like, consisting of a single sheet cut and creased to provide a wall and a plurality of flaps, said wall having a sight opening, a portion of said sheet constituting a mailing card.

3. An envelop and frame for the transmission and display of pictures and the like, consisting of a single sheet cut and creased to provide a wall and a plurality of flaps, said wall having a sight opening and one of said flaps having a mailing card.

4. In a device of the class described, a main wall and a plurality of flaps, integral with said main wall, one of said flaps serving as a hanging means for the device and as a means to hold the other flaps against said main wall.

5. In a device of the class described, a main wall and a plurality of flaps attached thereto, one of said flaps comprising two parts, one of said parts serving as a hanger for the device and the other part as a holding means for the other flaps.

6. An envelop and frame for the transmission and display of pictures and the like, consisting of a single sheet, cut and creased to provide a wall and a plurality of flaps, said sheet having a sight opening and a mailing card and means, formed integrally with said sheet, to hold the flaps against said wall.

7. An envelop and frame for the transmission and display of pictures and the like,

consisting of a single sheet cut and creased to provide a wall and a plurality of flaps, said wall having a sight opening, one of said flaps having a mailing card, one of said flaps having a slot and another of said flaps having a tab cooperating with said slot to hold the flaps and wall together.

8. An envelop and frame for the transmission and display of pictures and the like, consisting of a single sheet, cut and creased to provide a wall and a plurality of flaps, said wall having a sight opening, a portion of said sheet constituting a mailing card, means to hold said parts in folded position, and means for hanging said envelop and frame.

9. An envelop and frame for the transmission and display of pictures and the like, consisting of a single sheet, cut and creased to provide a wall and a plurality of flaps, said wall having a sight opening, a portion of said sheet constituting a mailing card and another portion constituting a return acknowledgment card.

10. An envelop and frame for the transmission and display of pictures and the like, consisting of a single sheet, cut and creased to provide a wall and a plurality of flaps, said wall having a sight opening, one of said flaps having a mailing card, another of said flaps having a return acknowledgment card, and means to hold said flaps and cards against said wall.

11. An envelop and frame for the transmission and display of pictures and the like, consisting of a single sheet cut and creased to provide a wall and a plurality of flaps, said sheet having a sight opening and a mailing card, two of said flaps being formed so as to provide means for supporting said device in an upright position when used as a frame.

12. An envelop and frame for the transmission and display of pictures and the like, consisting of a single sheet, cut and creased to provide a wall and a plurality of flaps, said sheet having a sight opening and a mailing card and means adapted to support said device in an upright position when used as a frame.

13. An envelop and frame for the transmission and display of pictures and the like, consisting of a single sheet cut and creased to provide a wall and a plurality of flaps, said wall having a sight opening, one of said flaps having a mailing card, another of said flaps having a return acknowledgment card, and means to hold said flaps and cards against said wall and means adapted to support said device in an upright position when used as a frame.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 16th day of April, A. D. 1918.

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