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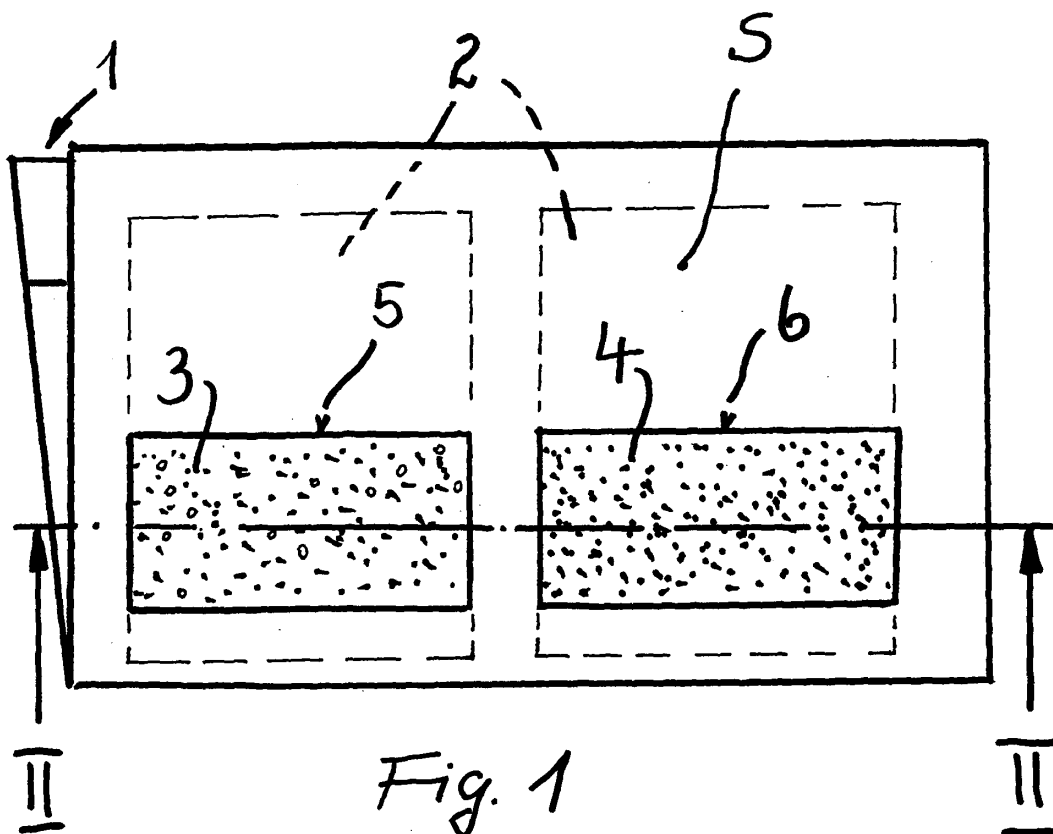
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(54) **Shipment package**

(57) A shipment package comprises a double paperboard material element which is folded into a V-shape, and including therein one or more envelopes (2) holding small sized articles (3,4), the front side of the paperboard material element being folded into a V-shape and comprising at the envelopes a plurality of displaying windows (5,6), the package being inserted in a clear material envelope (8) sealed at the end portions thereof, which, on a side thereof opposite to the display windows (5,6), comprises a label (11) designed for applying an address and postage thereon.

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Description

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates to a shipment package.

[0002] From the prior art it is already known to send greeting cards or postcards without envelopes as well as to send greeting cards enclosed in an envelope.

[0003] On the other hand, it is not known to send, together with postcards or greeting cards, small gifts or useful household products.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] The aim of the present invention is to provide such a greeting card including small gifts and designed for immediate shipment.

[0005] According to the invention, the above aim is achieved by a double cardboard element, which is folded into a V-shape and comprises therein one or more envelopes holding small sized articles, the front face of said V-folded cardboard element comprising, in front of said envelopes, display windows, the thus made package being inserted in an envelope of clear material having sealed end portions, which envelope, on the side thereof opposite to said display windows, comprises a label designed for applying an address and postage.

[0006] Further characteristics of the invention will become more apparent from the following disclosure, the enclosed drawings and from the claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0007] The subject matter according to the present invention will be disclosed in a more detailed manner hereinafter, with reference to an embodiment thereof, given by way of an example only and being shown in the accompanying drawings, where:

Figure 1 is a front view of the subject package or casing;

Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view of the package or casing taken along the line II-II of figure 1; and

Figure 3 is a further cross-sectional view along the line III-III of figure 1 and showing the inner part of the casing or package.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0008] As shown in figure 1, the package according to the present invention comprises a V-shaped die-cut element 1.

[0009] Inside said package 1 are affixed, at a desired distance, for example by glue, a plurality of bags or envelopes 2, made of a clear material, and designed for

holding articles 3, 4 in the form of a loose material.

[0010] In particular, the materials 3, 4 in said bags 2 may comprise small sweets, small ball-like products, berries, tea, aromas, spices, seeds and other small food products or other loose materials of a comparatively small size.

[0011] The package or paperboard material element 1 is advantageously provided, at a bottom portion thereof, with a plurality of die-cut portions 5 and 6 defining a respective window to allow the products in the bags or the envelopes 2 to be easily seen.

[0012] The uninterrupted surface S of the die-cut portions or openings 5 and 6 is designed for holding fancy images, seasonal greetings, or illustrations of different types.

[0013] As shown in figure 2, the die-cut package 1 has a V-shape and houses said bags or envelopes 3 and 4 therein, and is provided with said openings 5 and 6. The package or die-cut element 1 is engaged in a synthetic material envelope or package 8, said package 8 having tightly closed end portions, for example tightly sealed end portions 9 and 10.

[0014] For clarity reasons, in figure 2 the end portions 9 and 10 have not been shown in a tightly closed and sealed condition.

[0015] The envelope 7 houses, on a side thereof opposite to said openings 5 and 6, a label 11, such as a postcard including a zone for receiving thereon the name and address of the maker. Moreover, said label comprises a further zone listing the components of the products, and the mode of use of the products contained therein. Moreover, said label further comprises a small area with an indication of postage to be applied, and is moreover provided with a further zone for receiving the address of consignee.

[0016] Figure 3 shows said card or paperboard material casing or package 1. It is herein clearly shown that said casing comprises, at a bottom part thereof, said openings 5 and 6, said casing including furthermore a front surface S for receiving printed materials. Moreover, it is possible to see, inside said package 1, the bags 2 for receiving the loose material as indicated by the reference numbers 3 and 4. For safely locating, in a definitive position, said bags or envelopes 3 and 4, the top zone of the die-cut element or package 1 comprises an inward folded flap 20 which is glued to top end portions of said bags or envelopes 3, 4.

[0017] As shown in figure 3, the front flap of said die-cut package 1 can also be folded after the packaging operation proper, in the direction shown by the arrow f, that is toward said flap 20. Then, the assembly will be engaged in a small bag made of a thermosealing synthetic material, to be sealed at the end portions thereof.

[0018] Advantageously, the wall of the die-cut element or package 1 comprises, on a side thereof opposite to said flap 20, a preglued horizontal band, thereby the top end portion of each clear bag can be easily and rapidly connected, while allowing a strong attachment of the

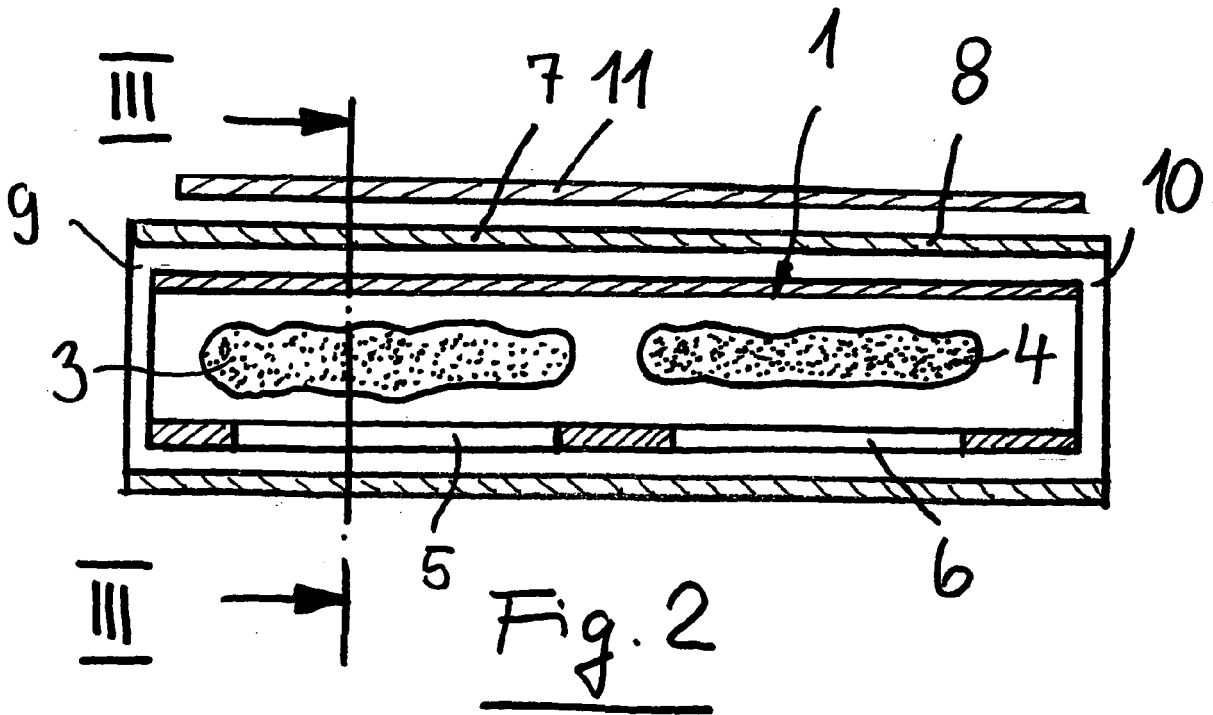
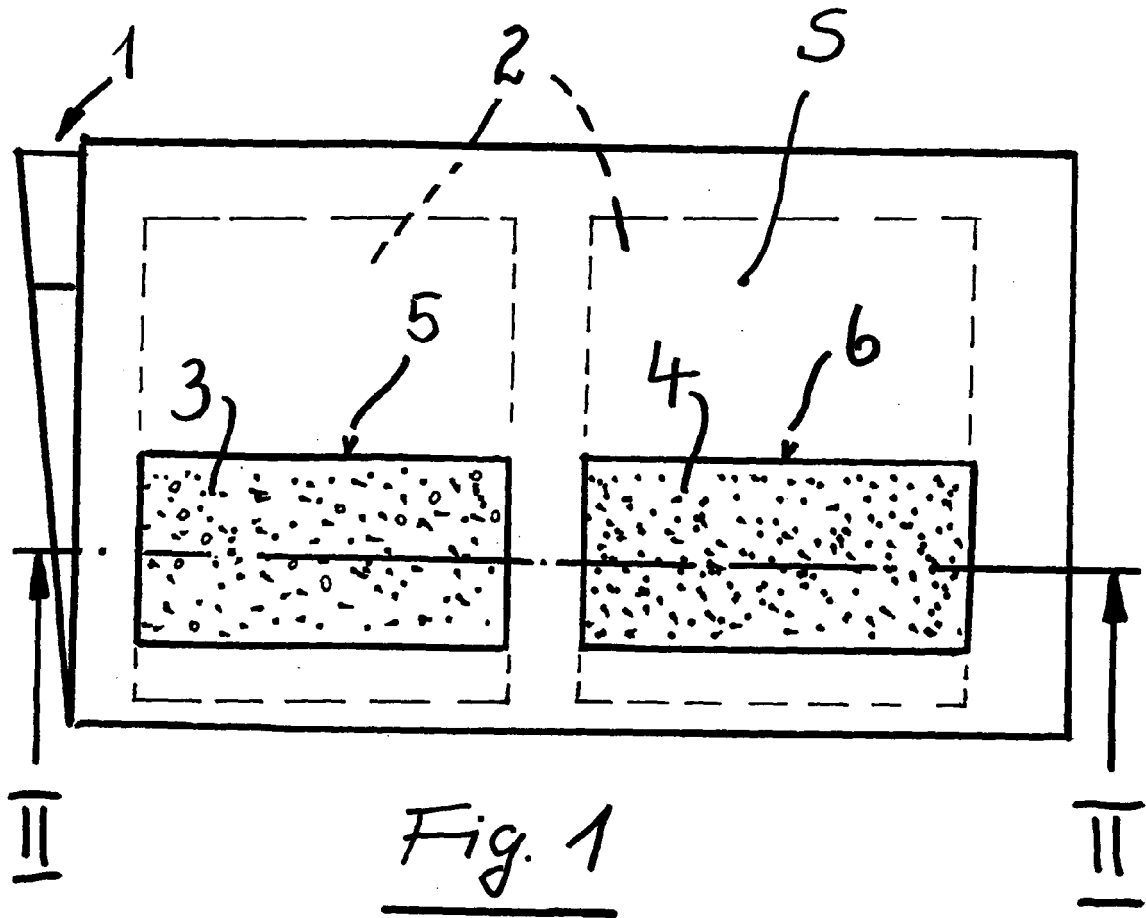
above mentioned flap 20.

[0019] The thus made package, which can also be provided with more than two display openings, provides the advantages that it, in addition to holding different products in a well visible condition, allows to exploit its remaining surface to apply images, greetings, proverbs and the like and that on its opposite side, covered by the clear film, it being possible to preset the package already with a region for postage, and for applying the address of the consignee thereon.

7. A shipment package, according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said die-cut package (1) has a wall comprising, on the inner side thereof opposite to said flap (20), a glue layer for sealing the top end portions of the clear bags.

Claims

1. A shipment package, comprising a double paperboard material element folded into a V-shape, including therein one or more clear envelopes holding small sized articles, the front face of said V-shaped folded paperboard element comprising, at said envelopes, a plurality of display windows, the package being inserted in an envelope of clear material having sealed end portions, and that said clear material envelope, on a side thereof opposite to said display windows, comprises a label for supporting an address and a postage stamp thereon.
2. A shipment package, according to claim 1, **characterized in that** an uninterrupted surface (S) of the openings (5, 6) is adapted to receive fancy images, seasonal greetings or illustrations of different types.
3. A shipment package, according to claim 1, **characterized in that** the envelope (8) is realized in synthetic material and comprises tightly closed end portions (9, 10), for example tightly sealed end portions.
4. A shipment package, according to claim 1, **characterized in that** on a side of said envelope (7) opposite to said openings (5, 6) a label (11) is applied and that said label, of a postcard type, comprises a label zone for supporting the name and address of the maker, a list of components of the product contained therein and that moreover it has region for postage and a region for applying the address of the consignee.
5. A shipment package, according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said package (1) comprises a top zone having an inward folded flap (20) and that, at said flap (20) a glued zone for receiving a top end portion of said bags (3, 4) is provided.
6. A shipment package, according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said bag (8) is made of a thermomelting material to allow a sealed closure to be performed.



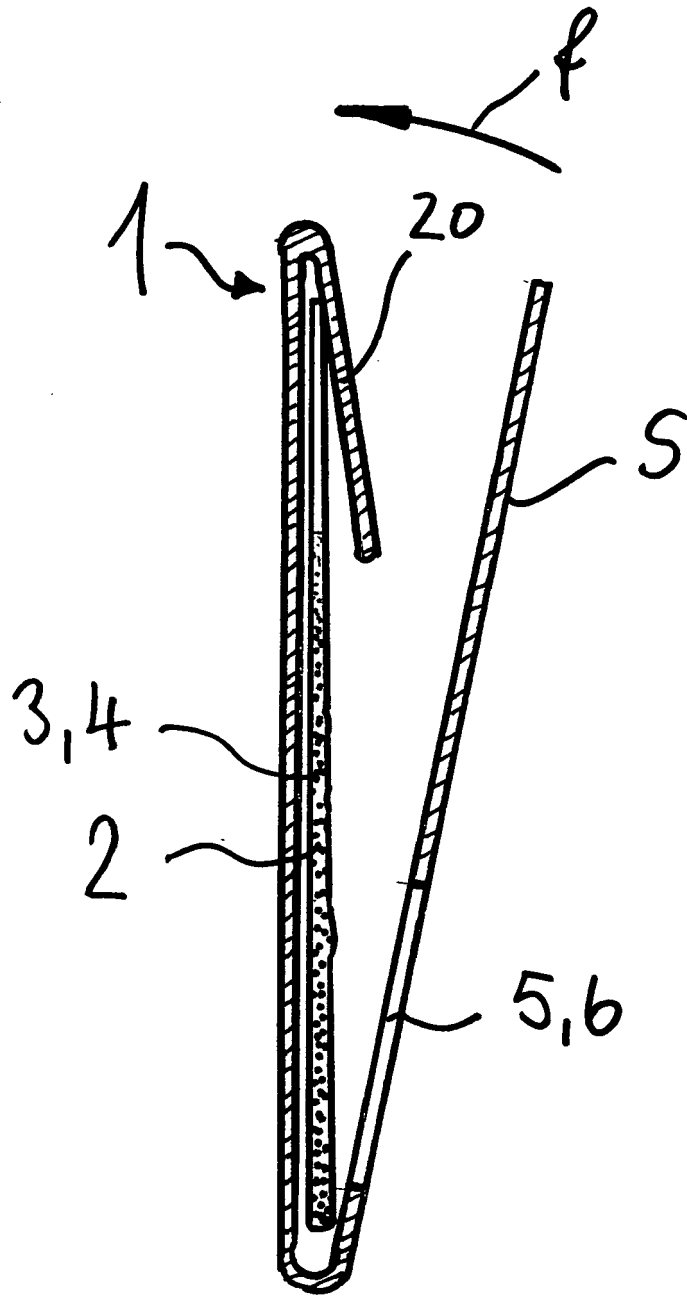


Fig. 3



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