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COLLECTION ENVELOPE

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Fig. 1.

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WEEKLY OFFERING \$.....	WEEKLY OFFERING \$.....
THE BIG STONE CHURCH	THE BIG STONE CHURCH
Current Expenses \$.....	Current Expenses \$.....
Missions ---- \$.....	Missions ---- \$.....
Special Offering- \$.....	Special Offering- \$.....

Fig. 2.

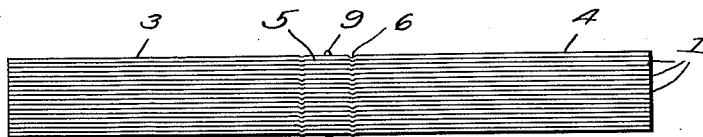


Fig. 3.

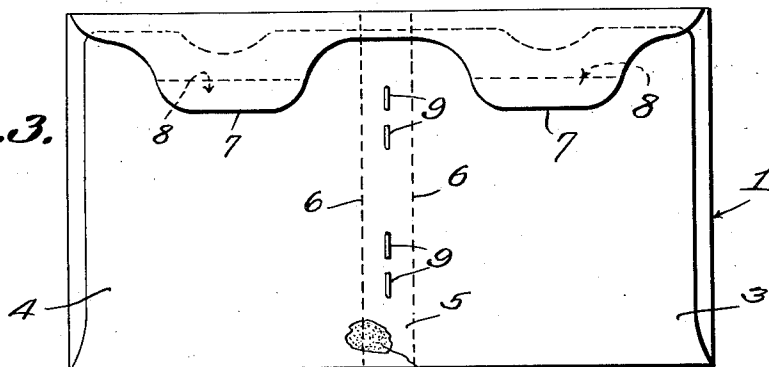


Fig. 4.

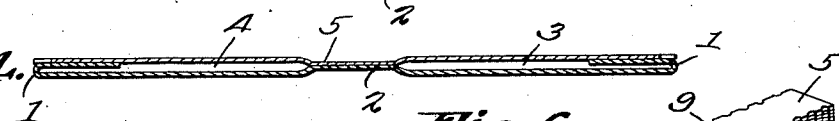
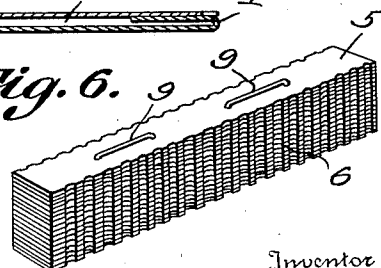


Fig. 5.

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WEEKLY OFFERING \$.....
THE BIG STONE CHURCH
Current Expenses \$.....
Missions ---- \$.....
Special Offering- \$.....

Fig. 6.



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This invention relates to envelopes for receiving weekly contributions to churches and other organizations.

Heretofore it has been the practice to provide every contributor with a set of envelopes held together by a container, one envelope being provided for every Sunday of the church year. In some cases each envelope has had a single compartment or pocket for receiving contributions for all purposes, while in other cases an envelope with two separable pockets has been used, the pockets being designed to receive contributions for different purposes.

An object of the present invention is to reduce the cost of a set of envelopes by eliminating the box or container ordinarily used, and by reducing the number of envelopes to one half of that usually necessary.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts herein-after more fully described and pointed out in the claims, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

In the accompanying drawing the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawing

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a set of envelopes having the present improvements.

Figure 2 is an elevation thereof.

Figure 3 is a bottom plan view.

Figure 4 is a longitudinal section through one of the envelopes.

Figure 5 is a plan view of one of the pocket sections removed from the set.

Figure 6 is a detail view of the intermediate or connecting pad of the set after all of the pocket sections have been used.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference, 1 designates an envelope the opposed walls of which are glued together from top to bottom at the center, as shown at 2, thereby to provide two pockets 3 and 4 joined by a connecting web 5. Parallel weakened lines 6 are provided in the web 5 as indicated at 6 and these lines also extend across the corresponding portions of the envelope flap 7 which has separate gummed areas 8 for adherence to the respective pocket portions 3 and 4.

In practice the front or top faces of the two pocket portions are printed alike, each having a space provided for receiving data indicating the

amounts contributed for different purposes. As the pocket portions are provided for different days, they are differently dated, one portion bearing the date of one Sunday and the other the date of the next succeeding Sunday.

The envelopes are arranged in a set or pack and positioned in proper chronological succession after which they are all joined by staples 9 or other fastening means engaging the overlying webs 5. Thus instead of using fifty-two envelopes for the Sundays of a year, only twenty-six need be employed. As the envelopes are joined by staples or the like, no container is required to hold them together and the danger of using them out of proper turn is greatly reduced.

When a contribution is to be made for the first Sunday of the year, the money is placed in pocket member 3 and the amount is itemized in the spaces provided on said pocket member. The member is then torn off along the adjacent weakened line 6 and sealed by means of its portion of flap 7. On the following Sunday the contribution is placed in the remaining pocket member 4 of said envelope and the member torn off and sealed. This procedure is followed throughout the year until at the end there is left only the pad formed by the connected webs 5 as shown in Figure 6.

As the flaps of the respective pocket portions are all located along the top, it will be obvious that any one of the flaps can be placed in sealed position without removing said pocket portions from the pack. Thus it is possible to place contributions in advance in the respective envelopes and seal them after which they can be torn off as needed.

What is claimed is:

1. An envelope including separate pocket portions at the respective ends thereof joined by a web closing the inner ends of the pockets, there being weakening lines in the web along which the respective pocket portions can be removed from the web, and flaps for the respective pocket portions positioned for sealing said portions prior to their separation.

2. An envelope including separate pocket portions formed by the ends thereof, separate flaps for the respective pocket portions at the tops thereof, opposed walls of the envelope being affixed together between said pocket portions to seal the inner ends of the pocket portions and provide a web connecting the inner sides of the pocket portions, there being weakened lines in the web along which the respective pocket portions and portions of the sealing web can be re-

moved from that portion of the web between said lines, said flaps being positioned to seal their respective pocket portions either before or after separation thereof.

5 3. A set of contribution envelopes arranged in a pack and disposed in superposed relation, each envelope including separate pocket portions at the respective ends thereof joined by a web closing the inner ends of the pockets, and separate
10 flaps for the tops of the respective pocket portions, there being weakening lines in the web along which any one of the respective pocket portions can be removed from the web, and means for joining together the webs of the envelopes,
15 all of said flaps being positioned to seal their respective pocket portions either before or after separation of said portions.

4. A set of contribution envelopes arranged in a pack, each envelope including separate pocket
20 portions formed by the ends thereof, opposed walls of the envelope being affixed together between said pocket portions to seal the inner ends of the pocket portions and provide a connecting web, there being weakened lines in the web along

which the respective pocket portions and portions of the sealing web can be removed from that portion of the web between said lines, separate flaps for the tops of the respective pocket portions and means for connecting the webs of the envelopes
5 at points between the weakened lines all of said flaps being positioned to seal their respective pocket portions either before or after separation of said portions.

5. A set of contribution envelopes arranged in
10 a pack, each envelope including separate pocket portions at the respective ends thereof joined by a web closing the inner ends of the pockets, there being weakening lines in the web along
15 which the respective pocket portions can be removed from the web, and a flap for closing both pocket portions, said flap being intersected by the weakened lines and having gummed portions for adherence to the respective pocket portions
20 all the flaps of the envelopes constituting the pack being positioned to seal their respective pocket portions either before or after removal from the pack.

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