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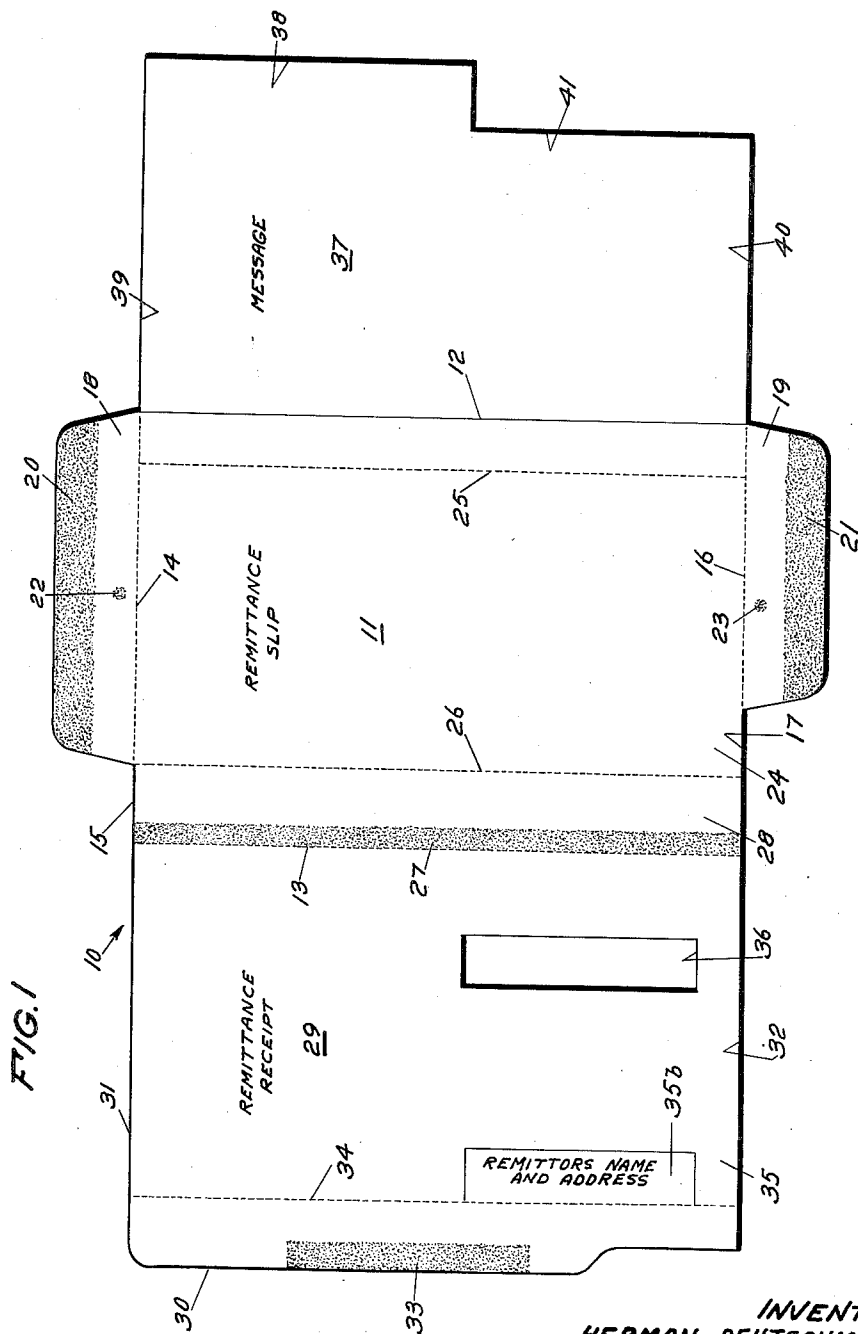
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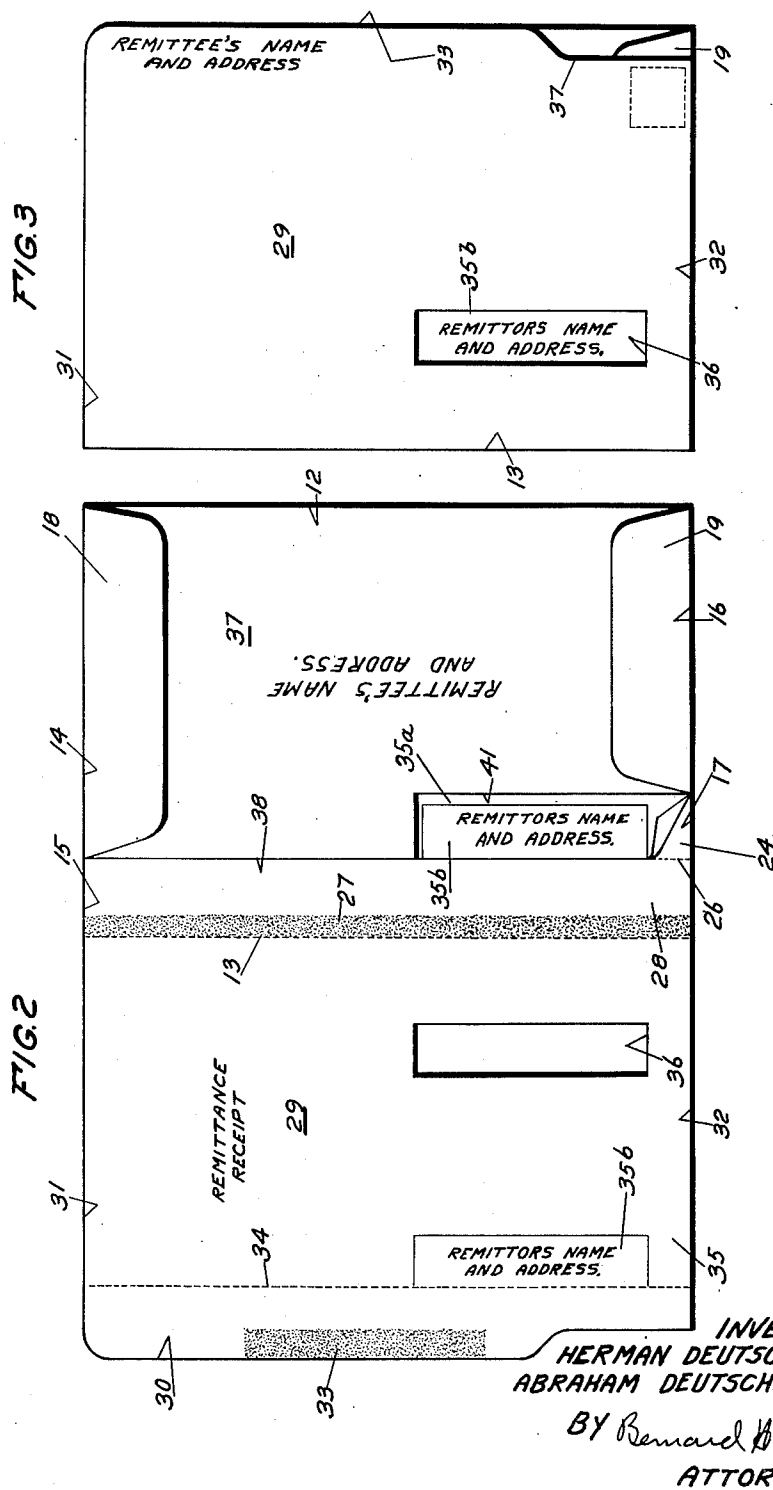
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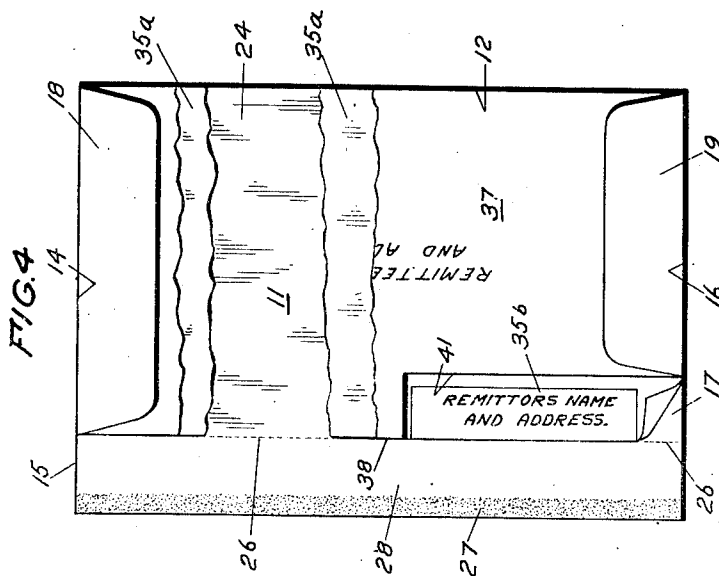
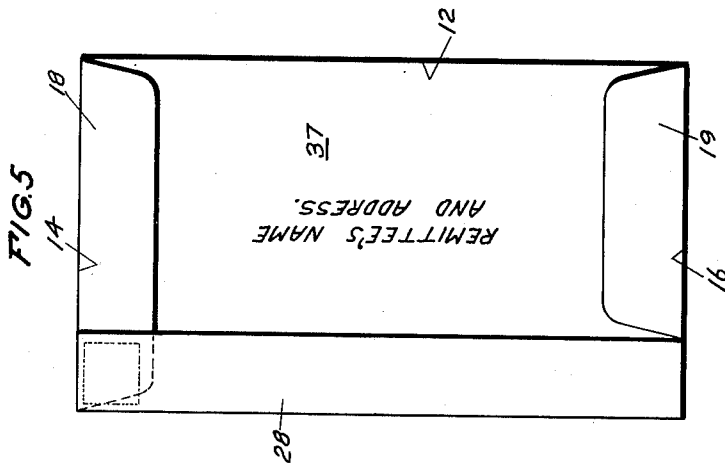
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This invention relates to mailing devices, and more particularly, to so-called two-way mailing devices adapted to provide a semi-sealed envelope for posting in one direction and a completely sealed envelope for posting in the return direction.

While not limited thereto, the present invention is especially suitable for use in banking by mail or the making of payments by mail in connection with installment accounts.

It is among the objects of the present invention to provide a device of the character described which is simple in construction, easy and economical to fabricate and put to use, and admirably adapted to perform its intended functions.

These, and other objects of the present invention, will become more apparent as the detailed description hereinafter set forth progresses.

In the accompanying specification there shall be described, and in the annexed drawings shown, an illustrative embodiment of the mailing devices of the present invention. It is, however, to be clearly understood that the present invention is not to be limited to the exact details of construction herein shown and described for purposes of illustration only inasmuch as changes therein may be made without the exercise of invention and within the scope of the claims hereto appended.

In said drawings,

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a blank from which the aforesaid illustrative embodiment of the mailing devices of the present invention may be formed;

Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same after folding to form a first envelope including a receipt, preparatory to sealing and posting in the initial direction;

Fig. 3 shows the device including a receipt ready for mailing in the initial direction;

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 2, partially broken away, and showing the device preparatory to sealing the second envelope and posting the same in the return direction; and

Fig. 5 shows the device ready for mailing in the return direction.

Referring now more in detail to the aforesaid illustrative embodiment of the present invention, with particular reference to Fig. 1 of the drawings, the numeral 10 generally designates a substantially rectangular sheet of paper including a first major or central section 11 defined by a longitudinal fold line 12, a longitudinal perforated line 13, a side edge perforated line 14 con-

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stituting a continuation of the side edge 15, and another side edge perforated line 16 constituting a continuation of the side edge 17.

Extending from the boundary of the section 11 defined by the side edge perforated line 14 is a flap 18, and extending from the boundary of said section defined by the side edge perforated line 16 is another, shorter flap 19, said flaps being provided, respectively, with gummed marginal portions 20 and 21, and gummed spots 22 and 23.

A substantially central portion 24 of the section 11 is defined, in part, by longitudinal perforated lines 25 and 26, said central portion being separable from the section 11 along the lines 25 and 26, and the lines 14 and 16 and being adapted to bear, for example, a remittance slip, such as a bank deposit slip or an installment payment slip usable as will hereinafter be described.

The section 11 is completed by a gummed marginal region 27 adjacent the perforated line 13, that portion of said section 11 lying between the perforated lines 13 and 26 providing, also as will later be described, a sealing flap 28 for closing a second envelope during the return trip of the device.

Extending from the section 11 along the perforated line 13 is a second major or first outer section 29, this section being defined, in addition to the line 13, by the longitudinal edge 30 and side edges 31 and 32, and being of the same size as the section 11.

Adjacent the edge 30, the section 29 is provided with a gummed region 33, and spaced inwardly from the edge 30, said section 29 is provided with a longitudinal perforated line 34 which, together with the perforated line 13 and portions of the side edges 31 and 32 define a separable sub-section 35 which may constitute a remittance receipt as will hereinafter be described. The sub-section 35 is completed by a cut-away portion 36 which is entirely within the boundaries of said sub-section.

Extending from the section 11 along the fold line 12 is a subsidiary or second outer section 37, this section being defined, in addition to the line 12, by the longitudinal edge 38 and side edges 39 and 40. The edges 38 and 40 are cut-away, as at 41, whereby the length of the edge 40 is substantially equal to the length of the perforated line 16 or flap 19 of the central section 11, the length of the edge 39 being substantially equal to the length of the perforated line 14 or flap 18 of said central section 11.

The section 37 may be completed by printing

thereon a message and/or instructions for use of the device.

This completes the description of the aforesaid illustrative embodiment of the present invention, and the mode of use thereof, for example, in connection with banking by mail, may be summarized as follows:

The section 37 is folded over the section 11 along the line 12 and the flaps 18 and 19 are folded over the section 37 along the lines 14 and 16, the flaps being held in place by the partial sealing afforded by the gummed spots 22 and 23. Assume the bank had received a mail deposit from a depositor who had used one of the devices of the present invention for transmitting his deposit to the bank. The bank would then have the section 29 of the device used by the depositor from which the receipt section 35 could be removed, filled out and put into the device the use of which is being currently described. This device would, at that stage, have the appearance of Fig. 2 of the drawings, wherein it will be seen that the depositor's (Remitter's) name and address is visible through the cut-away portion 41 of the section 37. In this figure the receipt from the previous device used by the depositor is designated by reference character 35a.

The section 29 is then folded over the section 37 along the line 13 and said section 29 is sealed in place by the gummed portion 33. Because of the spacing between the cut-away 36 of the section 29 and the line 13, said cut-away 36 substantially coincides with the cut-away 41 of the section 37, whereby the depositor's name and address is still visible from the exterior of the device. The appearance of the device will be as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings. The back of the section 29 may be provided with the bank's (Remittee's) name and address, and, after applying an appropriate stamp, the device is ready for mailing on its initial trip.

When the device is received by the depositor, it is opened by breaking the seal 33. The receipt 35a may be removed, and the device is ready for use in making a new deposit. For this purpose, the partially sealed flaps 18 and 19 are folded back from the section 37 and the latter is folded back from the section 11. The deposit slip afforded by the sub-section 24 may be filled in and the box labelled 35b may be filled in with the depositor's name and address.

The section 29 is separated from the rest of the device along the perforated line 13 and the receipt portion 35 is separated from the remainder of the section 29. The receipt portion 35, together with the subject matter of the deposit (bills or checks), are placed over the central portion 11, and, after folding the section 37 over the deposit, the last-named section is sealed in place by the gummed portions 20 and 21 of the flaps 18 and 19. At this stage, the device appears as in Fig. 4 of the drawings. After folding the portion 28 of the section 11 over the section 37, and sealing the device by the gummed portion 27, the device appears as in Fig. 5 of the drawings and is ready for mailing. It will be noted that the back of the section 37 may have the bank's name and address thereon.

When the device is received by the bank, the seal afforded by the gummed portion 27 is broken and the receipt and deposit removed from between the sections 11 and 37. The deposit slip portion 24 is separated from the section 11 for bank record purposes and, after filling out the receipt portion 35a obtained by the depositor

from the envelope as originally sent to him, the cycle described commences all over again.

This completes the description of the mode of use of the device of the present invention. It will be noted from all of the foregoing that the present invention provides a simple and inexpensive two-way mailing device, particularly well suited to conducting banking or installment payments by mail.

Other objects and advantages of the present invention will readily occur to those skilled in the art to which the same relates.

What is claimed is:

1. A blank for a two-way mailing device comprising: a substantially rectangular sheet of material scored to divide the same into three major sections; the central section having flaps, provided with gummed portions, extending from the side edges thereof, and a gummed portion adjacent one of the longitudinal edges thereof; one of the outer sections being cut away at the outer longitudinal edge and one of the side edges thereof; the other outer section being cut away in a region spaced from its boundaries, and provided with a gummed portion adjacent its outer longitudinal edge; the cut-away portions of both of said outer sections substantially coinciding when said outer sections are folded to overlie said central section.

2. A blank for a two-way mailing device comprising: a substantially rectangular sheet of material scored to divide the same into three major sections and permit the outer sections to be folded to overlie the central section; the central section having flaps, provided with gummed portions, extending from the side edges thereof, and being, itself, scored to provide a portion removable therefrom; the outer sections being provided with cut-away portions adapted substantially to coincide when said outer sections are folded to overlie said central section, and one of said outer sections being, itself, scored to provide a portion removable therefrom.

3. A two-way mailing device comprising: a sheet of material scored to divide the same into two major sections and one subsidiary section; one of said major sections having flaps extending from the side edges thereof; said subsidiary section being foldable over said last-named major section, said flaps being foldable over said subsidiary section, and the other major section being foldable over said subsidiary section, to provide a first envelope; said other major section and said subsidiary section being provided with substantially coinciding cut-away portions permitting a view of a portion of the interior of said first envelope; said last-named major section being separable from the remainder of the device, and a portion of the remaining major section being foldable over said subsidiary section and said flaps to provide a second envelope.

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