

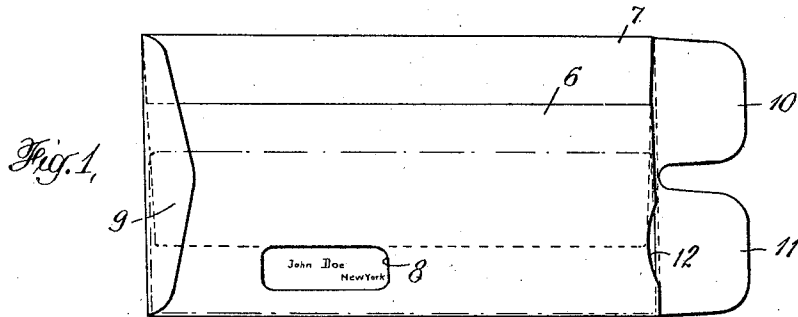
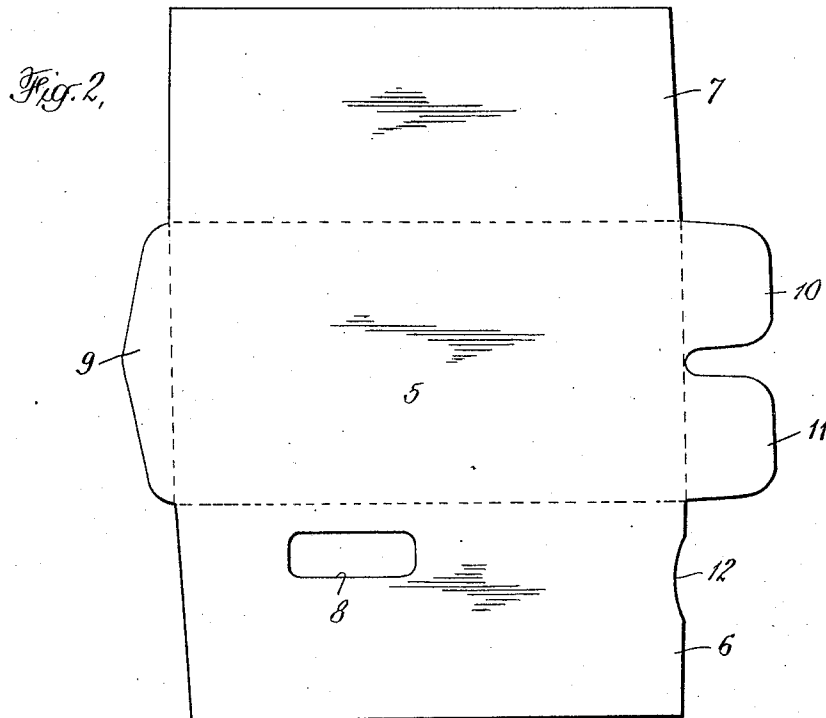
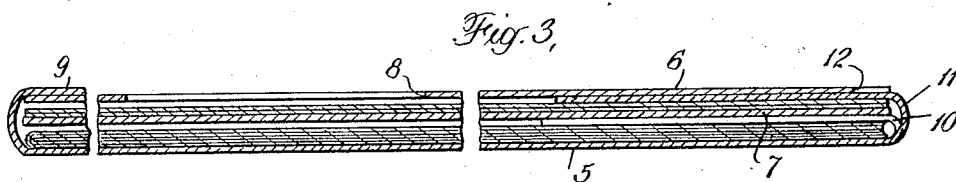
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This invention relates to envelopes, and more particularly to an envelope which is designed to carry mailable matter of different classes under the same wrapper as, for example, the envelope may contain fourth class matter and also a letter or card bearing a message requiring first class postage or an address card bearing the name of the person to whom the mail is to be delivered.

10 The primary object of the invention is to provide an envelope having separate compartments for the different classes of mailable matter to be enclosed therein and to hold the enclosures securely in place without the necessity for sealing.

15 Another object of the invention is to provide a wrapper or envelope capable of use for the purpose described which is simple in construction so that it can be manufactured inexpensively and which, in addition, provides an unobstructed surface on what is ordinarily termed the face of the envelope to receive printed impressions of an advertising nature.

25 Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent as it is better understood by reference to the following specification and accompanying drawing, in which

30 Fig. 1 is a plan view of an envelope embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the envelope blank before it is folded; and

35 Fig. 3 is a sectional view illustrating the disposition of the flaps which hold the enclosures in place.

Referring to the drawing, 5 indicates the blank which is provided with lateral flaps 6 and 7 of about equal width, although this is not essential so long as they are of sufficient width to form the pocket for an enclosure as hereinafter set forth. The flap 6 is provided with a window 8 and is adapted to be folded over the flap 7 and secured thereto by a strip of adhesive adjacent its edge. The blank is also provided with end flaps 9, 10 and 11, the flap 9 forming the bottom of the envelope and being adapted to be secured by adhesive to the flaps 6 and 7 after the latter have been folded. The flap 6 can be further secured by a strip of adhesive along its edge adjacent the flap 9.

When the flaps 6, 7 and 9 have been secured as indicated, a pocket is formed between the flaps 6 and 7 which is adapted to receive any desired enclosure such as a letter

or an address card. The strip of adhesive which secures the flap 6 to the flap 7 adjacent the lower edge may be spaced from that edge if the card or letter to be enclosed is smaller than the length of the envelope. It should be so disposed that the address which may be typed or written thereon can be seen through the window 8 when the letter or card is in place. The flap 6 is preferably notched at 10 to facilitate the removal of the letter or card from the pocket.

The body of the envelope is adapted to receive mailable matter of another class such as a catalogue which is somewhat larger than the letter or card in the pocket. When both enclosures have been inserted the flaps 10 and 11 are folded respectively over the enclosures so that the flap 10 holds the matter in the body of the envelope while the flap 11 secures the letter or card in the pocket. When the flaps are thus folded no adhesive is required but the enclosures are held firmly nevertheless. To inspect the contents the flaps 10 and 11 are simply withdrawn and can be replaced when the inspection is completed.

It will be noted that the entire face of the envelope is plain so that it can be printed with any desirable advertising matter. The address of the person to whom the mail is to be sent is visible through the window and the required stamps can be placed on the envelope adjacent thereto. Stamps for both first and fourth class mail are applied and the envelope can then be forwarded as first class matter.

The invention is particularly useful in forwarding two classes of mailable matter under a single wrapper and substantially ensures the receipt of all matter originally enclosed in the envelope since the flaps 10 and 11 will not permit separation thereof unless these flaps are first withdrawn.

Various changes may be made in the details of the arrangements of the flaps without departing from the invention, the primary feature of which is the provision of two flaps adapted to individually secure different enclosures in the envelope.

I claim:—

1. An envelope blank comprising a body portion having lateral flaps of substantial width, a single flap at one end of the body portion, the lateral and single end flaps forming when folded a supplemental pocket, and a pair of flaps at the other end of

the body portion adapted to be folded into the body of the envelope and pocket respectively.

2. An envelope comprising a body portion having flaps extending from opposite edges of the body portion, these flaps being folded in overlapping relation and forming a compartment between the flaps and the body portion, and a supplemental compartment between the flaps, a flap at one end of the body portion adapted to be folded to close both compartments at one end, and a pair of flaps on the opposite end of the body portion one of which is adapted to be folded to close the end of the first mentioned compartment and the other of which is adapted to be folded to close the supplemental compartment.

3. An envelope comprising a body portion having flaps extending from opposite edges of the body portion, these flaps being folded in overlapping relation and adhered to each other to form a compartment between the flaps and the body portion, and a supplemental compartment between the flaps, a flap on one end of the body portion adapted to be folded to close both compartments at one end, and a pair of flaps on the opposite end of the body portion, one of which is adapted to be folded to close the end of the first mentioned compartment and the other of which is adapted to be folded to close the supplemental compartment.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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