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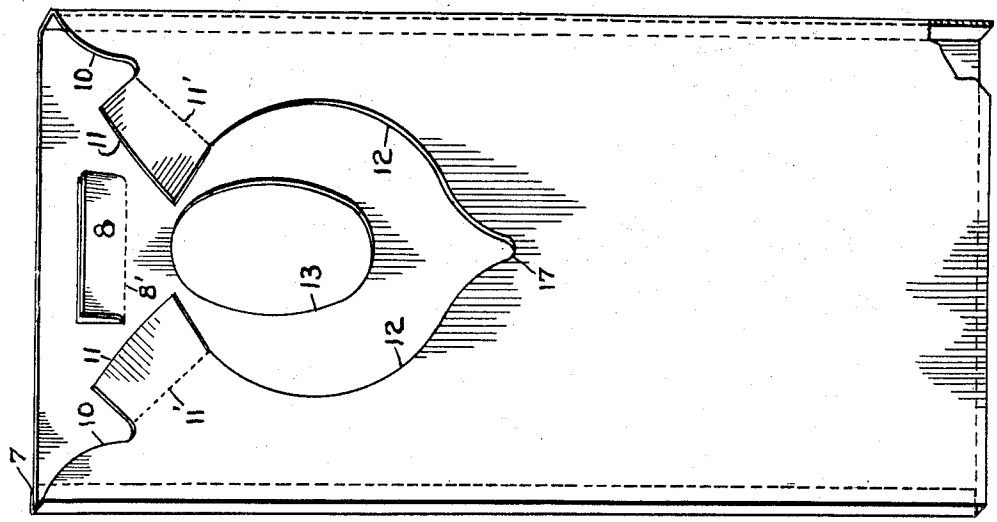



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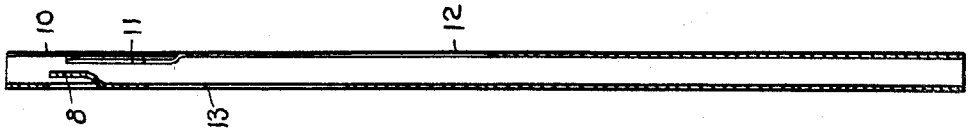



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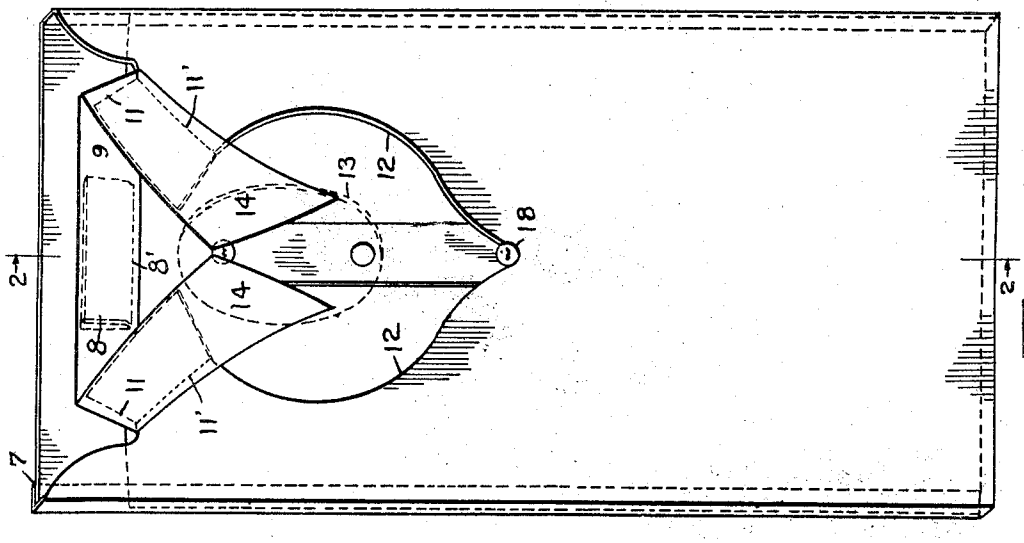



FIG. 1

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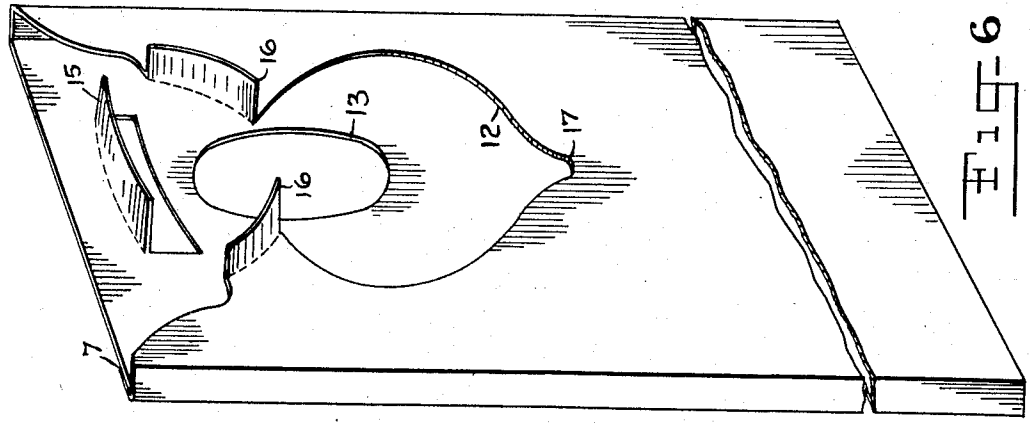



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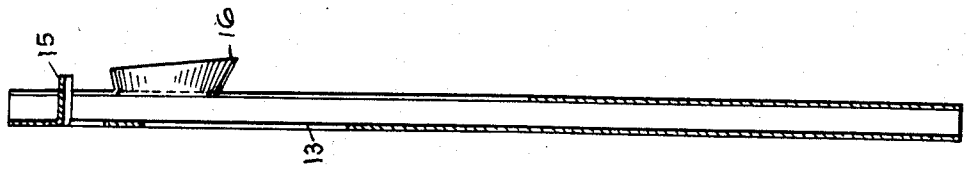



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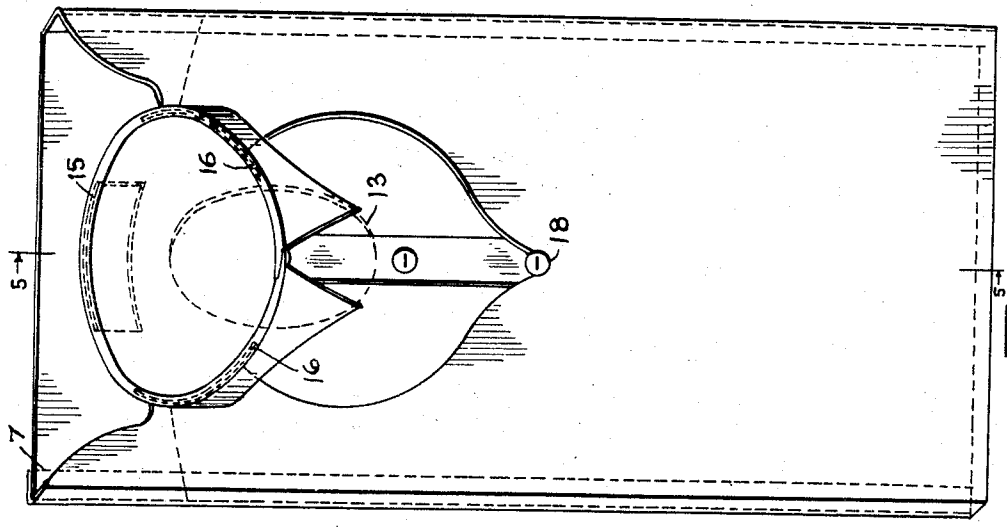



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## SHIRT ENVELOPE

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My invention relates to improvements in shirt envelopes, and more particularly has reference to an enclosure for a laundered shirt, and has for one of its objects suitable means for supporting the shirt within the enclosure, and in particular, the collar thereof, as well as exposing part of the front of the shirt for inspection purposes, and likewise a portion of the back for getting at the identification pin.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, I have illustrated in Fig. 1, in perspective elevation, a suitable form of shirt envelope with a laundered shirt and collar in position therein, Fig. 2 is a vertical section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1 looking from left to right thereat, Fig. 3 is a similar view to Fig. 1 of the same shirt envelope, with the shirt removed therefrom, Fig. 4 is a similar view to Fig. 1 showing the shirt with a stiff collar, Fig. 5 is a vertical section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4 looking from left to right, and Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the envelope shown in Fig. 4 with the shirt removed therefrom, the same being partly in broken section.

The envelope is preferably formed of a single piece of card, the ends of which are lapped as indicated at 7, being secured by a suitable adhesive. A flap 8 is preferably formed at the top in the back of the envelope as shown, having an embossed line 8' serving as a hinge, so that when the shirt is inserted in the envelope, the back 9 of the collar hangs upon the flap 8, the shirt shown in Fig. 1 being ironed flat, that is to say, with the collar laying flat upon the top of the shirt, as distinguished from the shirt shown in Fig. 4, where the collar is stiffer and stands up at an angle to the plane of the envelope.

The top front portion of the envelope is preferably cut away as shown at 10, having inwardly projecting portions 11, scored as indicated at 11', widening out at the bottom as indicated at 12, to expose the condition of the front of the shirt at that point, and an opening 13 is preferably provided in the back of the envelope to expose the identification pin used in sorting the laundry after it has been finished.

In the form shown in Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive, the flaps 11 preferably remain substantially flat and engage beneath opposite sides 14 of the collar as shown in Fig. 1, thus retaining the same in proper position while handling the laundry, and the cut away portion indicated at 12 extends upwardly beyond the front of the collar to give a good view to the top portion of the front of the shirt.

Referring now to the form shown in Figs. 4 to 6 inclusive, it will be observed that a slight curvature is provided at the base or hinged portion of the flap 15 to conform to the curvature or neck band of the collar or shirt, and the same applies to the flaps 16, so that when these flaps 15, 16 are turned upwardly at right angles to the plane of the envelope, they remain so, due to said survature, and serving as a good rigid support for the stiffened collar of the shirt, passing beneath the same when the shirt is inserted as shown in Fig. 4 and, in addition, the bottom of the opening 12 also preferably narrows as indicated at 17 to provide engagement means for the button 18 of the shirt.

By this arrangement of an envelope, the most important part of the shirt, including the front of the collar, and top of the shirt front is fully exposed to view for inspection, and at the same time, the collar is preferably reinforced or strengthened in position to avoid wrinkling or injury in handling, and substantially the same thing applies even where collarless shirts are handled, the flap 9 at the back serving to engage beneath the shirt band, and the flaps 11 at the side serving to center and engage the same at the sides, and in such case, the top engaging portion of the flaps 11 may of course, if desired, be curved to conform to the rounded contour of the shirt band.

While it is true that various inserts, bands and other forms of devices of card and other material have been employed within the collar at the front to hold the same in shape, these expedients have been objected to for various reasons, not the least of which is the fact that they conceal the front of the collar and top of the shirt, and thus prevent ready inspection of the same. This is obviated in the present instance by the opening or gap in the front of the envelope, where the front top of the shirt and collar appear, and proper supporting or reinforcement of the collar is provided notwithstanding, by the supports at the sides preferably engaging beneath the sides of the collar as shown, and of course the shirt is very easily and quickly inserted in the envelope, coming into position to engage the flaps and may be readily and quickly removed therefrom.

Of course it will be understood that various changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts of said envelope without departing from the spirit of the invention as disclosed.

I claim:

1. A shirt envelope of the class described including an enclosure cut away at the top of the

front to allow for the protrusion of the shirt collar therethrough, and side members extending inwardly from opposite sides of said cut away portion adapted to pass under opposite sides of said collar, said side members hinged to said envelope along curved lines.

2. A shirt envelope of the class described including an enclosure cut away at the top of the front to allow for the protrusion of the shirt collar therethrough, side members extending inwardly from opposite sides of said cut away portion adapted to pass under opposite sides of said collar, and a lip extending inwardly from the back of said envelope adapted to engage beneath the back of the collar of said shirt, said members and lip adapted to stand upwardly at an angle to the surface of said envelope beneath said collar.

3. A shirt envelope of the class described including an enclosure cut away adjacent the top of the front to allow for the protrusion of the upper part of the shirt therethrough, said cut away portion extending down below the front of the neck of the shirt to expose the top front portion of said shirt, and flaps at the sides of said cutaway portion to engage beneath the collar of the shirt.

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