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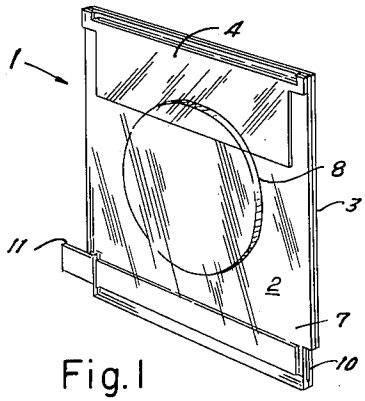


Fig. 1

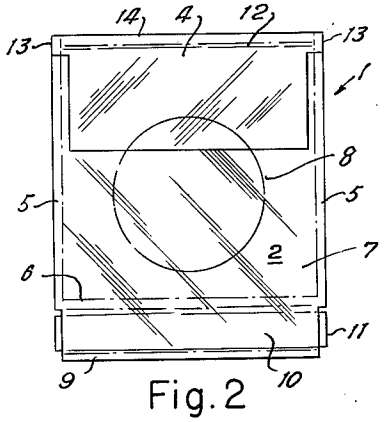


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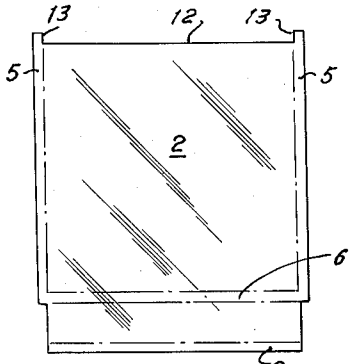


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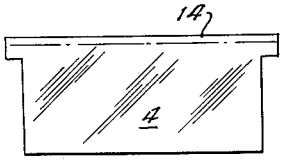


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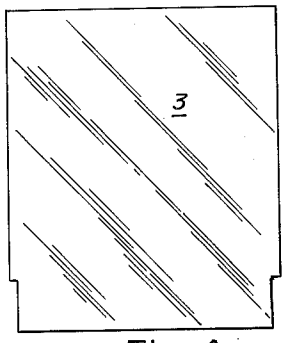


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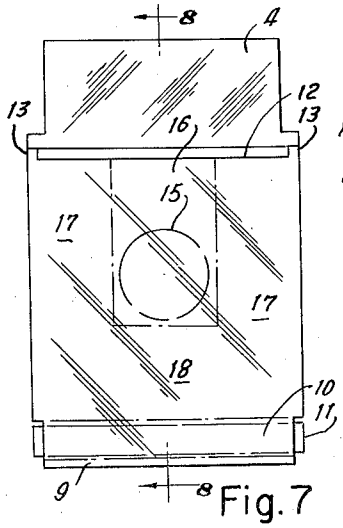


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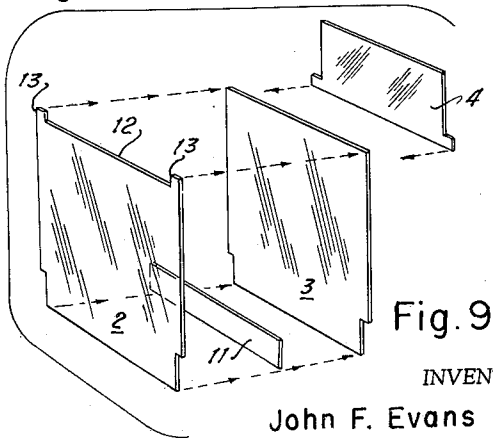


Fig. 9

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This invention relates to a coin holder, and it concerns more particularly a device for the use of persons interested in numismatics, or the collection of coins, consisting of an envelope formed to transparent flexible plastic sheet material and adapted to contain a single coin.

An object of the invention to provide an envelope as described which is adapted to protect a coin against handling and exposeure to air while at the same time permitting ready inspection thereof.

The invention contemplates an envelope as described having a front and a back each consisting of a separate sheet having marginal portions thereof joined together by the application of heat and pressure to form a central pocket adapted to contain a coin, and having a self sealing flap consisting of another sheet joined along one of its edges by the application of heat and pressure to a marginal portion of one of the first mentioned sheets.

The invention further contemplates an envelope as described having a marginal slot in its front sheet, normally closed by the flap, for insertion of a coin, the ends of the slot being spaced apart from the adjacent side edges of the envelope whereby the corners thereof immediately below the flap are positively sealed to prevent the admission of air to the interior of the pocket in the closed position of the flap.

The invention further contemplates an envelope as described having portions of its front and back sheets extending outwardly beyond the connected marginal portions thereof forming one side of the pocket, said extended portions being joined together along their outer edges to form a relatively narrow passage, open at its ends, extending across the envelope, and a card inserted in said passage from one of its ends for use in identifying a coin received in the pocket.

The invention will be readily understood by referring to the following description and the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a coin holder embodying the invention;

FIG. 2 is a front view thereof, showing the self sealing flap in its closed position;

FIGS. 3 to 6, inclusive, are detail views showing respectively, the front sheet, the back sheet, the self sealing flap, and the card insert which together form the coin holder shown in FIGS. 1 and 2;

FIG. 7 is a front view of a modified form of the invention, showing the self sealing flap in its open position;

FIG. 8 is a sectional view taken on the line 8—8 of FIG. 7; and

FIG. 9 is an exploded perspective view of the invention as shown in FIGS. 7 and 8.

Referring to FIGS. 1 to 6 of the drawing, the coin holder of the invention consists of a generally rectangular envelope, designated generally by the numeral 1, which is formed of transparent flexible plastic sheet material.

The envelope 1 has a front 2, a back 3, and an end flap 4, each of which comprises a separate sheet. The several sheets which comprise the front 2, the back 3, and the end flap 4, respectively, are joined together in juxtaposed relation to each other, by the application of heat and pressure, as hereinafter described.

The front sheet 2 and the back sheet 3 are joined together by the application of heat and pressure along their opposite side edges, as at 5, and along a transverse line 6 spaced inwardly from the ends thereof opposite the end flap 4, to form a substantially square pocket 7, normally closed by the end flap 4, adapted to contain a single coin such as the coin 8.

The front sheet 2 and the back sheet 3 are further connected by the application of heat and pressure along the end edges thereof opposite the end flap 4, as at 9, to thereby form a relatively narrow passage 10, open at its ends, between the transverse line 6 and the end edges 9.

An elongated card insert 11, which advantageously may be made of paper, for example, is removably inserted in the passage 10 from one of its ends, as illustrated in FIG. 1, for use in identifying a coin, such as the coin 8, received in the pocket 7.

The front sheet 2 is cut away adjacent the end thereof nearest the end flap 4, as at 12, so that it is in effect shorter than the back sheet 3. A pair of tabs 13 extend longitudinally outwardly from opposite sides of the cut away portion 12, terminating adjacent the corresponding end edge of the back sheet 3, for use as hereinafter described.

The end flap 4 has one of its edges joined by the application of heat and pressure to the front side of the back sheet 3 along the adjacent end edge thereof, beyond the cut away portion 12 of the front sheet 2, and to the front sides of the tabs 13, as at 14.

The material of the end flap 4 is characterized by its self sealing quality whereby it is adapted to be removably secured to the material of the front sheet 2, which it overlies in its closed position, upon applying pressure thereto, as with the fingers.

The cut away portion 12 of the front sheet 2 forms a slot below the end flap 4 for insertion of a coin, such as the coin 8, into the pocket 7. The tabs 13 form a positive seal on opposite sides of the cut away portion 12, adjacent the corresponding corners of the envelope 1, whereby the admission of air to the interior of the pocket 7, in the closed position of the end flap 4, is effectively prevented.

FIGS. 7 to 9, inclusive, show a modified form of the invention which is intended for use in conjunction with coins of relatively small size, such as the coin 15. The pocket 16, which corresponds to the pocket 7 shown in FIGS. 1 to 6, has a width corresponding substantially to the diameter of the coin 15.

Marginal portions of the front sheet 2 and the back sheet 3 extending along opposite sides of the pocket 16, between the pocket 16 and the adjacent side edges of the front sheet 2 and the back sheet 3, as at 17, and portions of the front sheet 2 and the back sheet 3 extending transversely along the side of the pocket 16 opposite the end flap 4, in inwardly spaced relation to the adjacent end of the envelope 1, as at 18, are joined together by the application of heat and pressure to form the pocket 16.

The marginal portions 17 and the transversely extending portions 18 shown in FIGS. 7 to 9 correspond to the side edge portions 5 and the transverse portions 6 shown in FIGS. 1 to 6.

As shown in FIGS. 7 to 9, the end flap 4 has one of its edges joined by the application of heat and pressure to the back side of the back sheet 3 along its adjacent end edge, rather than to the front side thereof, as shown in FIGS. 1 to 6, and is folded over the adjacent end of the front sheet 2.

In use, a plurality of coin holders embodying the invention, of uniform size, advantageously may be arranged one behind another in suitable boxes, in inverted position, with the card inserts 11 uppermost.

If desired a slot corresponding to the slot 12, and a self sealing flap corresponding to the end flap 4, may

be placed on the opposite end of the envelope **1**, immediately below the card insert **11**.

The invention may be modified in various ways without departing from the spirit and scope thereof.

I claim:

A coin holder comprising an envelope, adapted to contain a single coin, formed of transparent flexible plastic sheet material and having a front and a back each consisting of a separate sheet having marginal portions thereof joined together by the application of heat and pressure to form a central pocket having longitudinal and transverse dimensions each corresponding substantially to the diameter of a coin receivable therein, and having a self sealing flap consisting of another sheet joined along one of its edges by the application of heat and pressure to a marginal portion of one of the first mentioned sheets, the flap overlying the front sheet in its closed position and the material of the flap being characterized by its self sealing quality whereby it is adapted to be removably secured to the material of the front sheet, in its closed position, upon applying pressure thereto, as with the fingers, the envelope having a marginal slot in its front sheet, normally closed by the flap, for insertion of a coin, and having portions of its front and back sheets

extending outwardly beyond the connected marginal portions thereof forming one side of the pocket, said extended portions being further joined together by the application of heat and pressure along their outer edges to form between them a relatively narrow passage, open at its ends, extending across the envelope, and an elongated card removably inserted in said passage from one of its ends for use in identifying a coin received in the pocket.

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