

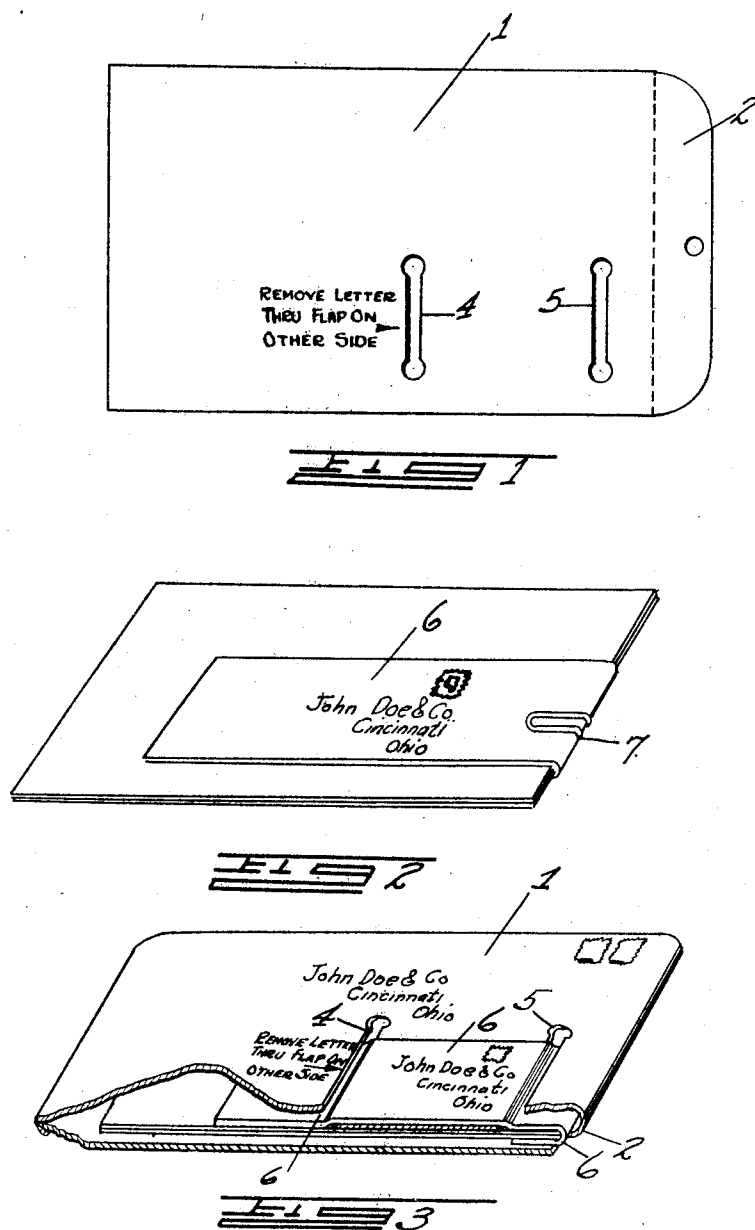
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My invention relates to envelopes for use in mailing third or fourth class matter in connection with first class matter which under the rules of the Postal Department, require separate postage for the several classes.

In the envelopes now generally in use and which have the approval of the postal authorities, a separate pocket is attached to the larger third or fourth class envelope, which pocket is provided with a sealing flap. The first class mail matter is inclosed in this pocket and the necessary separate postage applied to the sealed pocket as well as on the body of the main envelope.

It is found that frequently in abstracting the third or fourth class matter, the contents of the sealed pocket is overlooked and the envelope goes into the waste basket and the first class matter is thus lost or the party opening the mail opens the sealed pocket and the envelope is then discarded without abstracting the third or fourth class contents.

It is to remedy these disadvantages of the present mailing envelopes for mail of different classes that my invention is directed, and it consists of that certain novel construction and arrangement of parts whereby the two classes of mail will be withdrawn simultaneously.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved envelope.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the two classes of mail removed from the unsealed envelope.

Figure 3 is a perspective showing the envelope as mailed with the lower end in section to disclose the contents.

1 represents the ordinary envelope used for third or fourth class matter with the ordinary flap 2 for closing same held shut by the usual fastening devices for unsealed envelopes.

A pair of slots 4, 5 are cut at any convenient place in the front face of the envelope 1, sufficiently far apart to expose the address of the smaller envelope 6 which is also an ordinary envelope for sealing the first class matter. In placing the contents in the envelope for mailing, the first class mail matter is addressed, sealed and stamped with the proper postage and one end is

fastened with a clip 7 to the third or fourth class matter in a position to permit the envelope 6 to be passed outwardly through the slot 5 and inwardly through the slot 4 where it will be secure from displacement.

With this construction it is most improbable that any portion of the contents of either envelope will be overlooked. The recipient of the mail cannot remove the catalogue or circular without at the same time automatically withdrawing the sealed envelope and directions may be imprinted on the envelope as indicated in the drawings to remove the sealed envelope through the unsealed closing flap so that the failure to receive the entire contents of the package is reduced to a minimum. If by any chance the sealed letter should become displaced in transport, the letter being complete in itself and properly stamped and addressed, will be delivered in any event in due course.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. In a device of the class specified, an unsealed envelope with a closing flap and means for securing a sealed smaller envelope thereto with the address thereon exposed on the outside of the unsealed envelope with the sealed envelope attached to the contents of the unsealed envelope.

2. In a device of the class specified, an unsealed and a smaller sealed envelope, the unsealed envelope provided with a closing flap and a slot in the front thereof sufficiently close to the folding flap to allow for the insertion of the smaller envelope attached to the contents of the unsealed envelope and means for securing part of the sealed envelope on the outside of the unsealed envelope.

3. In a device of the class specified, an unsealed and a smaller sealed envelope, the unsealed envelope provided with a closing flap and with a pair of slots in the front thereof, the one slot sufficiently close to the folding flap to allow for the insertion of the smaller envelope attached to the contents of the unsealed envelope and the other slot adapted to receive the unattached end of the sealed envelope to hold part of it exposed on the outside of the unsealed envelope.

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