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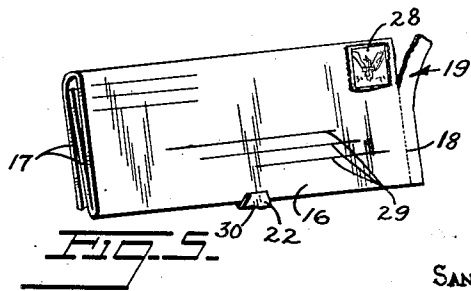
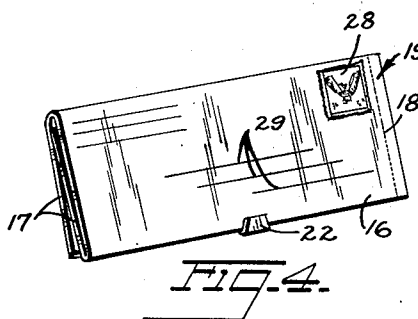
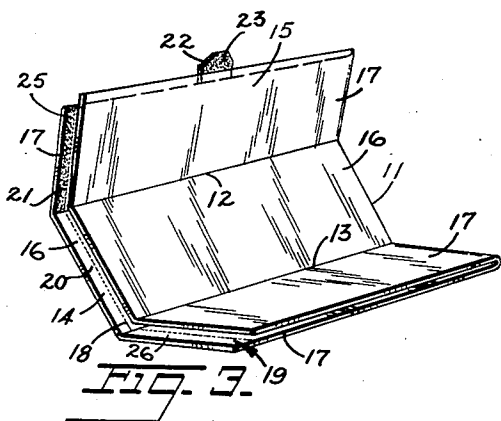
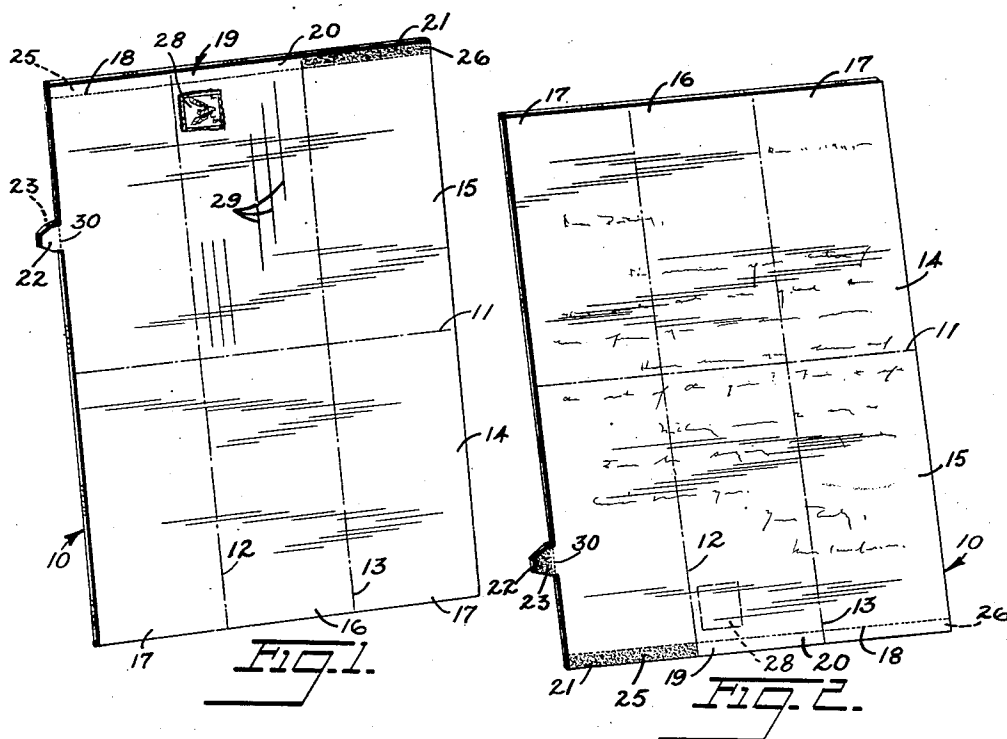
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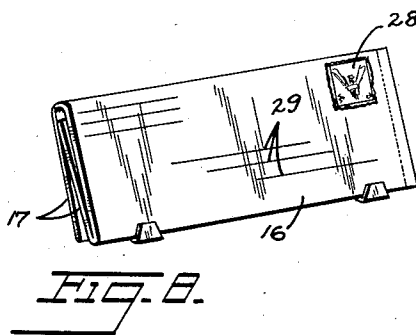
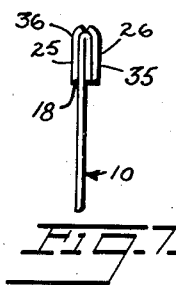
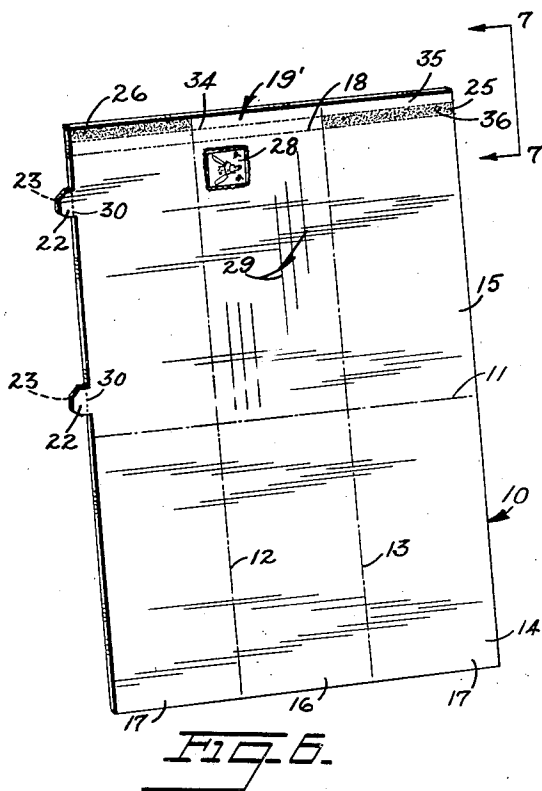
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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a combined envelope and writing sheet.

More particularly the invention proposes an improved combined envelope and writing sheet which when in an open condition appears little different from a conventional writing sheet. However, it is provided with certain innovations which makes it possible to fold and seal it in a novel manner. An envelope is not required. An improved feature of the article resides in the simple way in which it may be opened by the receiver.

Still further the invention proposes a new and improved combined envelope and writing sheet as briefly explained which may be manufactured and sold at a low cost.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the combined envelope and writing sheet illustrated in an opened up condition and viewed from the outer side.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the article shown in Fig. 1 viewed from the inner side.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the article partially folded.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the article in its completely folded and sealed condition.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view similar to Fig. 4 but illustrating the article in the process of being opened up.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a combined envelope and writing sheet constructed in accordance with a modified form of this invention, this sheet being viewed from the outer side.

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary elevational view looking in the direction of the line 7—7 of Fig. 6 but illustrated with the top portion of the sheet bent down.

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the article shown in Fig. 6 in its completely closed and sealed condition.

The new and improved combined envelope and writing sheet in accordance with that form of the invention disclosed in Figs. 1 to 5, includes a rectangular sheet 10 of paper having a transverse score line or fold 11 a short distance below the center of its long dimension for guiding folding

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of the bottom section 14 of said sheet on to the front face of the top section 15 of the sheet, as illustrated in Fig. 3. The sheet 10 is also provided with two longitudinal score lines or folds 12 and 13 straddling the center of the long dimension of the sheet for guiding further folding of said sheet after said bottom section is folded upon said top section. These two longitudinal score lines or folds 12 and 13 divide off or form a central section 16 and two side sections 17, as clearly shown in Fig. 3.

A line of perforations 18 extends transversely across the top portion of the sheet 10 at a distance beneath the top edge equal, or substantially equal, to the distance that said transverse score line or fold 11 is offset from the center of the long dimension of said sheet 10 for dividing off a top strip portion 19. This top strip portion 19 has a central section 20 and side sections 21 which are defined by said longitudinal score lines or folds 12 and 13.

A tab 22 with adhesive material 23 upon its front face is integrally formed with and projects from one side of the top section of said sheet 10. Adhesive material 25 is disposed upon the front face of the side section 21 of said top strip portion 19 which is adjacent the tab 22. Additional adhesive 26 is disposed upon the back face of the side section 21 of the top strip portion 19 which is remote from the tab 22. The top portion 15 has the outer face of its central section 16 imprinted with a box 28 or other indication for a postage stamp. It is also imprinted with several guide lines 29 to facilitate the writing of a name and address. The tab 22 is provided with a line of perforations 30 at its base for facilitating tearing when required.

The operation and use of the combined envelope and writing sheet may be understood from the following:

The sheet 10 is sold in its open condition. The purchaser may write a letter or other material upon the inside face. Then it may be folded along the transverse fold or score line 11. Next it is folded along the score lines 12 and 13 as indicated in Fig. 3. The side sections 17 should now be so placed that the adhesive materials 25 and 26 are adjacent each other. This permits pasting or sealing of the article. The adhesive 23 on the tab 22 is sealed over the adjacent portion of the folded article. When completely closed and sealed, it looks as illustrated in Fig. 4. In this condition it may be sent through the mails. The receiver may open the article by tearing the right hand edge portion along the line of perforations

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18. In this way the strip 19 is removed. Then the tab 22 is torn along the perforation 30. The sheet 10 is now free to be opened up.

In Figs. 6 to 8 inclusive, a modified form of the invention has been disclosed which is very similar to the prior form but distinguishing in two ways. In this form the sheet 10 is provided with several tabs 22 so that the article may be securely sealed. The sheet 10 is also provided with a top strip portion 19' which is divided by a transverse score line or fold 34 into an outer section 35 and an inner section 36. The outer section 35 is provided with adhesive 26 covering one of the side sections 17 of the sheet 10. The inner section 36 of the strip portion 19' is provided with adhesive 25 covering the other section 17 of the sheet 10.

In other respects this form of the invention is identical to the prior form and like parts may be recognized by the same reference numerals.

The operation and use of this form of the invention is substantially identical to the prior form distinguishing in that the sheet 10 may be folded on the transverse score or fold line 34 so as to place the adhesive 25 and 26 on opposite faces of the sheet 10 similar to the location of the corresponding adhesive in the prior form of the invention. Now the sheet may be folded and sealed in the same way as before described. The advantage of the second form of the invention resides in the fact that the adhesive 25 and 26 is applied upon one face of the sheet 10. In the first form it was required to be placed on two faces.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

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

1. In a combined envelope and writing sheet having a sheet of paper formed with a transverse score line along which the sheet can be folded substantially in half and spaced longitudinal score lines along which the sheet can be folded substantially in thirds after being folded in half, a strip portion along one end of the sheet, a line of perforations dividing said strip portion from the sheet, a score line dividing said strip portion into an inner section and an outer section and along which said strip portion may be folded in half to superimpose said outer section on the inner face of said inner section, and spaced adhesive areas on the outer face of said strip section, one at the end of said outer section and the other at the opposite end of said inner section, whereby when the sheet is folded in half, said strip portion may be folded in half and the sheet may then be folded into thirds to superimpose said adhesive areas to be used to seal the sheet folded.

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2. In a combined envelope and writing sheet having a sheet of paper formed with a transverse score line along which the sheet can be folded substantially in half and spaced longitudinal score lines along which the sheet can be folded substantially in thirds after being folded in half, a strip portion along one end of the sheet, a line of perforations dividing said strip portion from the sheet, a score line dividing said strip portion into an inner section and an outer section and along which said strip portion may be folded in half to superimpose said outer section on the inner face of said inner section, and spaced adhesive areas on the outer face of said strip section, one at the end of said outer section and the other at the opposite end of said inner section, whereby when the sheet is folded in half, said strip portion may be folded in half and the sheet may then be folded into thirds to superimpose said adhesive areas to be used to seal the sheet folded, said line of perforations and said score line of said strip portion being arranged parallel to each other and transverse of the sheet.

3. In a combined envelope and writing sheet having a sheet of paper formed with a transverse score line along which the sheet can be folded substantially in half and spaced longitudinal score lines along which the sheet can be folded substantially in thirds after being folded in half, a strip portion along one end of the sheet, a line of perforations dividing said strip portion from the sheet, a score line dividing said strip portion into an inner section and an outer section and along which said strip portion may be folded in half to superimpose said outer section on the inner face of said inner section, and spaced adhesive areas on the outer face of said strip section, one at the end of said outer section and the other at the opposite end of said inner section, whereby when the sheet is folded in half, said strip portion may be folded in half and the sheet may then be folded into thirds to superimpose said adhesive areas to be used to seal the sheet folded, and spaced sealing tabs formed along the side of the sheet adjacent the end of said outer section formed with said one adhesive area.

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