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Fig. 1.

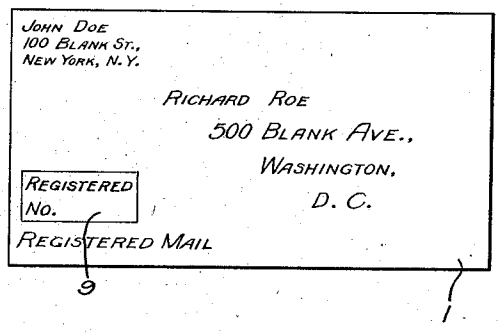


Fig. 2.

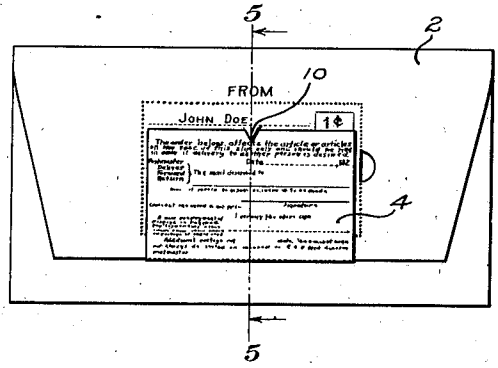


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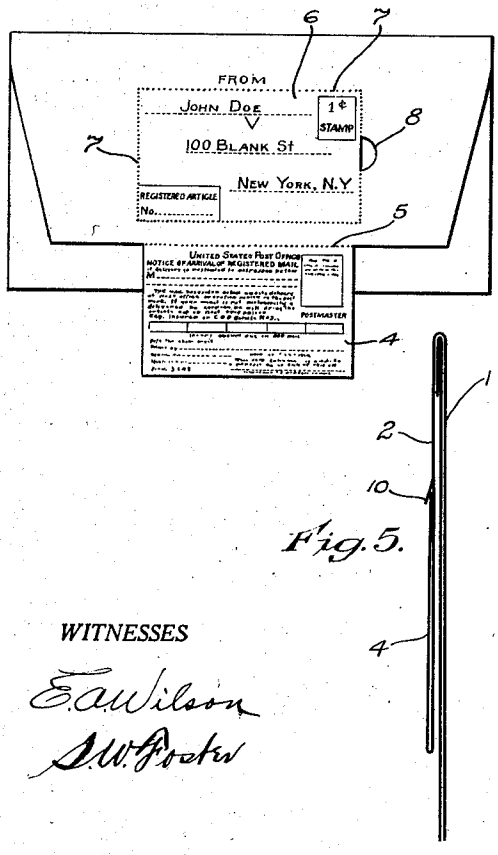
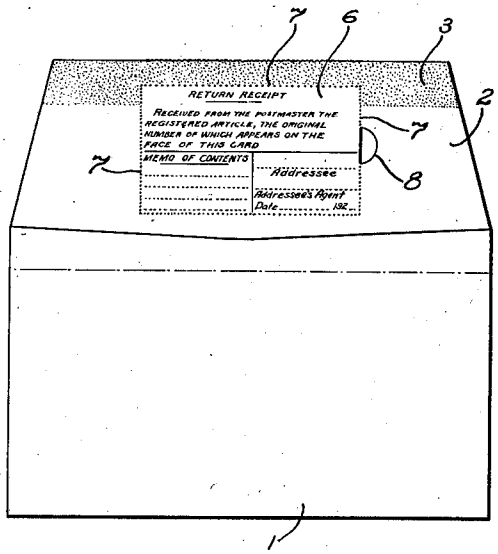


Fig. 5.

Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VERNON A. CONKLIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Belmar, in the county of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Envelope, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to envelopes and more particularly to an enclosure for registered mail, an object of the invention being to provide an enclosure or envelope in which a return receipt postal card is formed in the body of the closure flap and the postoffice or postmaster's receipt constitutes a detachable extension of the flap.

A further object is to provide an envelope of this character which carries as integral parts thereof both the postoffice receipt and the addressee's receipt, which are detachable, and which not only simplify the transmission of registered mail but absolutely insure the proper receipts being carried and returned and minimize the cost of the entire transaction and result in a labor saving and time saving operation.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts which will be more fully hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings—

Figure 1 is a face view of my improved envelope;

Figure 2 is a back view of the envelope shown in Figure 1 with the parts in position for transmission through the mail;

Figure 3 is a view similar to Figure 2 showing the postoffice or postmaster's receipt card in its extended position;

Figure 4 is a rear or back view of the envelope with the flap open and the postoffice receipt removed;

Figure 5 is a view in section on the line 5—5 of Figure 2, the view being more or less diagrammatic as the thickness of paper are shown by a single line.

1 represents my improved envelope which may be of any size or shape desired and constructed in any approved manner in so far as the body of the envelope is concerned. My invention relates more particularly to the construction of the closure flap 2 which contains at its edge mucilage or other adhesive 3 to secure the same in closed position against the back of the envelope. To this flap 2 I provide an extension 4 having a perforated or other weakened line 5 at its point of juncture with the body of the flap. This extension 4 preferably constitutes a receipt card for the postoffice or postmaster at the postoffice of delivery and contains on opposite sides thereof suitable data for this purpose and, preferably, in conformity with the usual practice of cards for this use.

In the body of the flap 2 I provide a return post card receipt 6. This card is removable by reason of a perforated or weakened line 7 extending throughout the area of the card, and on the card on its inner and outer faces the usual data or subject matter is contained, as is common with the postal cards now in general use for this purpose. Adjacent the weakened line 7 I provide an opening 8 for the reception of the finger or a suitable instrument to cut or tear out the postal card for its return. As is customary, this postal card 6 will contain the name and address of the sender of the envelope, a place for the register number and also memorandum of the contents and place for the signature of the addressee or his agent and the date.

On the front face of the envelope 1 I also provide a space 9 for the number of the registered letter or package, and on this front face, as is customary, the name of the addressee and the name of the sender are to be placed.

The invention consists broadly in the provision of a closure flap for an envelope in which an extension is provided on the flap constituting one card, and a perforated line or lines formed in the body of the flap which outline another card, so that these two cards may constitute the ordinary receipt cards, one for the postoffice and one for the addressee.

I preferably use the card 6 for the return postal of the addressee, and the extension 4 as the postoffice receipt card but it is obvious that these may be reversed if desired. In fact, my invention is broad enough to cover a flap in which only a single card, such as the receipt card 6, is formed in the body of the envelope flap and adapted to be torn out and signed by the addressee for return.

It is obvious that the invention is not lim-

ited to any particular manner of printing or captioning or using the particular receipt cards but is broadly to the structure of envelope or enclosure such as above described.

For convenience in mailing the envelope, the extension or card 4 is folded back against the flap 2 and a tongue 10 cut from the body of the card 6 engages over the edge of the card 4, as shown in Figure 2, so as to hold the cards flat in transit.

Various slight changes and alterations might be made in the general form of the parts described without departing from my invention, and hence I do not limit myself to the precise details set forth but consider myself at liberty to make such slight changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

An envelope of the character described having a closure flap, a return postcard receipt defined by perforated lines and entirely within the confines of the flap, said card removable from and constituting an integral portion of the body of the flap, the perforated lines defining the card being spaced from the free edge of the flap whereby said card is spaced from all edges of the flap, and a second card constituting an extension of the flap and having a fragile line of connection therewith, said flap having adhesive thereon for securing to the body of the envelope and both of said cards being free of adhesive.

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