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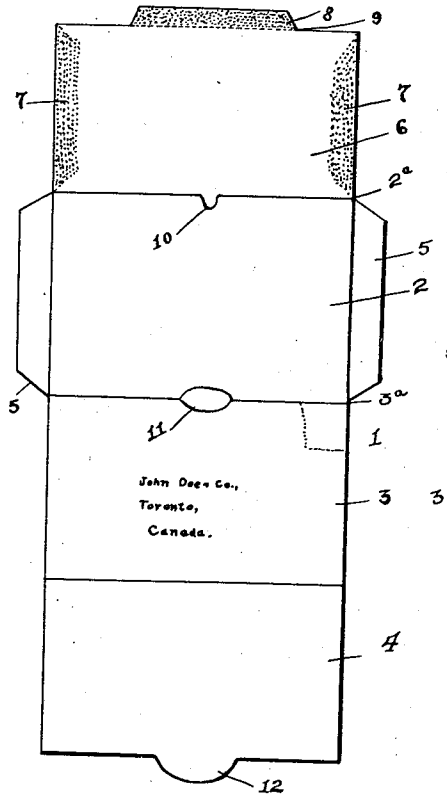


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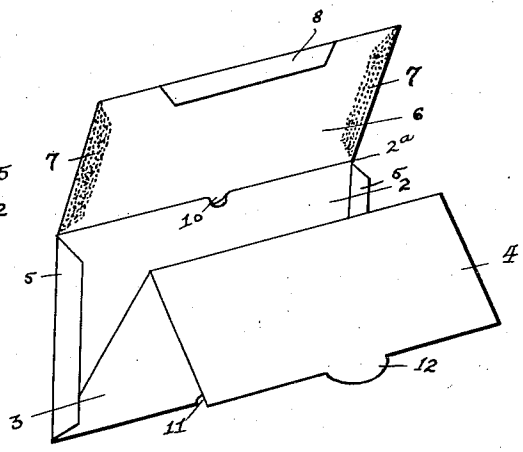


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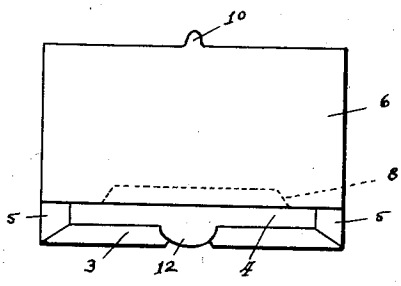


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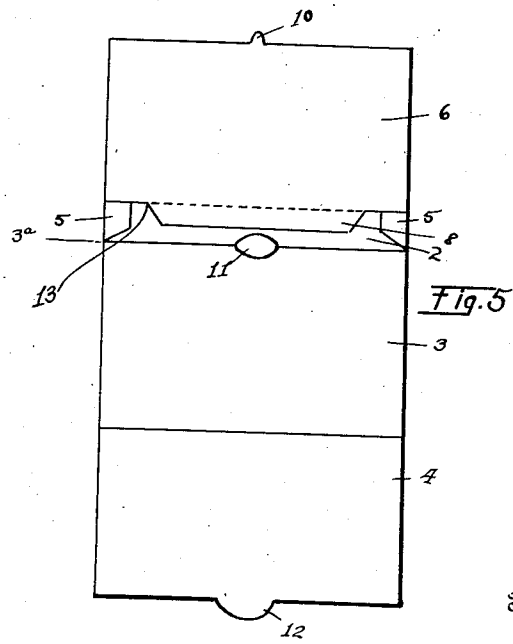


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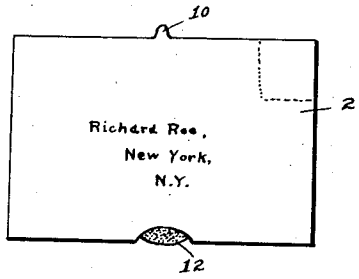


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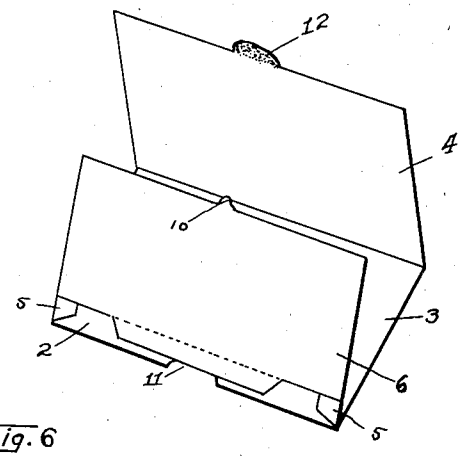


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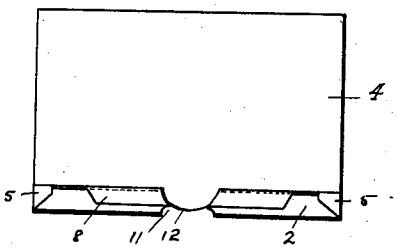
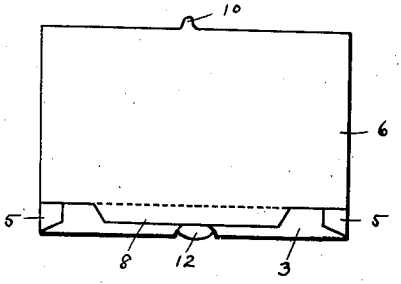


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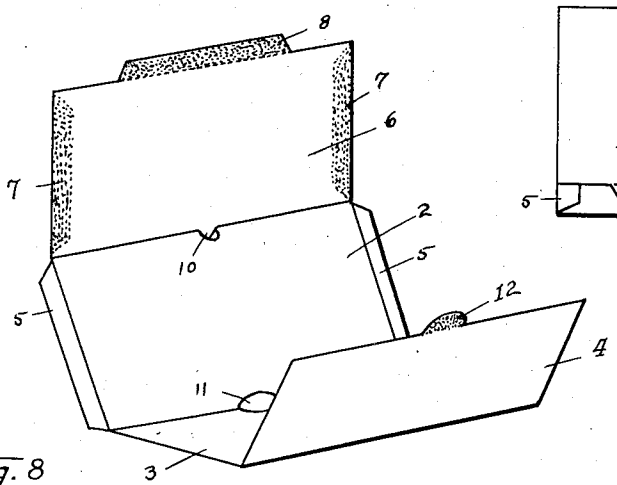


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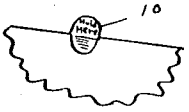


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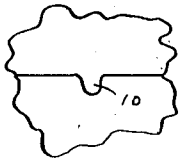


Fig. 10

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My invention relates to new and useful improvements in mailing folders, and has for its object to produce a folder which may be used in advertising, for sending out circulars, etc., and which is provided with convenient means for opening without cutting or tearing any part of the folder.

Another object of my invention is that the same folder may be used in replying to the original sender, for enclosing checks or money, the return address being already placed thereon.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a folder which in addition to being used as circular mailing matter, may also be used as first class mail, suitable sealing means being employed to render it perfectly secure and private.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a folder having a slitted tag which automatically projects when the device is folded, and by means of which the folder may be held for opening.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, my invention consists in the novel features herein set forth, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings,

Fig. 1 is a plan view of my improved mailing folder in its unfolded state.

Fig. 2 shows the manner in which the device is folded for circular use.

Figs. 3 and 4 are rear and front views respectively of the folder ready for mailing.

Fig. 5 is a view of the folder after it has been opened, showing the remaining pocket for enclosing money or checks in replying to the original sender.

Fig. 6 shows the mode in which the device is folded for returning.

Fig. 7 shows the device folded and sealed for returning.

In Figs. 8 and 9, I have shown the manner of folding when the device is to be used for first class mail, and

Figs. 10 and 11 are detail views of the slitted tag used in opening.

In the drawings numerals of like character designate similar parts throughout the several views.

1 designates the main body portion of the folder which consists of three integral folding sections, 2, 3 and 4. On either side of the upper section 2, I provide wings or flaps 5.

On the upper side of the envelope portion 2, also integral therewith, is a sealing flap 6, the side edges of which are provided with a suitable gum 7 for sealing to the flaps 5 when folded. The upper edge of the flap 6 is provided with an alternative gumming flap 8 integral therewith and perforated along its inner edge as shown at 9, to enable it to be readily folded or unfolded.

At substantially the central portion of the fold 2^a along the inner edges of the portion 2 and the flap 6, I stamp or cut a tag 10, which when the flap 6 is folded down will automatically project in the position shown in Fig. 3.

The opposite edge 3^a where the portions 2 and 3 unite at approximately the center thereof, is provided with an aperture 11, which when the portions are folded as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, serves to enable the receiver to grasp the opening tab 12, on the lower edge of the portion 4, said tab being provided on its outer surface with gum. The arrangement of the aperture 11 and the tab 12 is such that the tab does not project beyond the confines of the envelope.

The outer side of the portion 2 is used for receiving the outgoing address as will be seen from Fig. 4, and when the device is to be used as advertising, or circular mailing matter, the return address is printed on the inner side of portion 3, as shown in Fig. 1.

The operation of my folder is as follows. Assuming first that it is to be used for mail, entitled to the circular rate, the portions 3 and 4 are folded reversely into the envelope portion 2 as shown in Fig. 2, the wings 5 being bent over and the sealing flap 6 with the alternating flap 8 turned in, folded down and sealed to the wings 5, as will be seen from Figs. 3 and 4.

To open the envelope, the receiver holds the tag 10 between the fingers of one hand, and pulls out the tab 12 with the other, which leaves the device in the position shown in Fig. 5, with a pocket 13 adapted to receive checks or money to be returned to the original sender.

In order to return checks or money as stated, the pocket 13 is closed by unfolding and sealing the alternating flap 8. The portion 3 having thereon the return address, is folded reversely on the portion 2, as shown

in Fig. 6 and the portion 4 is folded over the pocket portion and sealed by the gummed tab 12, as will be seen from Fig. 7.

This improved mailing folder may also be used for first class matter as before stated, in which case, the sections are folded as shown in Fig. 8. The portions 3 and 4 are folded twice upwardly from the bottom, into the envelope portion, and the flap 6 with the alternating flap 8 unfolded is sealed on all three edges as may be seen in Fig. 9.

This use of the device, of course, renders the novel opening means useless, and it is opened in the usual manner.

In Figs. 10 and 11, I have shown fragmental views of the unfolded and folded positions respectively, of the slited tag, 10, and as will be noted the words "Hold here" may be printed on said tag to attract the receivers's attention.

From the foregoing, it is believed that my invention may be clearly understood without further description, and in closing, it may be stated that numerous changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit of the invention as disclosed in the following claims.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A mailing folder including a main body portion consisting of a plurality of foldable sections, end flaps integral with one of said sections, a sealing flap also integral with said section and having an alternating sealing flap on one edge thereof, and means at the longitudinal extremities of the main body portion whereby said envelope may be pulled open without cutting.

2. A mailing folder comprising a plurality of foldable sections, end flaps integral with one of said sections, a sealing flap also integral with said section and provided with an alternating sealing flap along its upper edge, the fold of said main sealing flap having a slitted tag thereon, the central fold of said section being provided with an aperture, and the edge of the lower of said sections being provided with a pulling tab, said folder being adapted to be folded, sealed and opened without cutting.

3. A mailing folder as claimed in claim 2 wherein said pulling tab is provided with a gummed surface.

4. A mailing folder as claimed in claim 2 wherein two of said sections are adapted to be folded reversely on the remaining section, said pulling tab registering with said aperture when folded, the end flaps being foldable over said sections, and the main sealing flap folded and sealed along its side edges to said end flaps, the alternating sealing flap being folded under, said slitted tag in the fold of said main sealing flap automatically projecting when said main sealing flap is folded.

5. A mailing folder as claimed in claim 2, wherein two of said sections are adapted to be folded reversely on the remaining section, said pulling tab registering with said aperture when folded, the end flaps being foldable over said sections, and the main sealing flap folded and sealed along its side edges to said end flaps, the alternating sealing flap being folded under, said slitted tag in the fold of said main sealing flap automatically projecting when said main sealing flap is folded, said device being adapted to be opened by holding said slitted tag in one hand and pulling said pulling tab with the other, said folder when thus opened leaving a pocket adapted to be sealed by said alternating sealing flap, and receive enclosures for returning to the original sender, one of said sections having the return address thereon and being foldable back over the old address, and the section having the pulling tab being foldable down and adapted to be sealed over said pocket.

6. A mailing folder, as claimed in claim 2 wherein the sections are adapted to be folded twice upward from the bottom, the end flaps folded thereon and the sealing flap and alternating sealing flap sealed.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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