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CORRESPONDENCE PACKAGE

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Fig. 1.

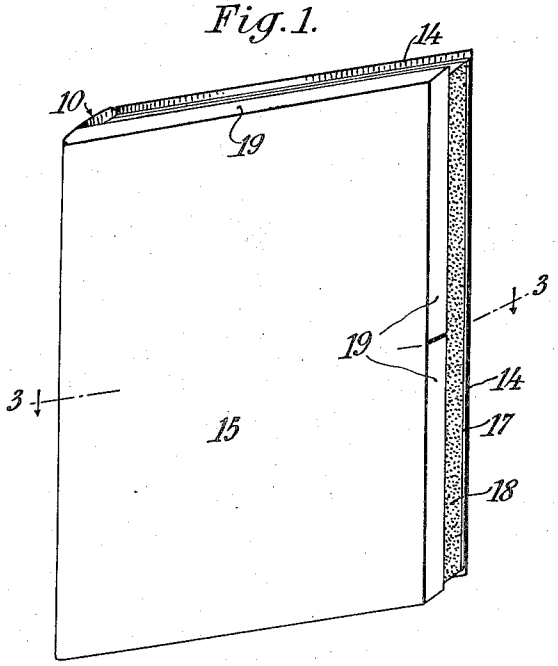


Fig. 2.

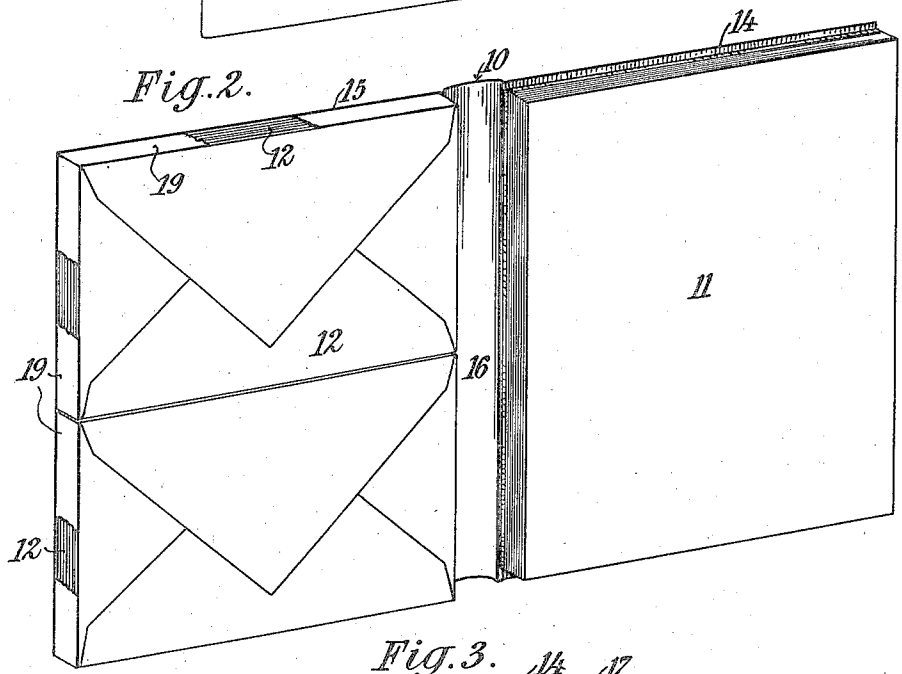
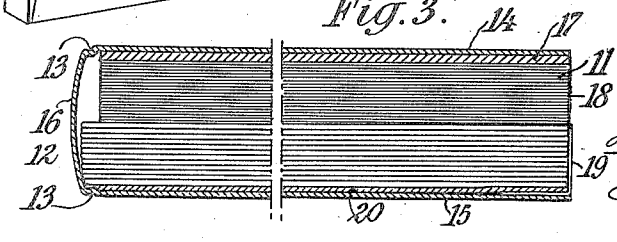


Fig. 3.



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My present invention relates to a correspondence package or papeterie, that is, a package containing writing paper and envelopes to match which is usually carried and used by persons while travelling.

In all of these correspondence packages heretofore proposed with which I am familiar, the writing paper and the envelopes are usually held within a container or folder by flaps, pockets or bands, all of which increase the size of the package and add to the manufacturing cost thereof. With these packages, as the contents are used up the holding means partially lose their holding action on the remaining contents while in many cases the size of the package remains constant, and where holding bands are used, they frequently project beyond the confines of the package to render the same unsightly in appearance.

The objects of my present invention are as follows: (1) to provide a correspondence package of minimum dimensions for a given quantity of correspondence material; (2) one which will diminish in size as the contents are used up without adversely affecting its appearance; (3) one which is exceedingly simple in construction, free from holding pockets and bands, and hence such as can be manufactured more economically than analogous packages heretofore proposed. In a more limited aspect, my invention contemplates providing a pack of envelopes in pad form.

The foregoing and other objects of my invention not specifically enumerated will be fully understood from the detailed description which follows when considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawing wherein I have shown a preferred embodiment of my invention, and in which;

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a correspondence package embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the correspondence package in open position with parts thereof broken away to better disclose a feature of my invention;

Fig. 3 is a section taken substantially along the plane of the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawing, my invention may be said to comprise a backing element or folder 10 of substantially book-cover form and having mounted on one inner face of the cover a pad of correspondence paper 11, and on the inner face of the other cover a plurality of stacks of envelopes 12 in pad form.

The back element or folder 10 is preferably formed of a rectangular sheet of relatively stiff paper stock which is scored on its outer surface along lines 13, somewhat spaced to either side of and parallel to the center line of the sheet. This scoring permits of the ready folding of the sheet into book-cover form whereupon said sheet may be said to consist of a cover portion 14, a cover portion 15, and a back portion 16.

Preferably the pad of correspondence paper consists of a sheet of reenforcing material 17, the writing sheets 11 which are of the same size as said reenforcing sheet, mounted thereon in stacked relation and held thereto by adhesive binding material 18 such as glue, which in the instant case is applied to the paper and the reenforcing sheet along their edges which are parallel to and remote from the score line 13 of the backing element or cover. Said pad is secured to the inner face of the cover 14 in any desired manner preferably by having the reenforcing sheet 17 adhesively attached to the inner face of said cover. It will also be noted that the writing sheets are of somewhat lesser area than the cover element 14 to which they are attached for a purpose which will be presently made apparent.

The envelopes 12 are here shown as arranged in two alined stacks, in edge to edge relationship, with each stack formed as a separate pad by having certain of the superposed edges of the envelopes in the respective stacks adhesively bound together by a suitable binding material 19, such as latex, transparent adhesive tape, known as "Scotch tape" or the like. As herein shown, the top, the bottom, and the outer edges of the envelopes with respect to the correspondence package are the envelope edges which are bound, but it will be obvious that any one or more of said edges may be so bound. Preferably the stacks of envelopes are secured by said binding material 19 to reenforcing sheets 20 which in turn are secured to the inner face of the cover element 15 by adhesive, or in any other manner. The binding material 19 is herein shown as secured to two adjacent edges of the envelopes and to the back face of the reenforcing sheets 20 and as being interposed between said reenforcing sheets and the cover 15 in order to prevent the face of the bottom envelope of each stack sticking to the binding material. It will be apparent that the two stacks of envelopes 12 may be mounted on a common reenforcing sheet 20, and a single strip of binding material may be used for holding said envelopes in definite stacked relationship to the backing element.

It will be noted that the two stacks of envelopes when arranged in side by side relationship, have

a combined area substantially equal to that of the cover element 15 to which they are secured and an area slightly larger than that of the writing paper 11. The reason for this will be quite obvious since in making up these correspondence packages the writing paper and the envelopes are so dimensioned that a single fold in the correspondence sheet will permit it to fit nicely into an envelope.

From the character of the invention as described, it will be apparent that the correspondence package is free from all flaps, pockets and bands for holding either the writing paper or the envelopes within said package; that it is compact and neat, and that as the contents are used up the size of the package will be progressively reduced without any attendant projections of the binding material beyond the confines of the package to render it unsightly.

While I have shown and described a preferred embodiment of my invention, I do not wish to be limited to the specific arrangement of parts and details of construction since it will be understood that these may be varied within the scope of the concept underlying my invention without departing from the spirit thereof.

What I claim is:

1. A correspondence package comprising a backing element, a stack of envelopes and binding material secured to said backing element and adhesively attached to the superposed edges of the envelopes in at least one substantially common plane for holding said envelopes in definite relation to the backing element.

2. A correspondence package comprising a backing element, a plurality of stacks of envelopes in side by side relation and a binding material secured to said backing element and adhesively attached to the superposed edges of the stacks of envelopes in at least one substantially common plane for holding said envelopes in definite stacked relation to the backing element.

3. A correspondence package comprising a folder, a pad of envelopes attached to one flap of the folder and a pad of writing paper attached to the other flap of the folder, the bound edges of the envelopes and the bound edges of the writing paper being adjacent the respective edges of the folder which are parallel to and remote from the line of fold of said folder.

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