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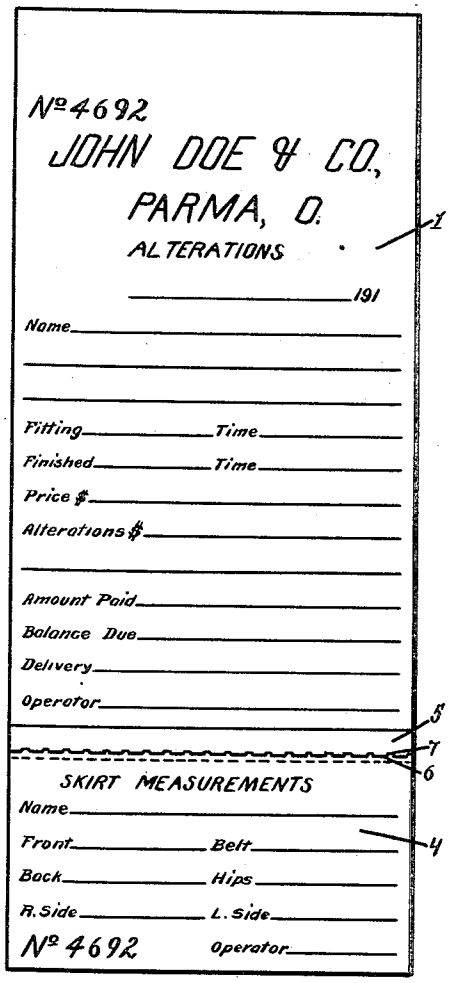


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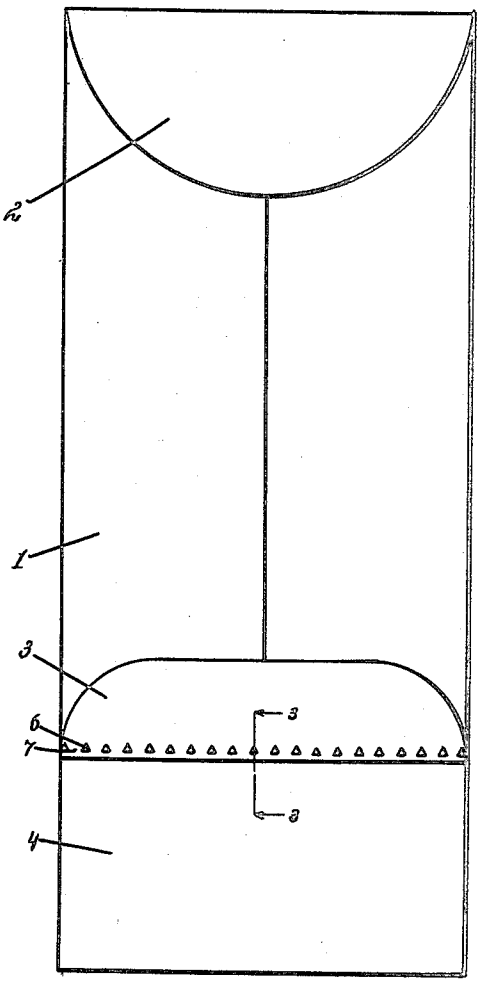


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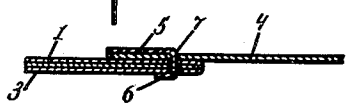


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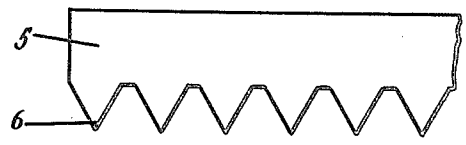


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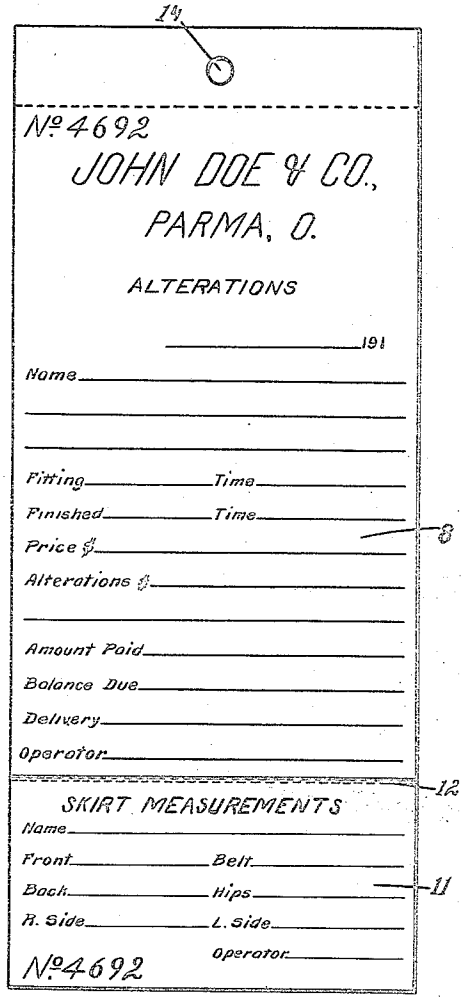


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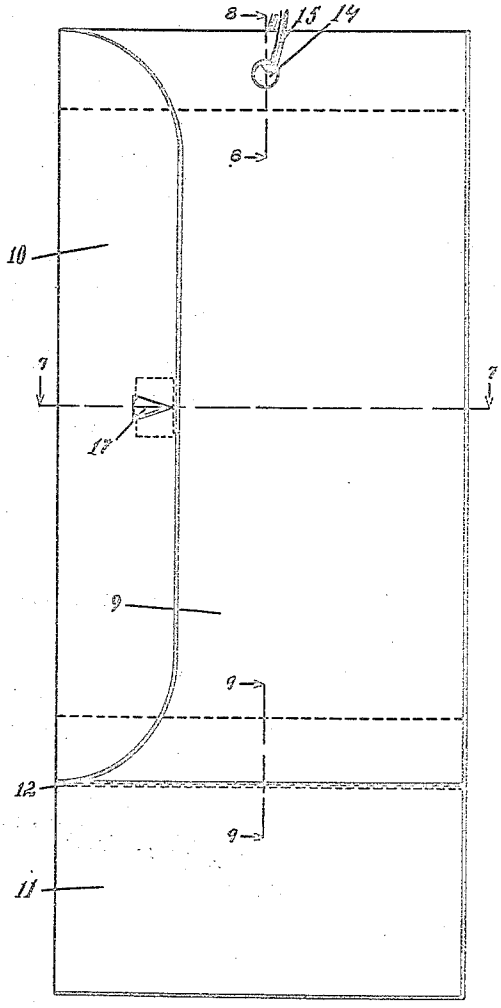


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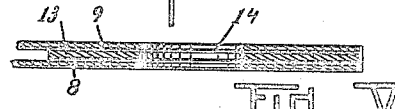


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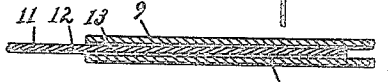


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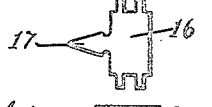


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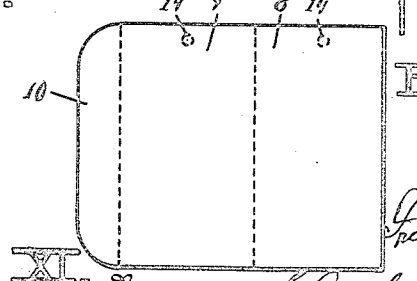


Fig. X.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK P. D'ARCY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kalamazoo, Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Envelops and Checks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in combined envelops and checks.

The main objects of this invention are: First, to provide an improved combined envelop and check or coupon. Second, to provide an improved combined envelop and check in which the envelop is so reinforced and stiffened as to be very strong and durable and readily opened and one which is adapted to be easily tucked into a package or a pocket of a garment without undue crumpling. Third, to provide an improved combined envelop and check embodying these advantages which is simple and economical in structure.

Further objects, and objects relating to structural details, will definitely appear from the detailed description to follow.

I accomplish the objects of my invention by the devices and means described in the following specification.

The invention is clearly defined and pointed out in the claims.

A structure which is a preferred embodiment of my invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which:

Figure I is a front view of my improved combined envelop and check. Fig. II is a rear view thereof. Fig. III is a detail section through the inner end of the envelop on a line corresponding to line 3—3 of Fig. II. Fig. IV is a detail plan view of the reinforcing and tag attaching strip. Fig. V is a rear front view of a modified form of my improved combined envelop and check. Fig. VI is a rear view of the modified form shown in Fig. V. Fig. VII is a transverse section on a line corresponding to line 7—7 of Fig. VI. Fig. VIII is a detail section on a line corresponding to line 8—8 of Fig. VI, showing structural details. Fig. IX is a detail section on a line corresponding to line 9—9 of Fig. II, showing further structural details. Fig. X is a plan view of the envelop body blank of the modified structure. Fig. XI is a plan view of the fastener member of the modified structure in the flat.

In the drawing similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views, and the sectional views are taken looking in the direction of the little arrows at the ends of the section lines.

Referring to the drawing, my improved combined envelop and check in the embodiment shown in Figs. I–IV inclusive comprises an envelop proper or body portion 1 having an open outer end flap 2 and a sealed inner end flap 3. The tag 4 is lapped upon the sealed end of the envelop and secured thereto by the reinforcing and attaching strip 5 which is formed of thin sheet metal, such as light tin, and provided with a series of teeth 6 along one edge, the teeth being passed through the tag and the body of the envelop and clenched, as at 7, on the rear side of the envelop. The teeth 6 are spaced slightly at their bases and in passing through the tag partially sever the same so that the tag is really severed along the edge of the attaching and reinforcing strip which constitutes a straight edge along which the tag may be readily torn, particularly in view of the fact that it is partially severed by the teeth 6. The teeth are passed through the body of the envelop close to but in a spaced relation to its inner end, as shown in Figs. II and III, and by dotted lines in Fig. I.

The envelop is reinforced by the strip and tag so that it is held in the flat and also may be readily opened by pressing its edges toward each other, as the tag and reinforcing strip tend to prevent the collapsing of the walls of the envelop.

In the modified form shown in Figs. V to XI inclusive the envelop body consists of a front portion 8, a back portion 9, and closing flap 10. This body is formed of a substantially rectangular blank, shown in Fig. I, with the corners of the flap portion 10 rounded. The reinforcing and check member 11, which is of comparatively stiff material, is disposed between and glued to the front and back portions of the body, as shown in Fig. IX. This reinforcing and check member 11 is provided with a line of perforations 12 outside of and parallel to the body of the envelop so that the check 11 may be readily severed. A reinforcing strip 13 of comparatively stiff material is disposed between and glued to the front and back portions of the body at opposite ends thereof. The reinforcing member 13 and

the front and back of the body are perforated to provide a hole 14 for a string, as at 15, so that the envelop may be tied to an article if desired. The fastening device 16 is provided for the closing flap 10, the fastening device having a tongue 17 adapted to be inserted through the flap.

I have not, in the accompanying drawings, attempted to show the relative thickness of the reinforcing and check members and the body of the envelop, but, in practice, the envelop may be made of comparatively light paper, while the reinforcing and check members are preferably formed of a stronger material, such as manila or other relatively stiff material.

The envelop forms I have illustrated and described are comparatively economical to produce, durable in use and may be easily opened and are reinforced and supported so that they may be readily tucked into a package or pocket without undue crumpling of the envelop.

The structure illustrated is intended for the use of clothing merchants, and the envelop illustrated is provided with suitable information or instruction blanks, and the check is also provided with suitable information or instruction blanks. The blanks may, of course, be varied according to the purpose for which the envelop is used.

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

1. A combined envelop and check comprising an envelop body, a reinforcing and check member of comparatively stiff material lapped upon the body, and a reinforcing and tag attaching strip of sheet metal disposed upon said check member, said attaching member having a series of pointed teeth on its outer edge arranged through the tag and the body of the envelop and clenched on the opposite side of the envelop, there being short spaces between the bases of the teeth so that the tag is partially severed by the teeth, the reinforcing strip constituting a straight edge along which the tag may be readily severed.

2. A combined envelop and check comprising an envelop body, a check member lapped upon the body, and a tag attaching strip of sheet metal disposed upon said check member, said attaching member having a series of teeth on its outer edge arranged through the tag and the body of the envelop and clenched on the opposite side of the envelop, the tag being partially severed by the teeth so that it may be readily severed along the edge of the strip.

3. A combined envelop and check comprising an envelop body consisting of front and back portions, and a closing flap portion, a reinforcing and check member of comparatively stiff material disposed between and glued to said front and back portions at one end thereof, said member having a line of severing perforations outside of and parallel to the end of the body, and a reinforcing strip of comparatively stiff material disposed between and glued to said front and back portions of the body at the opposite end thereof, whereby both ends of the envelop are reinforced and stiffened, there being a perforation through said reinforcing strip adapted to receive a cord.

4. A combined envelop and check comprising an envelop body consisting of front and back portions, and a closing flap portion, a reinforcing and check member of comparatively stiff material glued to said front and back portions at one end thereof, said member having a line of severing perforations outside of the end of the body, and a reinforcing strip of comparatively stiff material glued to said front and back portions of the body at the opposite end thereof, whereby both ends of the envelop are reinforced and stiffened.

5. A combined envelop and check consisting of an envelop body comprising front and back portions, and a closing flap portion, and a reinforcing and check member of comparatively stiff material disposed between and glued to said front and back portions at one end thereof, said member having a line of severing perforations outside of and parallel to the end of the body.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two witnesses.

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