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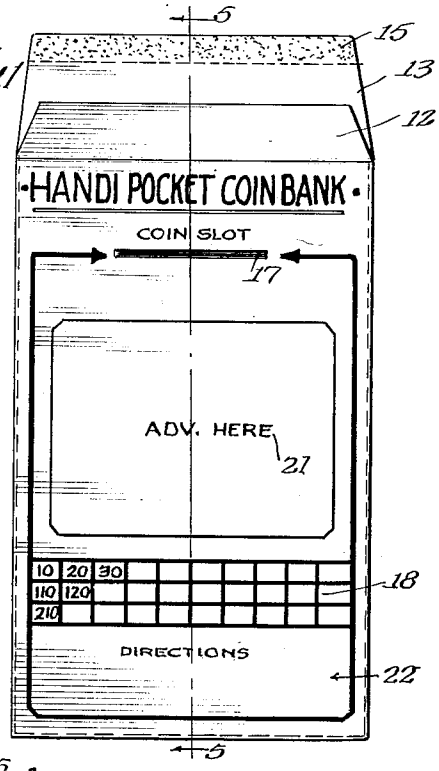


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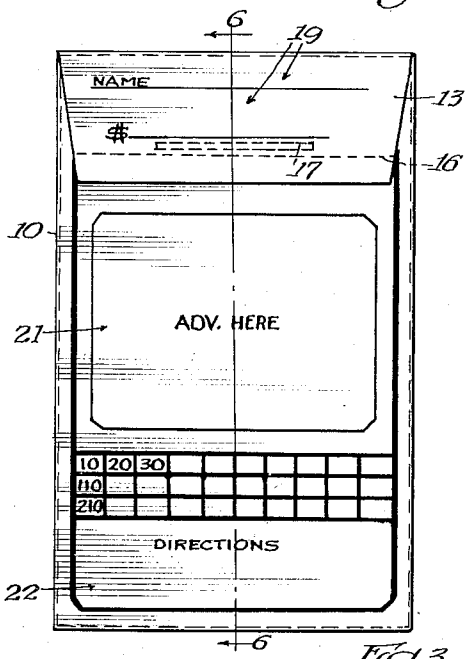


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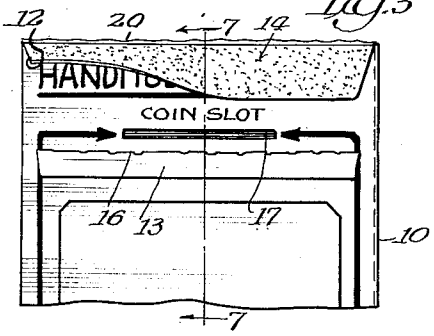


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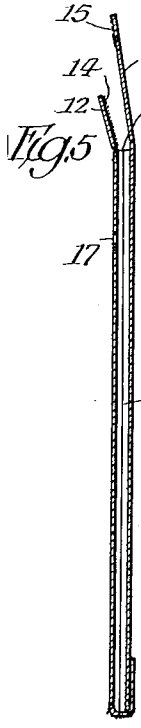


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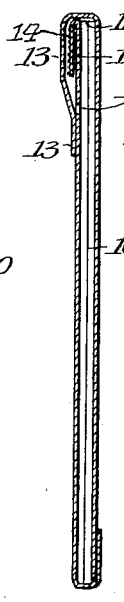


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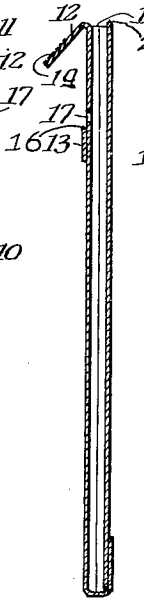


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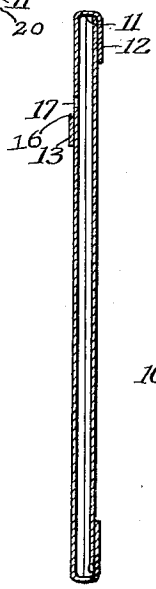
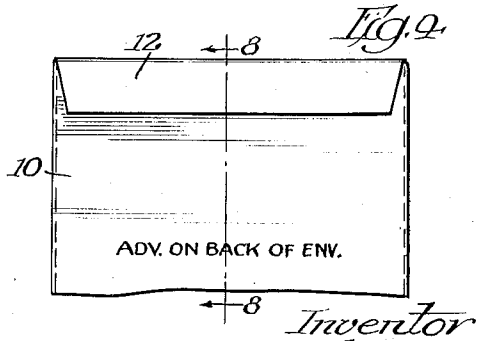


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COMBINED ENVELOPE AND SAVINGS BANK

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5 Claims. (Cl. 229—8.5)

This invention relates to improvements in an envelope into which the article to be transported, such as money or any other commodity, may be placed and sealed, and which envelope may also be converted into a sealed coin savings bank or container after the original sealing flap has been once opened or destroyed for the removal of the contents.

The envelope is provided with a supplemental flap for resealing the same after the original flap has been destroyed.

In the wall of the envelope there is provided a slot through which the coin may be inserted into the original envelope when the latter is converted into a savings bank or container but which slot will be initially closed and concealed by the original sealing flap when the latter is sealed down to close the envelope, the slot being exposed for use when the original flap is cut or opened or is detached from the envelope.

To the attainment of these ends and the accomplishment of other new and useful objects as will appear, the invention consists in the features of novelty in substantially the construction, combination and arrangement of the several parts hereinafter more fully described and claimed and shown in the accompanying drawing illustrating this invention, and in which

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of an envelope of this character constructed in accordance with the principles of this invention, and with both of the flaps open and unsealed.

Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1 showing the inner flap folded down and the outer flap folded over and sealed against the envelope.

Figure 3 is a detail view partly in elevation and partly broken away showing the outer flap detached from the envelope and the inner flap before it is folded over and sealed to close the envelope.

Figure 4 is a view in elevation showing the inner flap sealed down against the envelope.

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken on line 5—5 Figure 1.

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken on line 6—6 Figure 2.

Figure 7 is a detail sectional view as taken on line 7—7 Figure 3.

Figure 8 is a detail sectional view as taken on line 8—8 Figure 4.

The envelope may be construed of any desired or suitable material but is preferably constructed of paper and is shaped to form a pocket 10 which is open along one edge as at 11. The numeral 12 designates a flap which is formed integral with one of the walls of the envelope and the numeral 13 designates another flap which is secured to and projects from the opposite edge of the opening 11.

The flap 12 is somewhat smaller than the flap 13 and is provided on the face, which is adjacent the flap 13, with sealing material 14, such as an adhesive, while the flap 13 is of a size considerably greater than the flap 12 and is provided on the face, which is adjacent the flap 12, with sealing material 15, such as an adhesive.

This flap 13 may also be provided with a weakened portion 16 which is preferably located beyond the gummed or sealing area 15.

A slot 17 is provided in the wall of the envelope to which the flap 12 is attached and the slot is preferably so disposed that when the flap 12 is folded down against the face of the wall of the envelope that contains the slot, the flap will terminate short of the slot.

The flap 13 is of a size that when it is folded over the edge 11 of the envelope or pocket and also over the flap 12 so as to be sealed down against the face of the envelope in which the slot 17 is disposed, the sealed portion will be disposed beyond the slot 17 so as not to interfere with the slot but serves as a means for the concealment of the slot.

If desired, any suitable means 18 may be provided on the face of the envelope, such as figures, indications, squares or the like, which may be employed as a means for checking up or keeping a record of the contents of the bank or container.

In use the two flaps 12 and 13 are unsealed so as to leave the edge 11 of the envelope open.

The commodity is then inserted in the envelope and the flap 12 is folded down against the face of the envelope which contains the slot 17. The flap 13 is then folded over the flap 12 and also over the slot 17 and is sealed against the face of the envelope thereby forming a closure for the pocket and as a means for concealing the slot 17 as well as the flap 12.

The flap 13 may be provided on the face which is exposed when the flap is sealed, with data 19 constituting a record.

After the envelope has been originally sealed by the flap 13 and it is desired to remove the contents of the same the flap 13 is severed along its line of fold as indicated at 20 in Figure 3, and, if the weakened portion or line 16 is provided, the severed portion of the flap may be torn upon the line 20 so that it will be detached from the envelope and thereby constitute a record stub.

After the flap 13 has been removed, the flap 12 is folded from the position shown in Figure 7 over the open edge of the pocket or envelope and sealed against the other face of the envelope, as shown in Figure 8, to constitute a closure for the envelope.

This will leave the slot 17 exposed so that coins or other articles may be inserted into the envelope through the slot 17, the envelope then serving as a pocket coin saving bank.

It will be noted that in each instance whether the envelope is sealed by the flap 12 or by the flap 13 the commodity or article within the envelope will be deposited in the same pocket. If desired, a space 21 may be provided on the face of the envelope for advertising purposes while another space 22 may be provided for other data such as directions or the like.

While the preferred form of the invention has been herein shown and described it is to be understood that various changes may be made in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts within the scope of the claims, without departing from the spirit of this invention.

What is claimed as new is:

1. An envelope of the character described comprising a pocket and two closure flaps for the pocket, both of the flaps being disposed at the same open edge of the pocket, there being a receiving slot in the envelope through which an article may be inserted into the pocket when the latter is closed and sealed by a certain flap, one of the flaps being foldable over the other flap and sealed against the envelope to close the pocket and to conceal said other flap and the said slot, the said one flap being severed along its line of fold or ruptured to permit access to the pocket through the said open edge, and the said other flap being adapted to be folded over the same open edge of the pocket and sealed to close the pocket when the said one flap is severed, the said slot being exposed when the said other flap seals the pocket.

2. An envelope of the character described comprising a pocket and two closure flaps for the pocket, both of the flaps being disposed at the same open edge of the pocket, there being a receiving slot in the envelope through which an article may be inserted into the pocket when the latter is closed and sealed by a certain flap, one of the flaps being foldable over the other flap and sealed against the envelope to close the pocket and to conceal said other flap and the said slot, the said one flap being severed along its line of fold or ruptured to permit access to the pocket through the said open edge, and the said other flap being adapted to be folded over the same open edge of the pocket and sealed to close the pocket when the said one flap is severed, the said slot being exposed when the said other flap seals the pocket, the said flaps being disposed on opposite sides of the open edge of the pocket and operating separately as closures for the pocket.

3. An envelope of the character described comprising a pocket and two closure flaps for the pocket, both of the flaps being disposed at the same open edge of the pocket, there being a receiving slot in the envelope through which an article may be inserted into the pocket when the latter is closed and sealed by a certain flap, one of the flaps being foldable over the other flap and sealed against the envelope to close the pocket and to conceal said other flap and the said slot, the said one flap being severed along its line of fold or ruptured to permit access to the pocket through the said open edge, the said other flap being adapted to be folded over the same open edge of the pocket and sealed to close the pocket when the said one flap is severed, the said slot being exposed when the said other flap seals the pocket, the said flaps being disposed on opposite sides of the open edge of the pocket, and sealing material on the adjacent faces of the flaps.

4. An envelope of the character described comprising a pocket and two closure flaps for the pocket, both of the flaps being disposed at the same open edge of the pocket, there being a receiving slot in the envelope through which an article may be inserted into the pocket when the latter is closed and sealed by a certain flap, one of the flaps being foldable over the other flap and sealed against the envelope to close the pocket and to conceal said other flap and the said slot, the said one flap being severed along its line of fold or ruptured to permit access to the pocket through the said open edge, the said other flap being adapted to be folded over the same open edge of the pocket and sealed to close the pocket when the said one flap is severed, the said slot being exposed when the said other flap seals the pocket, the said flaps being disposed on opposite sides of the open edge of the pocket and adapted to form separate closures for the pocket by being sealed down against the walls of the pocket which is opposite to the wall to which they are originally connected.

5. An envelope of the character described comprising a pocket and two closure flaps for the pocket, both of the flaps being disposed at the same open edge of the pocket, there being a receiving slot in the envelope through which an article may be inserted into the pocket when the latter is closed and sealed by a certain flap, one of the flaps being foldable over the other flap and sealed against the envelope to close the pocket and to conceal said other flap and the said slot, the said one flap being severed along its line of fold or ruptured to permit access to the pocket through the said open edge, and the said other flap being adapted to be folded over the same open edge of the pocket and sealed to close the pocket when the said one flap is severed, the said slot being exposed when the said other flap seals the pocket, the said one flap being provided with a weakened portion remote from its line of fold, to facilitate its detachment from the envelope after it has been severed along its line of fold.

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