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Fig. 1.

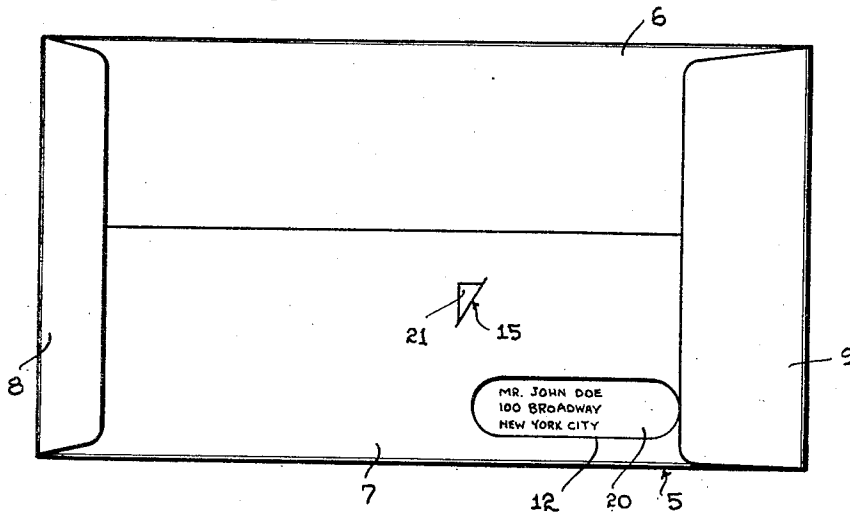


Fig. 2.

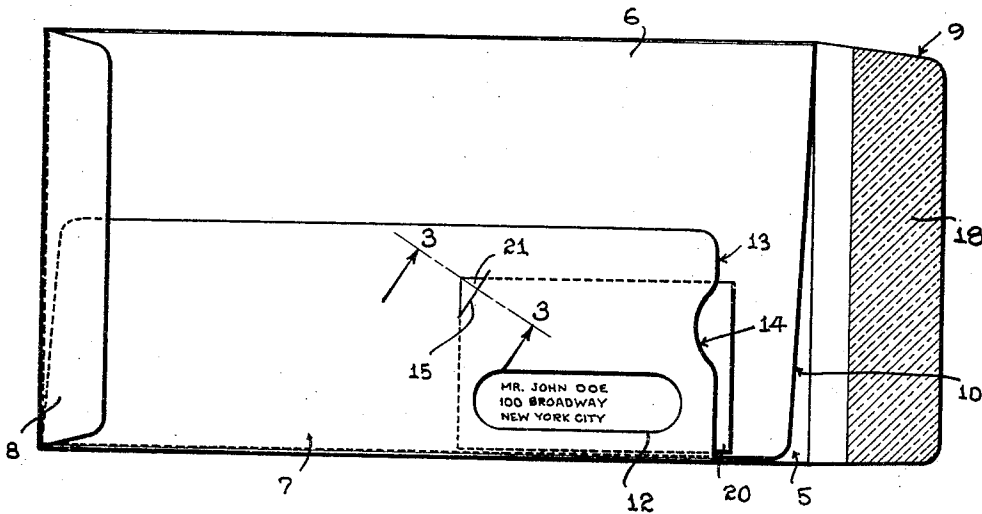
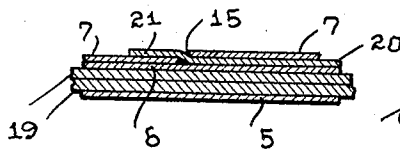


Fig. 3.



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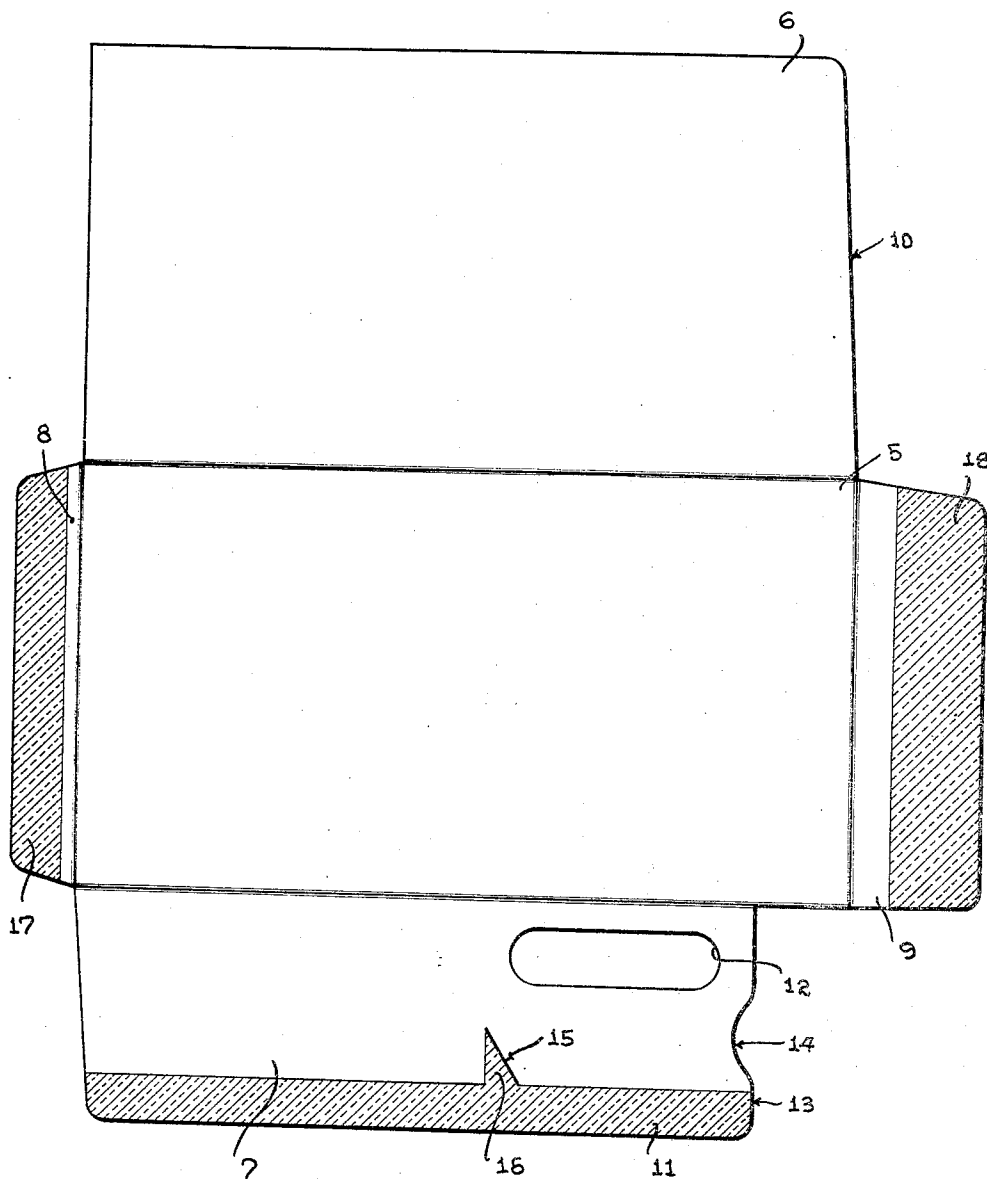
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Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to an envelope suitable for conveying fourth class mail and having provision for the inclusion in the same envelope of an address card which cooperates with a suitable opening in one face of the envelope.

While the present invention is particularly suitable for the transmission of automobile license plates and the accompanying registration cards, it is understood that the principles of the present invention are applicable to similar envelopes which may be utilized generally for carrying fourth class mail.

The objects of the present invention are to simplify the construction of the envelope, to reduce its cost of manufacture, to provide an envelope which facilitates the introduction of its contents and which holds the registration or address card securely therein and in proper registration with relation to the address window.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will appear from the following specification and the accompanying drawings, in which

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the envelope when sealed.

Fig. 2 is a similar view of the envelope unsealed.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 shows the blank of the envelope in its extended form and showing the mode of applying adhesive thereto.

The blank from which the envelope is constructed, as represented in Fig. 4, consists of a main body portion 5, side flaps 6 and 7, and end flaps 8 and 9. The side flap 6 is preferably of the same dimensions as the main body portion 5, it being of substantially the same length and width as the body 5. I prefer, however, to slant the upper transverse edge 10 of the flap 6, in the manner shown, so as to obviate any possible interference with the sealing of the flap 9. When the envelope is completed the parts 5 and 6 form the two walls of the compartment receiving the license plates or any other fourth class matter.

The flap 7 extends from the edge opposite

to flap 6, but is shorter and narrower than portion 5. The width of the flap is greater than the width of the registration card by the width of the gummed area 11 along its outer longitudinal edge, which forms the usual center seam of the envelope. The upper transverse edge 13 of the flap 7 is vertical to its longitudinal edges and may be provided with a notch or cut out portion 14 as shown. The flap 7 extends from the lower edge of the envelope to a point removed from the upper end of the envelope or from the upper edge of the main portion 5 by a distance smaller than the length of the sealing flap 9 so that the flap 9 overlaps the flap 7 when sealed.

The flap 7 is additionally provided with an address display opening 12 which is preferably disposed as shown near the inner edge of the flap and parallel thereto. The flap 7 has a slot or slit 15 as shown and the triangular area 16 bordered on two sides by the slot 15 and the gummed area 11 is also covered with gum.

The end flap 8 is provided with the gummed area 17 and the closing flap 9 is also provided with gum 18.

In the construction of the envelope, the flap 6 is folded upon the body portion 5. The flap 7 is next folded over the flap and is made to adhere thereto by means of the gummed areas 11 and 16. The end flap 8 is next folded and caused to adhere to the side flap. This completes the envelope as shown in Fig. 2, the space between the main body portion 5 and side flap 6 being suitable for receiving automobile license plates or other fourth class matter, while the space between the flaps 6 and 7 and bordered longitudinally by the gummed area 11 and an edge of the envelope forms a pocket for the receipt of the registration card or any other address card.

It should be noted that registration cards such as of the type shown by 20, and which are commonly used, are so designed that the name and address of the registrant extend over the major portion of the length of the card. The address window 12 therefore has a length that is but little shorter than the length of the pocket that receives the card.

The flap 7 is therefore shortened at the sealing end and thereby the sealing flap 9 overlaps the pocket by only a short length and the address window 12 is thereby disposed entirely below the edge of the sealing flap 9. This arrangement facilitates and simplifies the construction of the envelope and a rectangular sealing flap 9 which offers a large gummed area 18 and has a straight lower edge may be used for sealing both compartments.

In use the plates 19 are placed in the envelope between the parts 5 and 6 and the registration or address card 20 is placed in the pocket between the flaps 6 and 7. The exposed part of the flap 6 projecting from under the flap 7 makes possible the ready and quick insertion of the card into said space. The gummed area 16 which causes the two flaps to adhere at that area guides the corner 21 of the card through the slot in the manner shown in the drawings, and thereby serving to hold the card against sliding in the pocket and holding the same in proper registry with the address window 12.

The slot 15 is preferably so disposed that when the card 20 is inserted its upper edge is flush with the edge 13 of the flap 7. A portion of the card, therefore, becomes exposed through the notch 14. When the flap 18 is closed and sealed it overlaps on both flaps 6 and 7 and serves to seal the envelope and prevent access to either the plates 19 or the card 20. A portion of the flap 18 also adheres to the exposed part of the card 20; this serving as additional means cooperating with the slot 15 to prevent displacement of the card within the envelope.

Having described my invention, I do not wish to be limited to the embodiment shown herein for illustrative purpose, many modifications embodying my invention and falling within the scope of the appended claims, being apparent to those skilled in the art.

I claim:

1. A double compartment envelope comprising a blank having a body portion, a relatively large side flap extending from one edge of said body portion and folded over said body portion to provide a relatively large compartment between said large flap and body portion, said large flap being approximately equal in length and width to said body portion, a relatively small side flap extending from said body portion at the edge opposite to the first mentioned edge, said small side flap being folded over said large side flap to provide a second compartment directly between said side flaps, the two compartments having one common boundary line, said small side flap having a gummed margin sealed to the outer face of said large side flap in a line between and parallel with said edges, an end flap extending from the lower edge of said body portion and

sealed to the outer faces of both of said side flaps, said small side flap having an angularly disposed slot intermediate the ends of the flap and adjacent to said gummed margin, and a gummed area between said slot and said margin.

2. In an envelope, a body with substantially rectangular overlapping side flaps, one of the flaps being attached along its edge to the other flap, said other flap extending under the first flap to form a pocket with the same extending from the edge of the envelope to the point of attachment, said first flap having an angular slot adjacent one edge thereof intermediate the ends of the flap to define a bottom for said pocket.

3. In an envelope, a body with substantially rectangular overlapping side flaps, one of the flaps being attached along its edge to the other flap, said other flap extending under the first flap to form a pocket with the same extending from the edge of the envelope to the point of attachment, said first flap having a slot intermediate the ends thereof to define the bottom of said pocket, and adhesive applied to said flap immediately below said slot to cause said flaps to adhere.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature to this specification.

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