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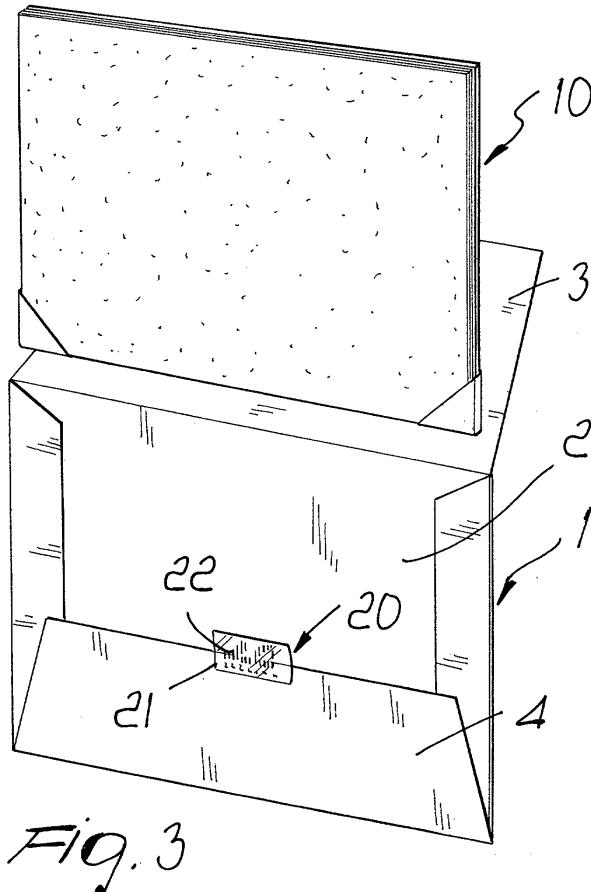
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(54) Envelope, particularly for containing sheets and the like, with tamper-evident seal

(57) An envelope, particularly for containing sheets and the like, with tamper-evident seal, comprising an envelope-like containment body (1) that forms a pouch (2) for accommodating a plurality of sheets (10) that can be closed by an openable flap (3) that interacts with a fixed

flap (4). The particularity of the invention consists in that it comprises a tamper-evident seal (20) that bears a product identification code (22) and can be arranged on the openable flap (3) and on the fixed flap (4). The seal cannot be restored once opened.



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means, constituted as mentioned by a simple self-adhesive label that bears the product identification code.

[0019] The invention thus conceived is susceptible of numerous modifications and variations, all of which are within the scope of the appended claims.

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[0020] All the details may further be replaced with other technically equivalent elements.

[0021] In practice, the materials used, as well as the contingent shapes and dimensions, may be any according to requirements.

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[0022] Where technical features mentioned in any claim are followed by reference signs, those reference signs have been included for the sole purpose of increasing the intelligibility of the claims and accordingly such reference signs do not have any limiting effect on the scope of each element identified by way of example by such reference signs.

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Claims

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1. An envelope, particularly for containing sheets and the like, with tamper-evident seal, comprising an envelope-like containment body (1) that forms a pouch (2) for accommodating a plurality of sheets (10) that can be closed by an openable flap (3) that interacts with a fixed flap (4), **characterized in that** it comprises a tamper-evident seal (20) that can be arranged on said openable flap (3) and on said fixed flap (4) and cannot be restored once opened.

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2. The containment envelope according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said tamper-evident seal (20) bears the product identification code (22).

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3. The containment envelope according to one or more of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** said tamper-evident seal (20) is constituted by a self-adhesive label (21).

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4. The containment envelope according to one or more of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** said self-adhesive label (21) bears the product identification code (22) arranged at the adhesive layer so that it separates when it is detached from the flap (3) of the envelope-like containment body (1) to which it is applied.

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5. The containment envelope according to one or more of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** said product identification code is constituted by a bar code (22).

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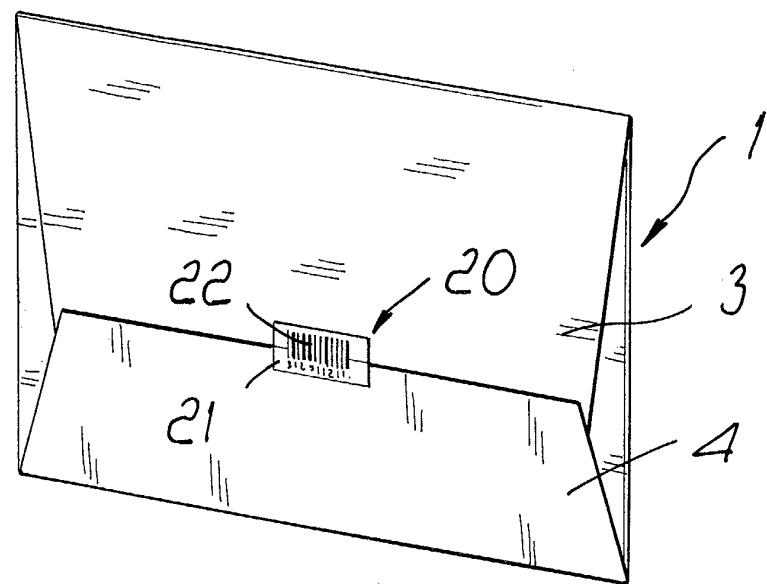


FIG. 1

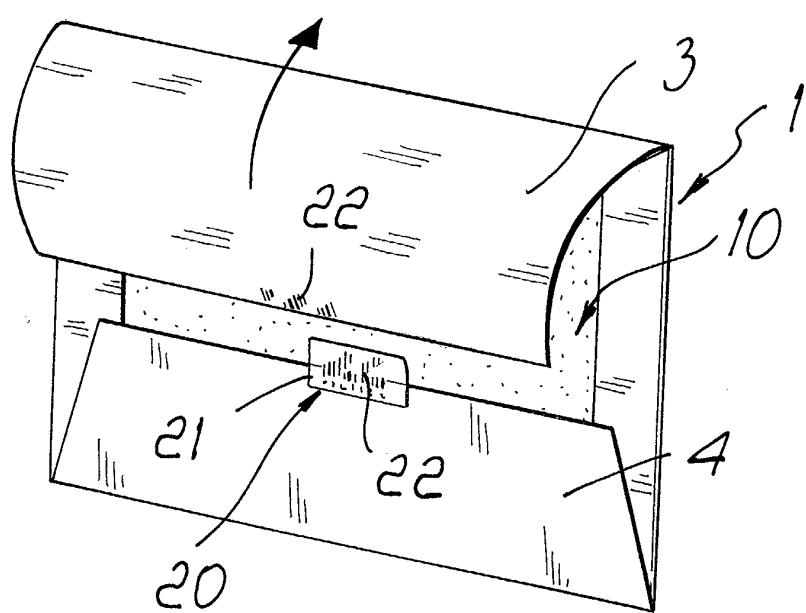
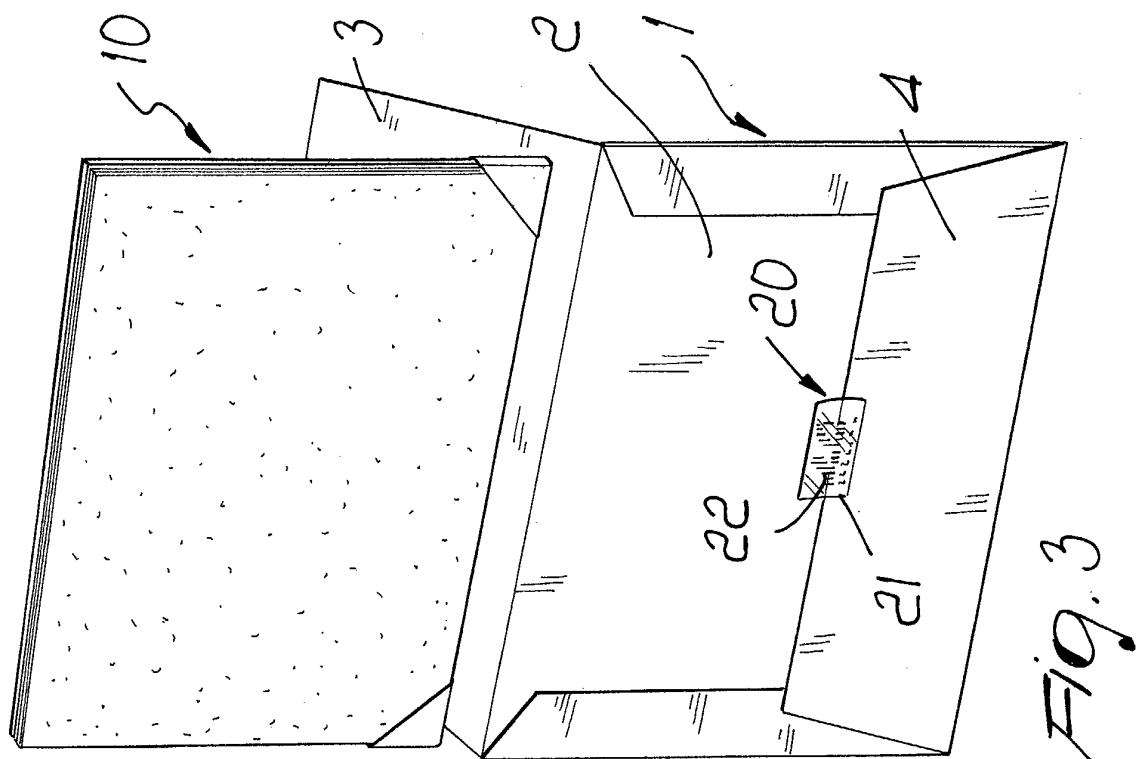
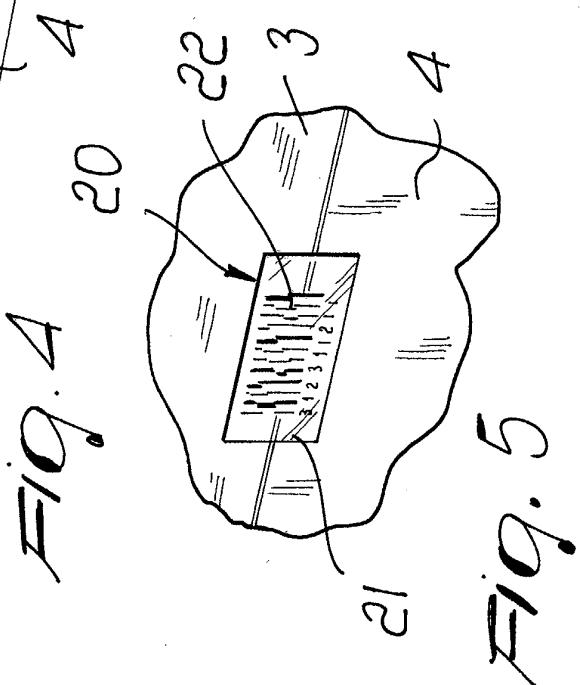
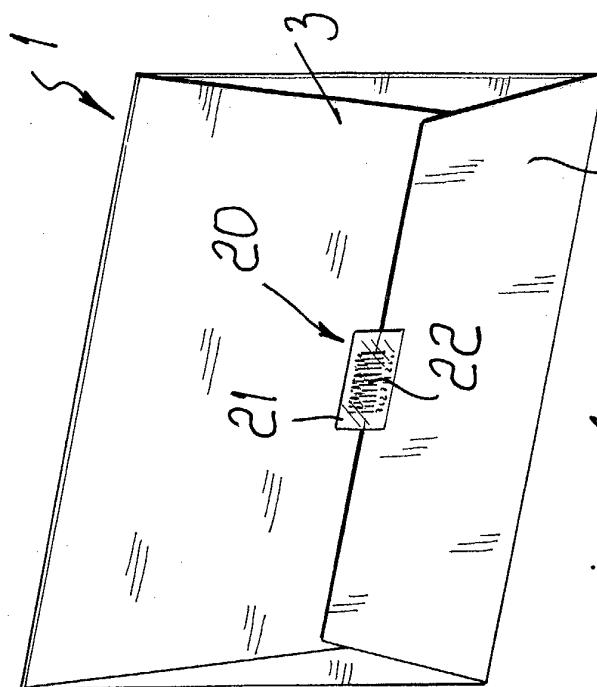


FIG. 2





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