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POSTAL CARD.

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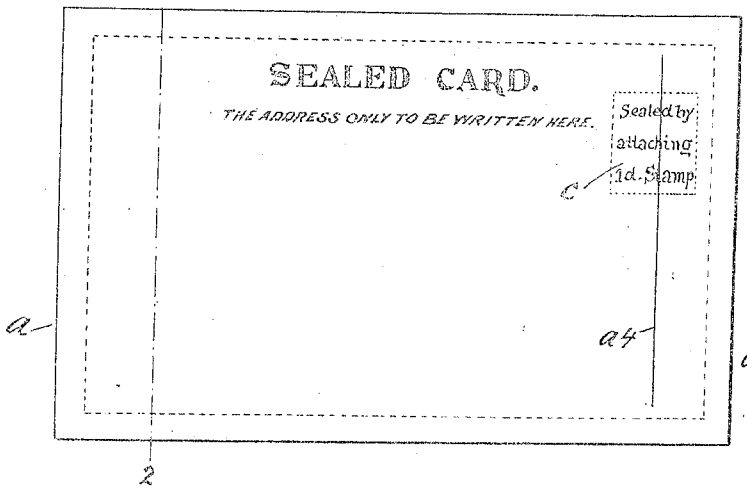
Fig: 1.



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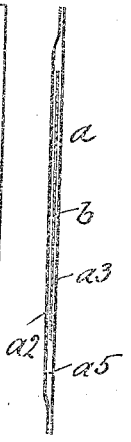

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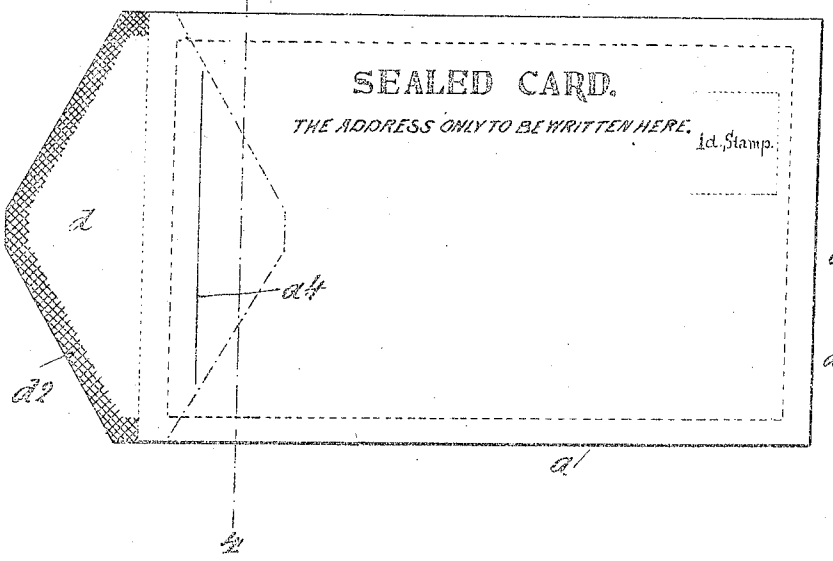

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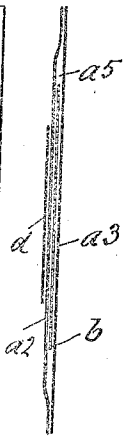

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIAN A. DRINKWATER, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and residing at Wolverhampton, in the county of Stafford, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Postal Cards, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to mailing cards or post cards; and the object thereof is to provide an improved device of this class which may be used as an ordinary mailing card if desired, and which may, when necessary or desired, and by means of a supplemental card, of the same dimensions, be converted into an envelop.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved mailing card; Fig. 2 a transverse section on the line 2—2 thereof and showing the mailing card converted into an envelop; Fig. 3 a view similar to Fig. 1 but showing a modified form of the mailing card; and, Fig. 4 a transverse section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3 and showing the mailing card converted into an envelop.

In the practice of my invention, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, I provide a mailing card a of the usual form and the back edges of the mailing card a are gummed entirely around said card up to the dotted line a^2 in order that the said mailing card may be sealed to a supplemental card a^3 when it is desired to convert a mailing card into an envelop and as shown in Fig. 2, and the mailing card a is slitted transversely adjacent to one end thereof as shown at a^4 in Fig. 1, and when the mailing card and supplemental card are secured together, a pocket a^5 is formed between said cards, the entrance to which is through the slit a^4. The mailing card a and the supplemental card or sheet a^3 may be composed of any suitable paper or other material and the supplemental card a^3 may consist of an ordinary souvenir postal card.

It will be understood that the card a may be used separately, if desired, in the usual manner, for sending an ordinary message but by connecting the two cards a and a^3 in the manner described a closed envelop is formed and a folded sheet of paper or other card or material may be inserted into the pocket a^5 when the two cards a and a^3 are connected, and the said pocket may be sealed by placing a stamp c^2 across the slit a^4 as shown in Fig. 1, and in this way my improved mailing card a may be converted into an envelop whenever desired.

In the construction in Figs. 3 and 4, the mailing card a is provided with a flap d at the end thereof in which the slit a^4 is formed, and said flap is gummed as shown at d^2 and on the side thereof opposite the side on which the edges of the card a are gummed, and when the card a is secured to the supplemental card a^3, the flap d may be folded over and sealed to the front of the mailing card a as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3 and is shown in full lines in Fig. 4, and in this way the slit a^4 in the card a may be closed.

When the mailing card only is used, the front side is used for the address in the usual manner and on the other side thereof may be written any desired message, and the supplemental card a^3, when used, and by means of which the mailing card is formed into an envelop may, as hereinbefore stated, consist of an ordinary souvenir card or plain card, and when an envelop is formed in this manner a letter, or a written or printed card may be inserted thereinto and sealed therein.

It will be understood that the mailing card may be of any desired size and shape, but when the supplemental card a^3 is used in connection therewith, both cards must be of the same size and shape.

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

1. A mailing card of the usual form, the edges of said card at the back thereof being gummed entirely around said card, said card being also provided adjacent to one edge portion thereof with a transverse slit, and a supplemental card of the same form and dimensions as the first named card and adapted to be sealed to the gummed edges of said card, and means for closing said slit.

2. A mailing card of the usual form, the edges of said card at the back thereof being gummed entirely around said card, said card being also provided adjacent to one edge portion thereof with a transverse slit, and a supplemental card of the same form and dimensions as the first named card and adapted

to be sealed to the gummed edges of said card, and means for closing said slit consisting of a flap at the end of one of said cards the edge portions of which are gummed.

3. A mailing card of the usual form and the back edges of which are gummed entirely around the same, and a supplemental card of the same form and dimensions as the first named card and adapted to be sealed thereto, one of said cards being provided adjacent to one end with a transverse slit, and means for closing said slit.

4. A mailing card of the usual form and the back edges of which are gummed entirely around the same, and a supplemental card of the same form and dimensions as the first named card and adapted to be sealed to the back thereof, one of said cards being provided adjacent to one edge thereof with a slit and one of said cards being provided with a gummed flap for closing said slit.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of the subscribing witnesses this 29th day of May 1906.

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