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MAILING CARD.

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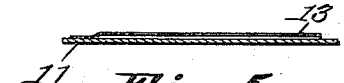

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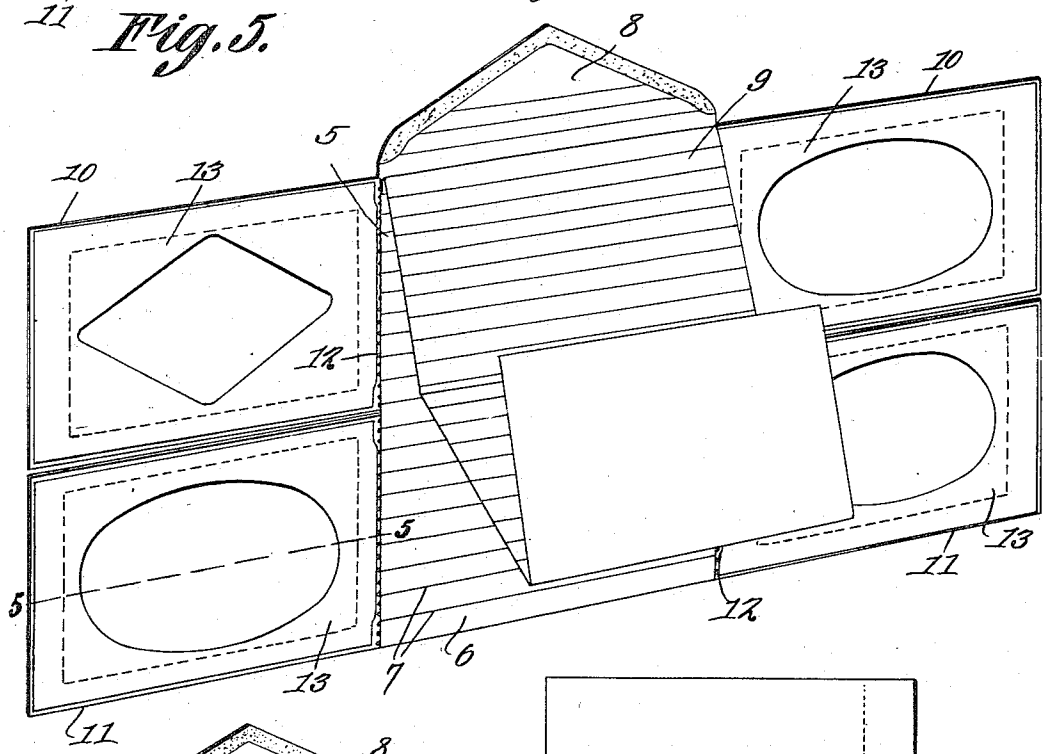
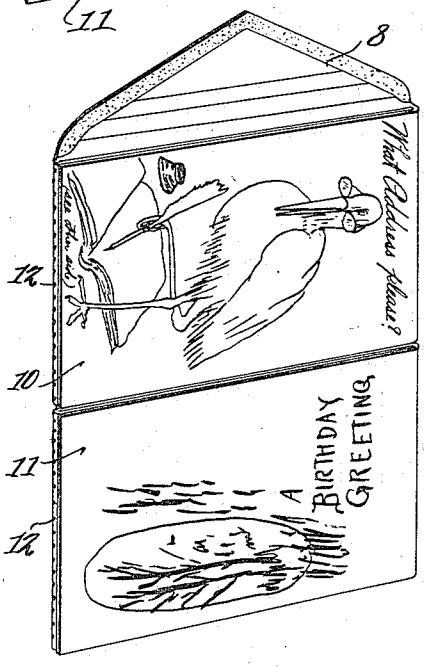
Fig. 1.





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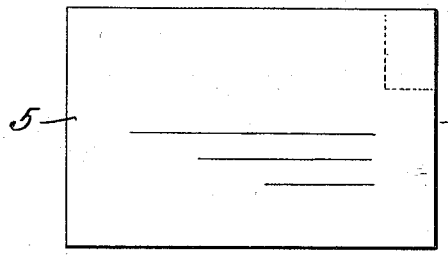

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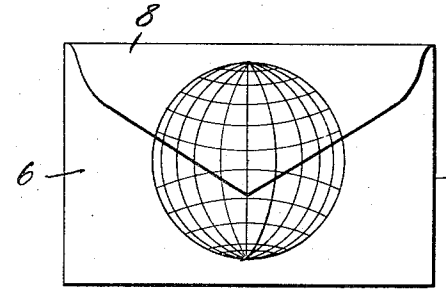

Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM W. McCLAY and CLARENCE G. McCLAY, citizens of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Mailing-Cards, of which the following is a specification.

The article which is the subject matter of the present application for patent has been designed to provide a novel and improved mailing card or package having associated therewith a ruled letter sheet, pictorial postal-cards and photograph holders or frames, as well as a writing surface on the back of the main portion of the device. The several parts are arranged to form a small, compact package which can be sealed and mailed as first-class mail matter, the weight of the package being such that it does not require more than a two-cent stamp.

In order that the invention may be better understood, reference is had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, and in said drawing—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the device unfolded;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the device partly folded;

Fig. 3 is a face view of the device, folded;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the folded device from the reverse side, and

Fig. 5 is a cross section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

In carrying out the invention there is provided a sheet which is divided into two foldable sections 5 and 6, respectively. One side of these sections has ruled lines 7, and the letter or message is adapted to be written on this side. The reverse side of the section 5 is suitably inscribed to receive the name and address of the addressee, with a space at one corner for the postage stamp. At the top of the section 5 is a sealing flap 8. In order to obtain an additional writing surface, the ruled side of the sheet carries a sheet 9 of writing paper which may be ruled as shown. This sheet is pasted or otherwise fixed to the section 5 at the top thereof where the flap 8 is located. The auxiliary writing sheet 9 is greater in length than the combined length of the sections 5 and 6, and it is adapted to be folded and held therebetween.

The section 5 has a flap 10 at each side, and similar flaps 11 are at each side of the section 6. Each of these flaps is a picture card, these cards being detachably connected to the sections 5 and 6, lines 12 of perforations being provided to facilitate separation. The picture cards correspond in dimensions to the dimensions of the sections 5 and 6 so that they may be folded therebetween as will be presently described.

The pictorial surface of the cards or flaps 10 and 11 are on the same side as the address side of the sheet composed of the sections 5 and 6, and on the other side of the cards, or that side corresponding to the side of the sheet having the writing surface, the cards are provided with holding means for photographs. These holding means are in the form of pockets 13, the open ends of which are at the inner ends of the cards where they are joined to the sections 5 and 6, so that the photographs cannot drop out of the pockets when the cards are folded over between said sections.

In use, the message is written on the ruled side of the sections 5 and 6, and also on the sheet 9 if necessary. The sheet 9 is then folded to lie on top of the sections. The cards 10 are then folded over to come into superposed position on the section 5, and the cards 11 are folded in a similar manner on the section 6, the folded sheet 9 now lying between the folded cards and the sections 5 and 6. It will be understood, of course, that the photographs are inserted into the pockets 13 before the cards are folded over as described. The section 6 carrying the folded cards 11 is now folded over on the section 5 carrying the cards 10, and the sealing flap 8 is folded over to the back of the section 6 and stuck thereon. The package is now closed and sealed, and it may be sent as first-class mail matter. The inclosures are completely covered and there is no danger of the same slipping out.

The device hereinbefore described will be found especially useful to vacationists and others wishing to communicate to a family. A letter may be written, some photographs sent and separate bits of correspondence may be sent to various members of the fam-

ily on the picture cards, these to be separated from the package by the individual for whom intended. The letter sheet 9 serves as a shield for the photographs to prevent possible damage thereto in transit.

We claim:

A mailing device comprising a sheet composed of two sections each of which has side flaps which are foldable inward on the inner face of the section, and said sections, with the side flaps folded thereon, being also foldable on each other with the folded side flaps therebetween, a sealing flap on the top of one of the sections and engageable with the back of the other section when the sections are folded, pockets mounted on the side flaps, said pockets being on the inner faces of the flaps when the latter are folded, and the open ends of the pockets being located at the inner ends of the flaps, and a letter sheet carried by one of the aforesaid sections, and foldable between said section and the other section, and beneath the folded flaps.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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