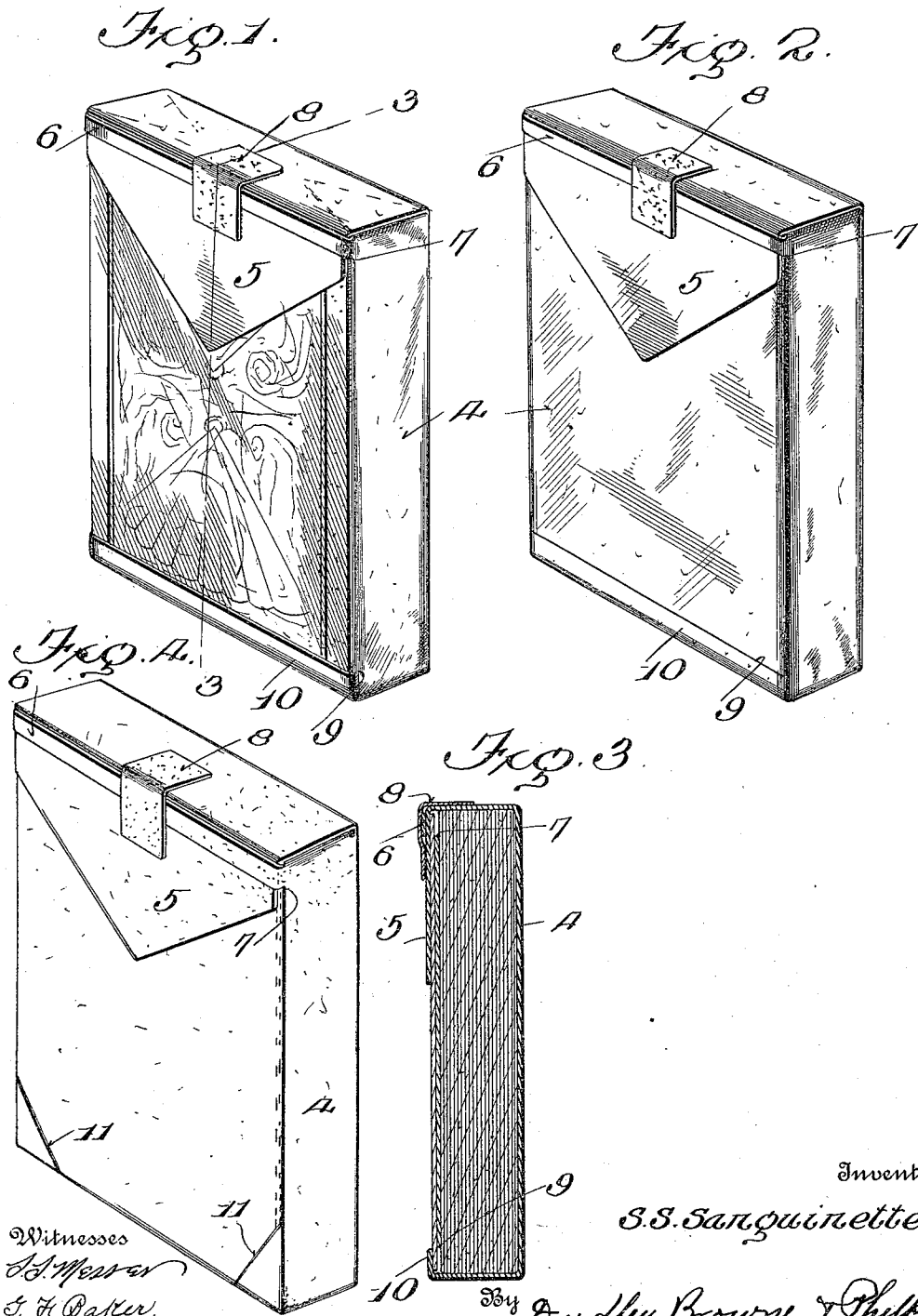


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SEPTIMUS SEVERUS SANGUINETTE, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Packages for Playing-Cards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in a package for playing cards, and the object of my invention is to produce a package from which a sample card can be removed for the purpose of inspecting the character and quality of the card without obtaining access to the entire package and without destroying the revenue stamp with which each package under the internal revenue law must be sealed.

My invention further consists in providing a package of such a character that the sample card is held on the package at both ends and is not, therefore, liable to accidental displacement and subsequent loss.

Purchasers naturally desire to inspect the quality and character of playing cards before purchasing the same, and this can only be satisfactorily done by the purchaser by actually being able to take a card from the pack and handle the same so as to determine its thickness, flexibility, finish etc., and also to enable the purchaser to see whether the size of the characters on the cards, the squeezers, etc., are of the desired kind.

Under the provisions of the internal revenue law each package of cards when sold must bear an unbroken revenue stamp, which stamp so seals the package that it must be broken in order to remove the cards without mutilating the package. If therefore a prospective purchaser is permitted to break the stamp and inspect the package the law is broken and in addition to this fact should the prospective purchaser not take the pack after breaking the same, the fact that the package has been inspected will be patent to any subsequent prospective purchaser. The subsequent purchaser may thus form an opinion that the package is not satisfactory to some one else, or that an attempt is being made by the seller to palm off a previously used pack.

With the foregoing and other objects in view my invention consists in certain constructions and arrangements of parts the preferred form of which will be first de-

scribed in connection with the accompanying drawings and then the invention particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings wherein the same part is designated by the same reference numeral wherever it occurs, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a box, carton, wrapper, or other form of package for a pack of playing cards showing the sample card in position. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing how ever the sample card removed; Fig. 3 is a section taken on line 3, 3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of package.

The box, wrapper, carton or package 4 may be made of paper, card-board or any other suitable material and may be constructed in any desired way. It must however be provided at one end with the flap 5 which preferably is ungummed, this flap being adapted to enter beneath a cross piece 6 formed by transverse slits 7 cut through the face of the package over which the flap 5 is adapted to lie. In sealing the package the flap 5 is passed beneath the cross piece 6 and the revenue stamp 8 may be applied to cover both the flap 5 and the cross piece 6, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

In the form of my invention shown in Figs. 1 to 3 there is cut in the opposite end of the face of the box from that having the slit 7, a transverse slit 9 forming a narrow transversely extending portion 10 at the lower end of the face of the package, so that one end of the sample card may be passed through this slit and beneath the portion 10, securely though removably holding one end of the sample card in position while the other end of the card is held in position by being passed under the end of the flap 5 and the transversely extending cross piece 6.

In the form of my invention shown in Fig. 4 a pair of oppositely extending diagonal slits 11 are formed instead of the transverse slit 9 into which the corners of the sample card may be inserted.

From the foregoing construction it will be seen that a complete pack of cards can be placed within the package and sealed therein by the usual revenue stamp 8, so that the pulling out of the flap 5 will of necessity break this stamp. An additional card or one of the cards of the pack inclosed in the package can now be slid beneath the flap 5 at one end and into the slit 9 at the other

end, or into the slits 11, so that it will be firmly held in position upon the package. Being secured at both ends in this manner prevents the accidental displacement and loss of the sample card, which is liable to occur should the card only be held by being passed under a single flap. By arching the card it can be readily removed for inspection by the prospective purchaser and replaced in position without in any way mutilating the package or the revenue stamp.

I realize that considerable variation is possible in the details of construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of my invention, and I therefore do not intend to limit myself to the specific form shown and described.

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

1. A package of playing cards comprising a plurality of cards, a wrapper inclosing said cards, said wrapper being provided with a flap for closing one end thereof, a seal so securing the flap in closed position that it must be broken in removing the cards from the package in the manner contemplated while permitting one end of a sample card to be placed beneath the end of said flap, and means formed in the wrapper for removably holding the opposite end of the sample card on the package whereby the sample card may be removed and replaced without mutilation of the seal.

2. A package of playing cards comprising a plurality of cards, a wrapper inclosing said cards, said wrapper being provided with a flap for closing one end thereof, said wrapper being provided with a pair of parallel

transverse slits extending across one face thereof, whereby a transverse strip is formed beneath which said flap is passed, a seal so securing said flap to said strip that it must be broken in removing the cards from the package in the manner contemplated while permitting one end of a sample card to be placed beneath the end of the flap, and means formed in the wrapper for holding the opposite end of the sample card on the package whereby the sample card may be removed and replaced without mutilation of the seal.

3. A package of playing cards comprising a plurality of cards, a wrapper inclosing said cards, said wrapper being provided with transversely extending slits across one face thereof, whereby transverse strips are formed at each end of said face, a flap for closing one end of said package, said flap being adapted to be passed beneath one of said transversely extending strips and sealed to said strip, and a sample card held in position on said package by being inserted at one end beneath said closing flap and at the other end beneath the transversely extending strip at that end, the parts of the wrapper being so constructed and arranged that the sample card may be withdrawn for inspection and re-placed while preventing the withdrawal of the cards in the package without mutilation of the package or seal.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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