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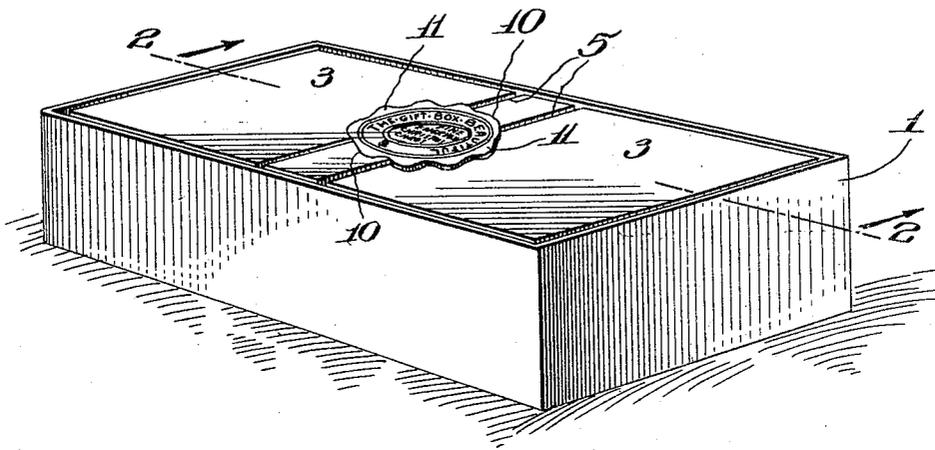
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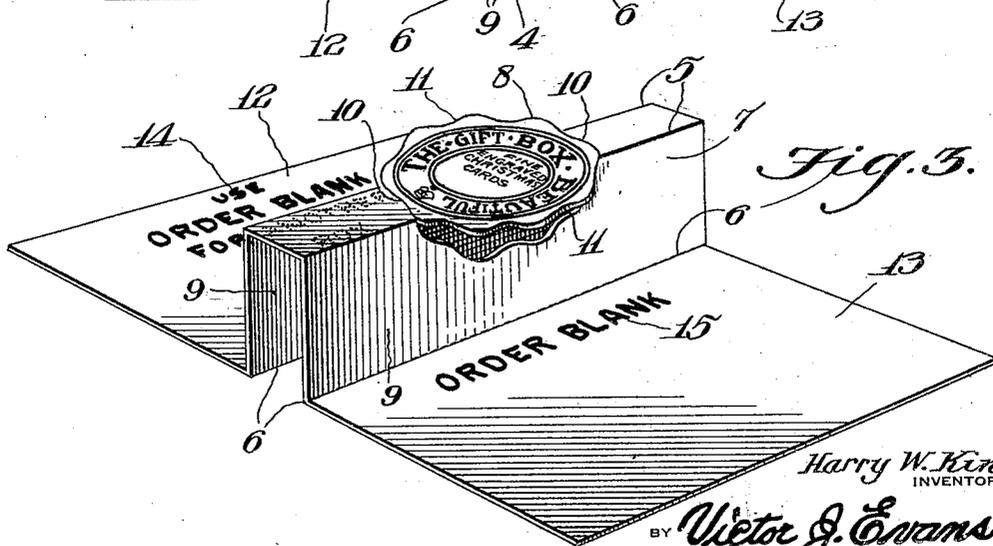
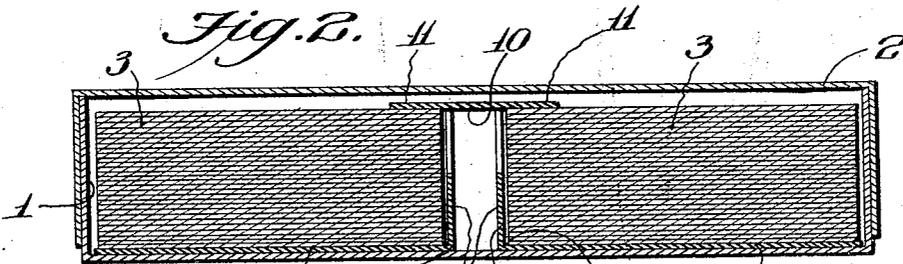
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*

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## SEPARATOR FOR CARDS IN A BOX

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The present invention relates to an improved separator for use in a box for the purpose of separating cards especially Christmas cards, though all kinds of decorated cards and their envelopes may be kept separated, it is also possible to use this separator in boxes for separating letter paper or the like.

It is well known that various cards, such as Christmas, Birthday, Easter, and similar cards and their envelopes or letter sheets and the like are arranged in a box, one stack for each end of the box, and due to the box being handled, the cards, envelopes and the like in one stack get intermingled with those of the other stack, the box of cards when on display presenting an untidy appearance.

It is therefore, the purpose of the present invention to keep the cards, envelopes and the like separated, permitting the box with the cards therein to present a neat appearance.

Another purpose is to provide a separator made from a single piece of material preferably card board or the like having a central up-bent portion and two parts, one on each side of the up-bent portion to underlie the cards or the like, with the up-bent portion between the two stacks of cards, there being a seal cut from the up-bent portion with opposite portions of the seal to overlie the two stacks of cards, the seal forming an integral part of the up-bent portion, thereby keeping the cards separated, preventing them from intermingling due to the handling of the box, and at the same time holding the cards down.

Another purpose is to provide a separator, the lateral parts on opposite sides of the up-bent portion constituting an instructing sheet and order blank, the former having thereon the words "Use order blank for another box", the latter having the words "Order blank", so that when the cards contained in the box are used, the owner of the box owing to the directions given on the instruction sheet, will tear off the order blank, fill the same out and forward it to the manufacturer for another box of cards.

Still another purpose is to provide a separator having a seal forming an integral

part of the up-bent portion, the seal being of an ornamental character, which will present a neat appearance to the box of cards.

It is to be understood that the particulars herein given are in no way limitive, and that while still keeping within the scope of the invention, any desired modification of details and proportions may be made in the construction of the appliance according to circumstances.

The invention comprises further features and combination of parts to be hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawing and claimed.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a box with the cover removed, showing two stacks of cards, with the separator in position and the seal overlying the cards.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view on line 2-2 of Figure 1, but showing the cover in position.

Figure 3 is a detailed perspective view of the separator removed from the box.

Referring to the drawing, 1 identifies a box, which may be constructed of any suitable material preferably card board or the like, and which may be any size or shape, and 2 is a cover.

In the present instance the box contains two stacks of cards 3. These may be Christmas, Birthday, Mother's day, Easter or similar cards, or envelopes therefor, and 4 identifies a separator, which may be any size and shape, constructed in one piece and made of any suitable material preferably card board. The one piece separator is originally flat, but is scored at 5 and 6, so that the central transverse portion of the one piece can be up-bent as shown clearly in Figures 2 and 3. One of the scores 6 may be in the form of perforations, whereby one end of the one piece separator can be detached. The perforations are shown in Figure 3. The up-bent portion 7 of the one piece separator may be any size, according to where the scoring is made and according to the size of box to be used. The central part of the up-bent portion carries an integral seal 8, and before the up-bent portion can be formed the seal is cut from the sides 9 of the up-bent portion, as

shown clearly in Figures 2 and 3, leaving the seal integrally attached at 10 to the top part of the up-bent portion. Where the seal is attached to the up-bent portion, the drawing 5 is made so that the seal appears as though it is separable from the up-bent portion. The background of the seal may be any suitable color, and for the purpose of illustration and convenience toward simplifying the drawing 10 the background of the seal is left blank, and where the line indicating the edge of the seal is shown to indicate the integral character of the seal with the up-bent portion also illustrates where the coloring of the seal be- 15 gins and ends.

The opposite portions 11 of the seal over- lie the two stacks of cards, to retain the cards against upward displacement and keep the top cards from overlying the upper face of 20 the up-bent portion while the up-bent portion keeps the cards separated in stacks, the seal itself containing a title to the box and a title for the kind of cards to be kept in stacks.

In forming the separator, particularly the up-bent portion 7 opposite lateral parts 12 and 13 are caused to be formed, the former constituting an instruction sheet with direc- 25 tions 14 thereon, so that when the cards are consumed, the purchaser may be directed to use the part 13 as an order blank for an- other box of cards, the words "Order blank" 15 being printed on the part 13. These lateral parts 12 and 13 underlie the two stacks 35 of cards in the box, and when the one piece separator is bent on the scored lines 5 and 6, the up-bent portion may be of rectangu- lar formation. Preferably the sides of the up-bent portion before placed in the box with 40 the two stacks of cards on the opposite parts 12 and 13 may diverge slightly toward the bottom, so that the remote side edges of the parts 12 and 13 may assume close position to the ends of the box, as shown in Figure 2.

Obviously it is to be noted that the sepa- 45 rator will keep the cards in their respective stacks, preventing them from intermingling, and also due to the seal, keeping the upper cards from overlying the top part of the up-bent portion. When the box is empty, the 50 owner of the box may detach the order blank 13 and write instructions thereon for another box of cards.

The invention having been set forth, what 55 is claimed is:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a sepa- 60 rator for stacks of cards in a box, said sepa- rator consisting of a single sheet of material bent U form, the U form being transversely and centrally between the ends of the sheet 65 and acting as an upstanding separating ele- ment causing laterally disposed portions to be formed at the lower part of the upstand- ing element, said lateral portions adapted to underlie two stacks of cards to a point in

extremely close position to the ends of the box, while the separator element is adapted to assume a position between the two stacks, said separator element having a substantially 70 circular piece simulating a seal stamped from the element, said circular piece having lateral parts to overlie the tops of the two stacks of cards, to prevent the cards at the top of one stack from mixing with the cards of the other 75 stack, one of said lateral portions at the base of the separator element being scored where it connects with the element, whereby it may be detached.

2. A separator for a plurality of stacks of cards formed from a single sheet of material 80 bent to form an inverted U-shaped portion and lateral extensions at the extremities of the legs of the U-shaped portion, the latter to lie on the bottom of a card containing box and dispose the U-shaped portion centrally 85 thereof, the sheet being punched adjacent the lines of fold of the legs of the U-shaped portion to provide integrally extending parts in the plane of the web of the U-shaped portion 90 to overlie and keep in place the uppermost cards of stacks lying upon the lateral exten- sions and abutting the legs of the U-shaped portion.

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