

(No Model.)

2 Sheets—Sheet 1.

B. L. BEHRENDT.
IDENTIFICATION CARD.

No. 467,460.

Patented Jan. 19, 1892.

B

Fig. 1.

U.S. IDENTIFICATION CARD
INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF ILLINOIS

No. _____ State _____
Telephone No. _____
In case of accident inform at once _____
Insured with _____
Member of _____
References _____

Fac-simile of Signature find on opposite side of this card, which is of no value, if not identified by a Notary Public, and which does not show the Indented Seal of the Company on the Picture.

U.S. IDENTIFICATION CARD
REPRESENTING

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Residence
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Chicago, Illinois.

James J. Hoot
This is to Certify that the Photograph on the opposite side represents *Mr. Barnim L. Behrendt* who is personally known to me to be the same person, whose name is above subscribed and find the above signature was affixed in my presence. Witness my hand and *notaral* seal this *15* day of *Sept* 189*0*

James J. Hoot
NOTARIAL SEAL
COOK COUNTY

SECRETARY

Fig. 2.

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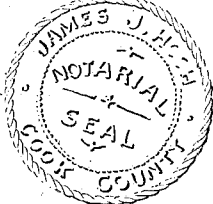


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Witness my hand and *Notarial Seal*
this *12* day of *Sept*, 189*0*
James J. H. H.
N.P.



Secretary

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Fig. 2.

U.S. IDENTIFICATION CARD
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Tel. _____

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Fig. 3.

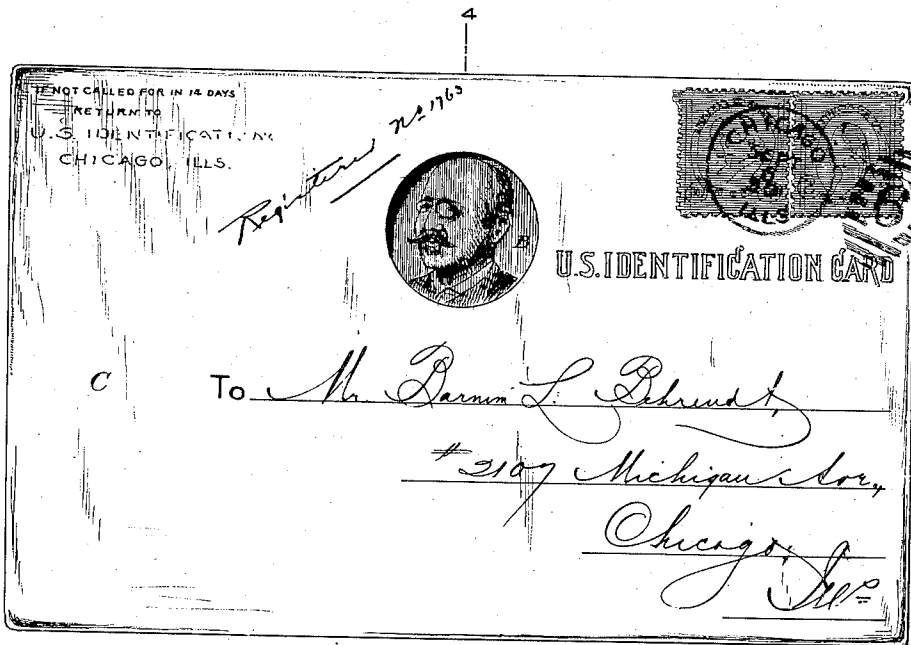
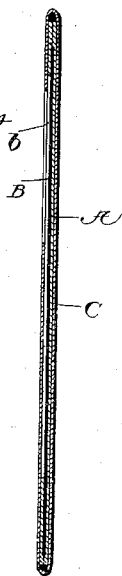


Fig. 4.
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UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

BARNIM L. BEHRENDT, OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ASSIGNOR TO THE INTERNATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD COMPANY, OF SAME PLACE.

IDENTIFICATION-CARD.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 467,460, dated January 19, 1892.

Application filed October 9, 1890. Renewed November 27, 1891. Serial No. 413,163. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BARNIM L. BEHRENDT, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain Improvements in Identification-Cards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a so-called "identification-card"—a card provided with the portrait and autograph of the owner and with a notarial or equivalent certificate, with or without additional matter to identify the holder.

The object of the invention is mainly to prevent fraudulent alteration of the card, and more particularly to prevent the substitution of one portrait for another.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved card. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, partly in section, showing the manner in which the portrait is secured in place. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the card in its envelope or inclosure. Fig. 4 is a cross-section of the same on the line 4 4.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a flat card or sheet composed of paper, cardboard, woven fabric, or other suitable material in two layers or thicknesses cemented together.

B is a photographic or other portrait of the person to be identified on a sheet which is cemented first between the two layers of the card having its central portion exposed to view through an opening *b* in the front sheet. This opening is limited in size, so that the front sheet covers and confines the marginal portion of the picture.

In order to prevent the removal of the picture and its replacement by another, I unite the two layers or thicknesses of the card and secure the picture in place thereto by means of paste or cement containing an aniline or other readily-soluble coloring-matter, so that if the card be steamed or otherwise dampened to soften the cement the fugitive color will at once spread, and, penetrating the sheets, leave upon the card a plain and permanent indication of the fact that it has been tampered with. The coloring material may be used in any moderate proportion in any suitable adhesive, such as flour paste or glue.

By making use of a thick or viscid cement I am enabled to use the coloring-matter with-

out danger of its penetrating the paper in the first instance; but when a thin fluid is applied, as required, as a solvent of the paste it will penetrate and soften the paper, dissolve the color, and cause the same to penetrate and spread through the paper. The fugitive color thus concealed and confined between the cemented sheets affords a security against alteration not attainable by a fugitive surface-color which can be readily removed and replaced.

As a further safeguard against the removal of the card, I propose to serrate or indent the edges of the opening which are pasted down upon the portrait. It will be found impossible to soften and remove the sheet without mutilating and disturbing these points in a noticeable manner.

On the portrait and so as to be exposed through the opening I print, photographically, or otherwise indicate the name, address, and business of the person represented. On one side of the card I place instructions as to the proper persons to be notified in the event of accident to the holder of the card. On the opposite side is placed the autograph of the holder and the certificate and seal of the notary public identifying the person represented as the one whose autograph appears on the card. The seal of the notary and the seal or other impression of the company issuing the card will also be impressed through the entire card and through the portrait.

The card constructed as above will upon presentation by the holder immediately identify him beyond question. Owing to the existence of both the portrait and the autograph, which latter he may be required to reproduce, it is impossible for the card to be used by any other than the true holder.

As a still further protection against the use of the card by improper persons and to admit of its being mailed and delivered with certainty to the proper holder, I propose to inclose it in a sealed envelope or jacket C, having in its face an opening which exposes the portrait, but conceals the other matters on the face of the card.

When the card is presented, the receiver may demand a statement of the various facts given on the card before the opening of the

envelope, and this information it is obviously impossible for a stranger or one who has chanced to find the card to give.

The card inclosed in an envelope as described may also be advantageously used by bankers or other business men with their correspondents to identify a third person in whose favor drafts are made or credit authorized.

10 In short, my card may be advantageously used by persons variously engaged at banks, money-order offices, registered-letter offices, at post-offices where mail is addressed *poste restante*, in case of accident, in the event of
15 arrest by reason of mistaken identity, and in all places in which identification of the holder is necessary or where he is unknown.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

20 1. The identification-card consisting of a back sheet, a perforated front sheet bearing the autograph of the owner and cemented to the back sheet, and a third sheet cemented to and between the other sheets and bearing
25 a portrait of the owner, exposed through the opening in the front sheet.

2. The identification-card having the exposed portrait cemented between the front and rear sheets, the inner edge of the opening being indented and cemented to the face of the portrait, as and for the purpose described. 30

3. An identification-card bearing the autograph and a portrait of the person identified, the portrait attached by an adhesive having a readily-soluble coloring-matter associated therewith in order that the dampening and softening of the adhesive may be followed by the charging of the card with color. 35

4. An identification-card bearing a portrait and an autograph or other identifying entries, in combination with a sealed envelope inclosing the same and provided with an opening through which the portrait alone is exposed to view. 40

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand, this 12th day of September, 1890, in the presence of two attesting witnesses. 45

BARNIM L. BEHRENDT.

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