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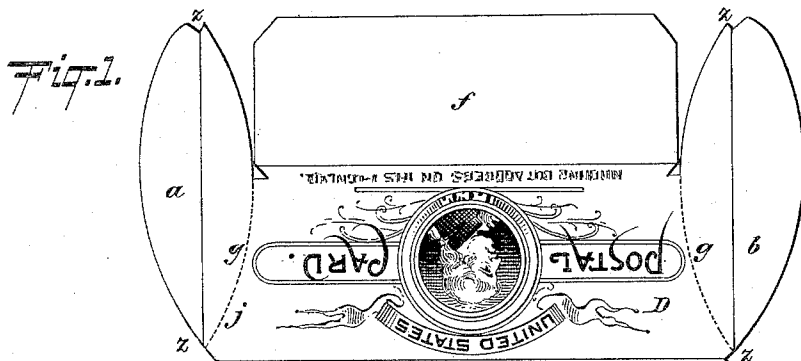


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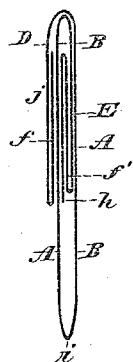
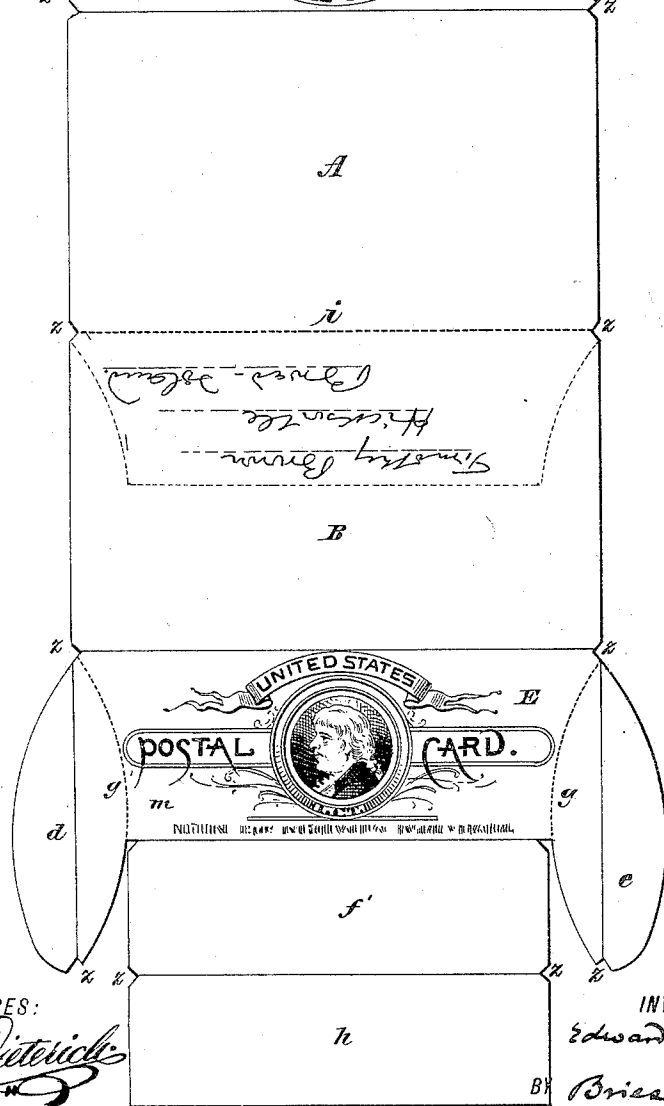
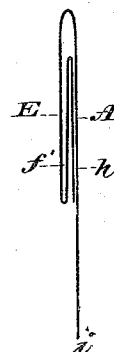


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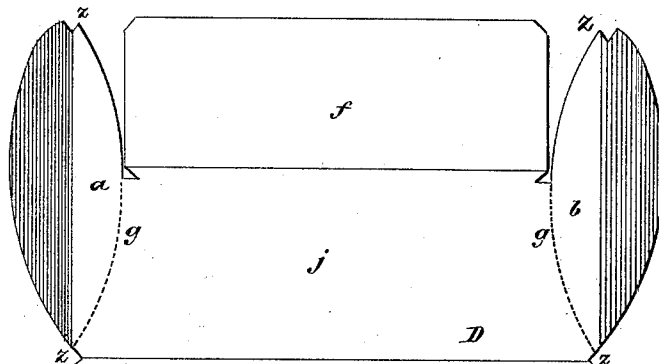


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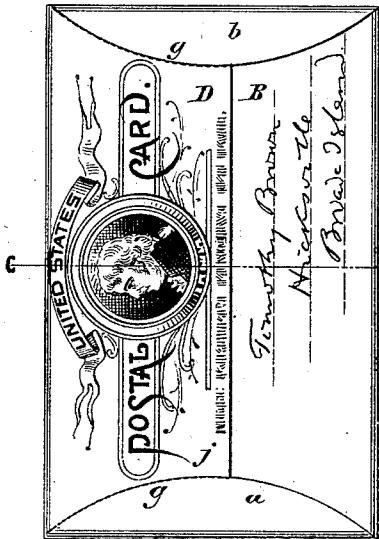
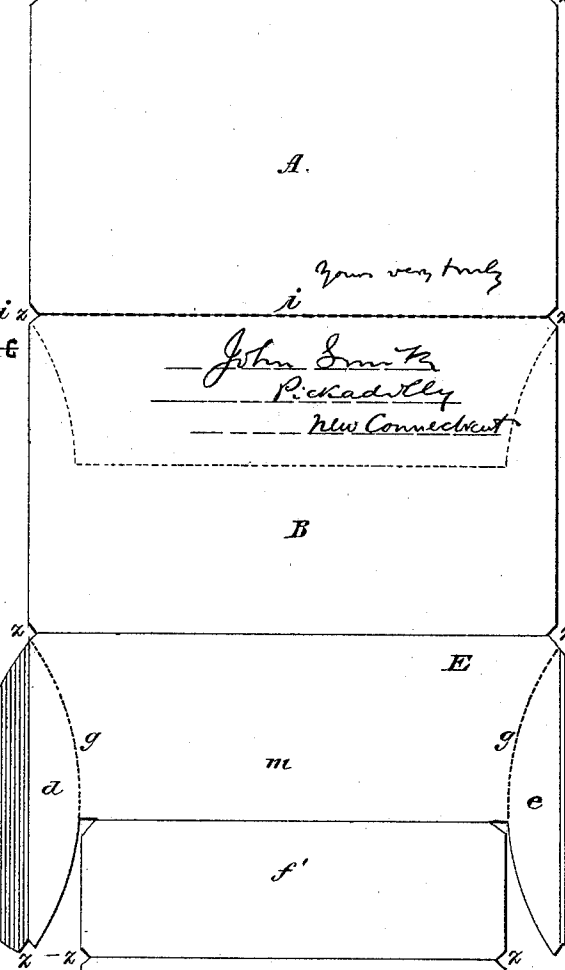
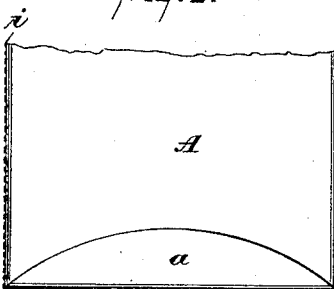


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SEALED REPLY-POSTAL.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD A. DUBEY, a resident of Brooklyn, Kings county, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Sealed Reply-Postal, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in certain details of improvement in sealed reply postal-cards, and has for its object to prevent the fraudulent opening and inspection of said cards, and also to provide the reply portion of each card with the addresses of both the sender and the receiver.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 represents a face view of the outside of my improved postal-card, showing it unfolded. Fig. 2 is a section on the line *c c* of Fig. 5. Fig. 3 is a section on the line *c c* of Fig. 5 of the reply separated from the message portion. Fig. 4 is a face view of the inner side of my postal-card when unfolded. Fig. 5 is a face view of my postal-card folded up and ready for mailing. Fig. 6 is a view, partly broken away, of the back of Fig. 5.

In the drawings, A B represent the main rectangles of the postal-card, D E the end portions bearing at the sides the sealing-flaps *a b* and *d e*, respectively, the end portion being divided into two parts *f* and *j*, and the flap E into three parts *m*, *f'*, and *h*, the part *h* being preferably gummed along its upper portion. The parts *j* and *m* bear on their outer surface the usual postal-card stamps. (Shown in Fig. 1.) The flaps *a b* and *d e* are gummed on the inner face, (shown in Fig. 4,) but the gum may extend, if desired, to the dotted lines *g*. (Shown in the same figure.) The stamp on the part *j* is for the message and the stamp on *m* for the reply. The message is written on the inner face of the parts *f*, *j*, and A, the signature of the sender appearing on the inner side of the rectangle B, at the upper part thereof, as in Fig. 4. The address is written on the outer side of the rectangle B, at the upper part thereof, as in Fig. 1. The receiver of the message tears the card on line *i* and then writes his reply on the inner side of the

parts B, *f'*, and *h*, the original signature of the sender being the return-address.

The method of folding my postal-card is as follows: The leaf *f' h* is doubled on the line of division upon the under side of the part *m*, and the flaps *d* and *e* folded on their line of division. This part thus folded is folded upon B, B upon A. The flap *f* is then folded upon the inner side of *j*. Finally the doubled flap *f j* is folded over the remainder, as in Fig. 2, and the side flaps *a b* applied over the edge and gummed onto B and A, as in Fig. 5. When the message is inclosed and the postal-card folded, as described, the address of the person to whom the message is sent will be written within the dotted space on the rectangle B, directly behind the signature of the sender. When the reply portion is afterward separated from the message by tearing along the line *l* it will be found upon folding the flap *f'* upon *m* and the flap *h* backward upon *f'*, and then folding the part thus folded upon B and gumming down the various flaps, that the signature of the sender will address the reply, the flaps *d e* in this case sealing the message at the sides.

The flaps *f f' h* may be dispensed with, and the side flaps *a b d e* may be notched, as at *z z*, to insure their correct folding down.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A sealed reply postal-card consisting of the stamped flap D, bearing sealing-flaps *a b*, the stamped flap E, bearing sealing-flaps *d e*, said stamped flaps being connected by two or more intermediate rectangles A and B, the rectangle B being arranged to bear on one side the address of the receiver and on the other side the address of the sender, substantially as described.

2. The sealed postal-card composed of the flaps *h f'*, stamped part *m*, fields A B, stamped part *j*, flap *f*, and of the side flaps *a b d e*, substantially as herein shown and described.

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