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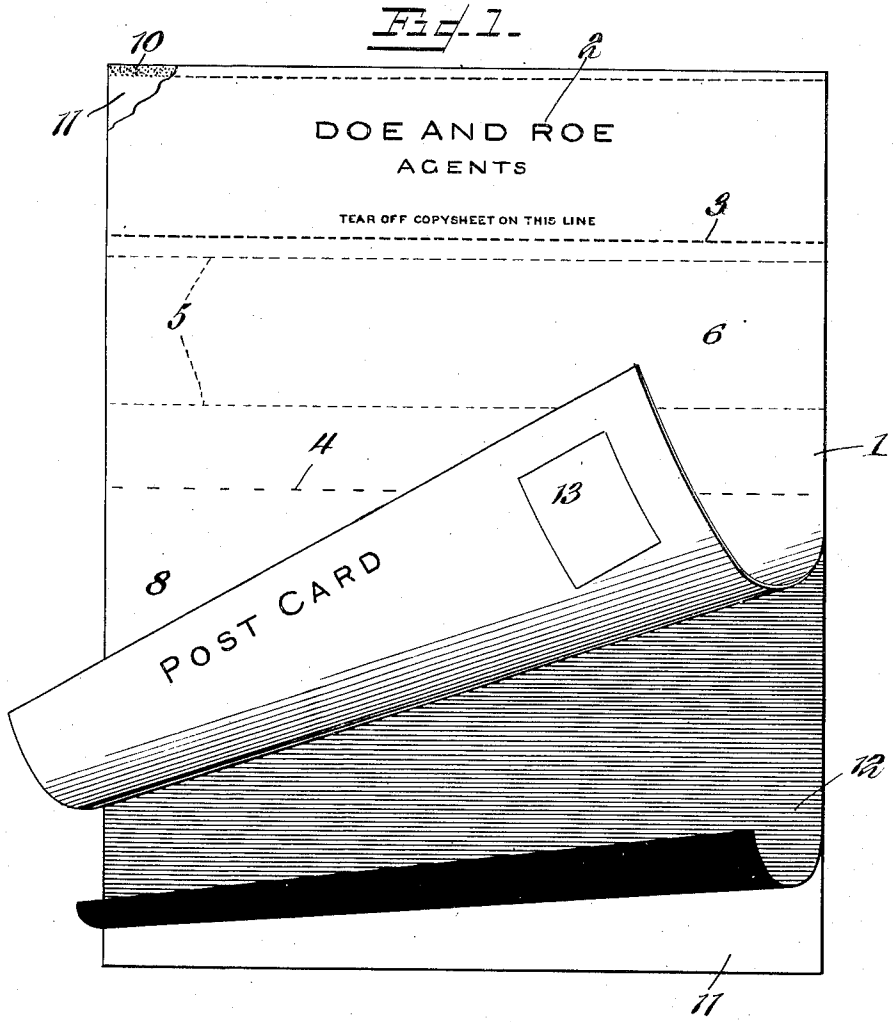
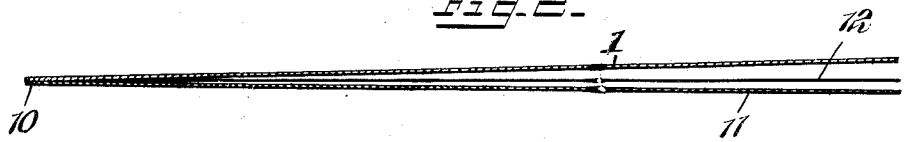


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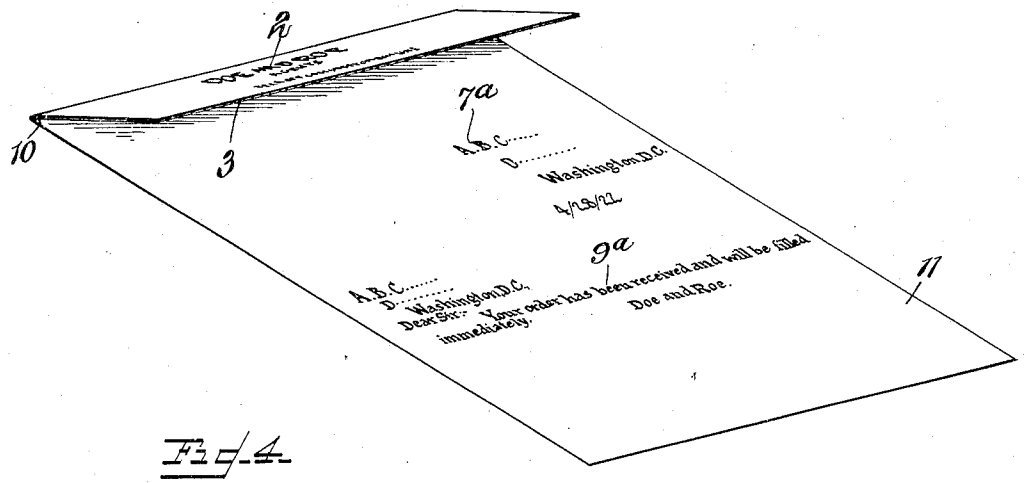


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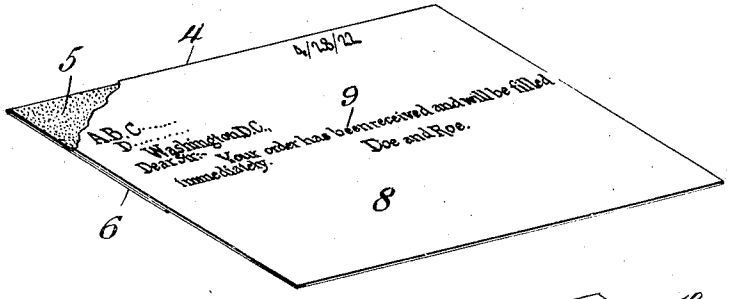
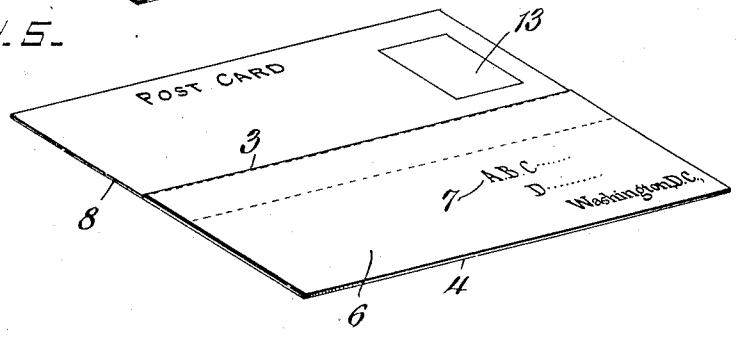


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK E. BARNETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tampico, Tamaulipas, and Republic of Mexico, have invented new and useful Improvements in Postal Cards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to postal cards.

The object of the invention is to provide a postal card with recesses forming a part thereof, whereby a carbon copy may be made at the time of writing the message, the copy being later severed from the card and filed away for record purposes.

In carrying out the invention, I provide a postal card comprising a blank having a top portion separable therefrom, said removable top portion having initially and permanently attached thereto a relatively thin sheet of paper capable of forming a carbon copy, the blank and the thin sheet having a carbon sheet interposed between the same, when introduced into a typewriting machine, for receiving a duplicate of the name, address and communication in properly spaced positions, the said carbon copy attached to the removable top portion having the name and address, etc., of the sender thereon being adapted to be removed from the blank and filed away as a record, after which the rest of the blank is folded and sealed and mailed.

A full and complete understanding of the invention may be obtained from a consideration of the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, it being understood that while the drawing shows a practical form of the invention, the latter is not confined to strict conformity with the showing thereof, but may be changed or modified, so long as such changes or modifications mark no material departure from the salient features of the invention, as specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several figures,

Figure 1 is a plan view of the blank, partially rolled back to disclose a portion of the carbon sheet and the copy sheet;

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same from top to bottom thereof;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the copy sheet having the carbon copy of the name, address and communication imprinted thereon, together with that portion of the blank to which the said copy sheet is attached, ready to be filed away;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the folded and sealed card and showing the communication side of the same;

Figure 5 is a similar view of the card looking at the side having the name and address and stamp thereon.

Great sums of money are constantly being spent unnecessarily for postage, paper and envelopes in the sending of short messages, orders or other communications in sealed enclosures, when the same could be easier, more quickly and more economically sent by using postal cards. The great drawback to the use of the latter has heretofore been the impossibility of simultaneously making a carbon copy of the communication for the purpose of keeping a record.

The present invention is designed to overcome this difficulty by providing a blank sheet form, which may be placed in a typewriting machine in the same manner as an ordinary sheet of paper, the copy sheet being already attached at the upper end to the blank by a separable top portion, it being only necessary to place an ordinary sheet of carbon paper of proper size between the blank and the copy sheet to transfer the writing to the copy sheet in the ordinary manner, after which the copy sheet with the attached top portion may be torn from the remainder of the blank and filed away, and the rest of the blank folded, sealed and stamped for mailing as a postal card.

The blank 1 as illustrated in Figure 1 of the drawings, is preferably formed of stout paper similar to that used in ordinary postal cards, though not quite so heavy, as it is to be understood that the entire blank is adapted to be inserted into a typewriting machine to be printed on in the same manner as ordinary letter paper. The blank 1 is as wide as the usual width of post cards, and in length is substantially twice the length of said cards. The top portion of

the blank which I have referred to as the removable top or name portion is adapted to have printed thereon the name of the sending firm, as at 2, together with such other information as may be desired, and a row of perforations 3 is formed in the blank just below the space devoted to the name, which perforations extend across the blank and form a line of separation between the top portion and the main body of the blank 2. The remainder of the blank, below the line of transversely disposed perforations 3, is designed to be detached from the said top portion after the copy has been made.

Substantially midway between the top and bottom edges of the blank, a crease line is indicated at 4, and a strip of dry adhesive, such as mucilage, indicated at 5, is applied to the other side of the blank in the space between the line of perforations 3 and the crease line 4, which space constitutes a flap 6, and is adapted to receive the typewritten name and address of the recipient of the card, as indicated at 7 in Figure 5 of the drawings. The remainder 8 of the blank 1 constitutes the postal card proper, and is adapted to receive the typewritten communication, order or other message, as indicated at 9 in Figure 4.

Attached, as by mucilage or other adhesive, indicated at 10 in Figure 1 to the removable top or name portion, is a sheet of copy paper 11 of equal size with the blank 1 and preferably of the usual thin, tough kind designed for carbon copies, such adhesive being only a narrow strip located at the top edge, and adapted to hold the copy sheet 11 to the removable top portion of the blank.

A sheet of carbon paper 12 of equal size with the blank 1 and copy sheet 11, is placed between the same, and the three elements placed into a typewriting machine in the usual manner. The name and address 7 is then imprinted in the space constituting the flap 6, and the message written below the line 4 in the space 8 devoted to that purpose. After the three elements are removed from the machine, and the carbon sheet 12 withdrawn, the blank is torn along the line of perforations 3 and the card severed from the record. By folding the flap 6 backwardly along the crease line 4 and moistening the adhesive 5, the said flap is made to adhere to the face of the postal card, as illustrated in Figure 5, the necessary postage being then placed in the area defined at 13, when it will be seen, the name and address of the recipient is located on one side of the card in the usual manner, and the message on the other. The copy sheet 11 with the carbon copy 7^a of the name and address of the recipient imprinted thereon together with the carbon copy 9^a of the message, in proper order, and still attached to the removable name portion 2 of the blank, by means of the adhesive strip 10, may then be placed away on file in any desired manner.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that a simple, cheap manufactured postal card has been provided, which is adapted to be written on by a typewriter while a carbon copy of all the writing is being made simultaneously, thus providing a long felt want, and resulting, by the use of the same, in a saving of time, labor and money.

What is claimed is:—

1. A card board blank having a space at the top for printing, and a transverse line of perforations at the lower edge of the space, a copy sheet secured at its top edge to the rear side of the blank at the top for use in a typewriting machine, after a carbon sheet has been placed between the blank and copy sheet, that portion of the blank below the perforations being adapted to receive the writing and to be torn off along the line of perforations to constitute the postal card, the said portion of the blank being divided by a transverse crease line into an address-receiving flap, and a message-receiving card, the opposite face of which has printed thereon the required indicia to show that it is a postal card, whereby upon separating the blank at the line of perforations the top portion of the blank carries the copy sheet and acts as a holder and stiffener for the latter to facilitate filing the same away, while the address-receiving flap may be folded and secured against that face of the message-receiving portion below the said postal card indicia.

2. A card board blank having a space at the top for printing, and a transverse line of perforations at the lower edge of the space, a copy sheet secured at its top edge to the rear side of the blank at the top for use in a typewriting machine, after a carbon sheet has been placed between the blank and copy sheet, that portion of the blank below the perforations being adapted to receive the writing and to be torn off along the line of perforations to constitute the postal card, the detachable portion having a crease line across the same spaced from and parallel to the line of perforations to define a flap to receive the name and address of the recipient, and having adhesive on the rear side for holding the same to the front of the card after being folded along said line.

3. A card board blank having a space at the top for printing the sender's name and address, and a transverse line of perforations at the lower edge of the space, a copy sheet secured at its top edge to the rear side of the blank at the top for use in a typewriting machine, after a carbon sheet has

been placed between the blank and copy sheet, that portion of the blank below the perforations being adapted to receive the writing and to be torn off along the line of perforations to constitute the postal card, the top portion of the blank having the sender's name and address thereon and carrying the carbon copy sheet acting as a holder or stiffener for the latter and adapted to facilitate filing away the same for a record.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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