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Fig. 1.

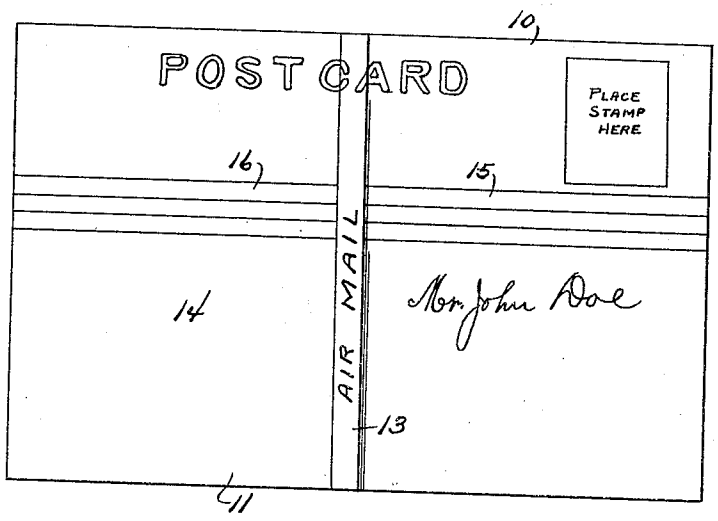


Fig. 2.

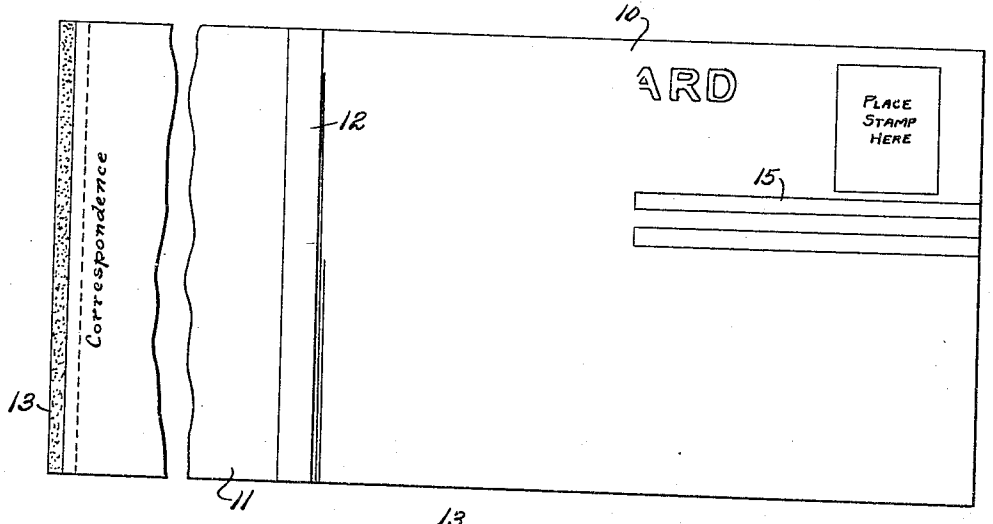
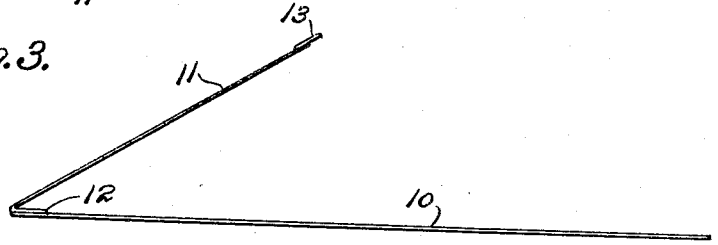


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to souvenir post cards, an object being to provide a card with an increased message area without increasing the size of the card in the mail.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a souvenir post card of the above character in which the writing or message space is covered when the card is ready for mailing, so that private messages will be concealed.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a post card, which, in addition to the above and other advantageous features is provided with means to indicate the limit of the message area, so that the writer can determine the area of the covered space.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention further includes the following novel features and details of construction, to be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a view of a post card constructed in accordance with the invention and shown arranged for mailing.

Figure 2 is a view partly broken away showing the message flap open.

Figure 3 is an edge view with the message flap partly open.

Referring to the drawing in detail wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts, the reference character 10 indicates the body of the card which is made of relatively stiff material and which is designed to contain upon one face a picture (not shown). The card is especially designed for air mail, and may have upon one side aerial views of different buildings, cities or localities.

One of the objects of the invention is to increase the writing or message space of the card and to conceal this space, so that the sender may write a message of considerable length and may include matter not intended to be seen by anyone other than the addressee. For this purpose, the card is provided at one end with an extension or flap 11. This flap may be formed of paper and may be attached to the card by pasting one edge of the flap to one edge of the card as indicated at 12, so that the flap may be folded even with this edge of the card as clearly illustrated in Figure 3 of the drawing.

This provides a writing space or message space which is made up of the flap 12 and the adjacent portion of the body of the card. If desired, the flap may form a continuation of the body of the card with the latter suitably scored so that the flap may be folded flat upon the outer face of the card.

The outer edge of the flap is provided with an adhesive strip 13 which may be a separate strip attached to the flap as shown in the drawing or the adhesive may be applied directly to the outer edge of the flap.

With the card arranged as shown in Figure 2 of the drawing, a message of considerable length may be written upon the flap 11 and upon the adjacent portion of the card. The flap is then folded over with its outer edge pasted to the face of the card as shown in Figure 1 of the drawing. The message space will thus be concealed, so that private messages may be sent. As air mail only includes first class mail, the sealed card may be sent for the minimum postage.

The outer face 14 of the flap forms a portion of the outer face of the card when the latter is ready for mailing, and as shown in Figure 1 of the drawing, the words "post card" are printed upon this face. A portion of these words is printed upon the outer face 14 of the flap 11 and a portion upon the outer face of the body of the card, so that when the flap is sealed the appearance will be substantially that of an ordinary card. By arranging these words in the manner shown and described, they will indicate the limit of the message space, as the sender can readily see where this message space will end by referring to the portion of the word "card" contained upon the card body 10.

If desired, the outer face of the card and the outer face of the flap 14 may be provided with aligned stripes 15 and 16 respectively. These stripes may be colored if desired and the stripes 15 will assist in indicating the limit of the message space.

If desired, the card may have imprinted

thereon the words "Air Mail" as shown in Figure 1 of the drawing.

The invention is susceptible of various changes in its form, proportions and minor details of construction and the right is herein reserved to make such changes as properly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention what is claimed is:—

A souvenir post card embodying a sheet of relatively stiff material having a picture upon one face, a flap of the same height as the card, an adhesive strip secured to the outer face of the flap along the free transverse edge thereof for connecting the flap to one edge of the card and adapting the flap to be folded flat upon the outer face of the card to provide, together with the adjacent portion of the card, an inner message space of an appreciable area, a strip secured to the free edge of the flap to seal the free edge of the flap to the face of the card to conceal the message space and provide, together with the card and flap, an address space having the same general appearance of the ordinary post card.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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