

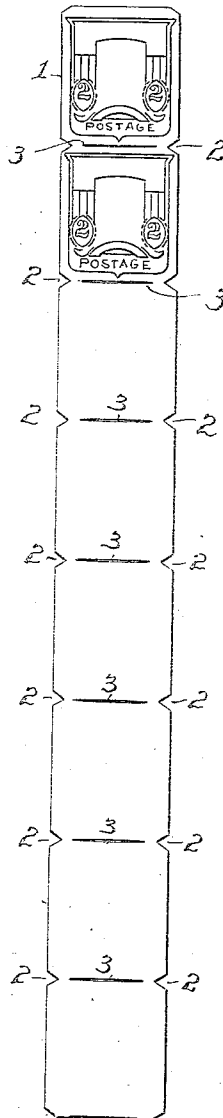
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARA L. W. COE, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Stamp-Strips; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable
10 others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in stamp strips,—the object of the invention being to provide a stamp strip which can be manipulated in a stamp vending machine
15 in such manner that the feeding mechanism of such machine can accurately feed the stamps, one at a time, and so that the danger of removing or withdrawing more than one stamp at a time shall be minimized.

20 With this object in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereinafter set forth.

The accompanying drawing illustrates an embodiment of my invention.

25 In a stamp strip for use in a stamp vending machine, it is a matter of considerable importance that the continuity of the strip shall be preserved and that those portions of the strip which are engaged by the propelling means for the purpose of feeding
30 the strip forward should be very accurately spaced apart so that more or less than a single stamp cannot be projected through the discharge slot of the machine at each operation of the latter.

35 It has been found that with stamp strips having lines of perforation between the stamps as manufactured for the Government, such lines of perforations are not accurately spaced apart and are not therefore
40 always in position to cooperate with pins on a feed wheel. Furthermore when the strip is perforated between the stamps, it often becomes partially severed and thus a
45 purchaser might be enabled to withdraw more than one stamp at a time. When the stamp strip is thus severed at a point in rear of the discharge slot of the machine, the continuity of the strip might be so interrupted as to become disengaged from the
50 feed wheel.

In order to avoid the objections above outlined, I provide a stamp strip 1 with notches 2 in its edges at points intermediate the stamps of the strip,—said notches being located equi-distant apart so that they will
55 receive lugs or projections on a feed wheel over which the strip is passed.

Between each two stamps and in line with the notches in the respective edges of the strip, I provide a slit 3, the ends of said slit terminating short distances from the apexes of the V-shaped notches 2 in the side edges of the strip. The stamps are therefore
60 united at the points 4—4 with sufficient firmness to prevent accidental severance but can be detached readily when a stamp has been projected through the discharge outlet of the machine.

My improvements are also applicable with
65 ticket strips in machines for vending tickets.

Having fully described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is,—

A stamp or ticket strip having transverse
70 slits disposed at right angles to the side edges of the strip between the stamps or tickets, each of said slits terminating at its ends inwardly removed from the side edges of the strip, and said strip having notches
80 in its side edges in line with and removed short distances from the respective ends of said transverse slits, said notches being adapted to receive lugs on a feed device for advancing the strip predetermined distances
85 and also to cooperate with said slits to insure the proper severance of a stamp or ticket from the strip, the portions of the paper between the ends of a slit and the adjacent notches serving to secure two
90 stamps or tickets together equal distances at respective sides of the longitudinal center of the strip.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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