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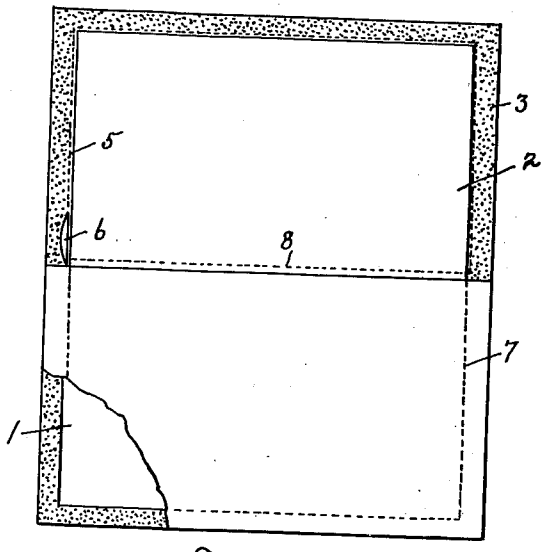


Fig. 1.

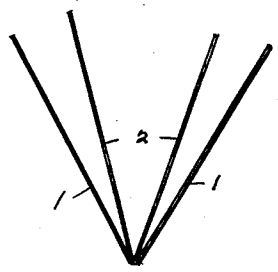


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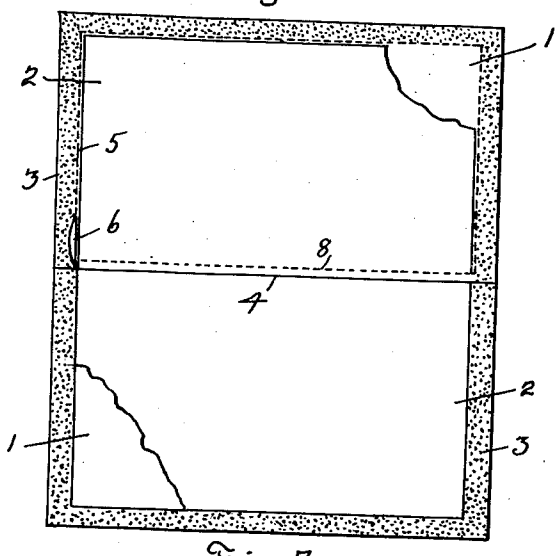


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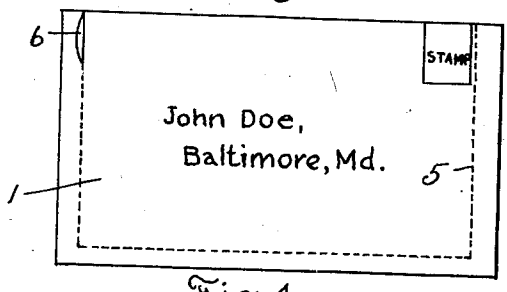


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1 Claim. (Cl. 229—92.8)

This invention relates to a new and useful letter card and has for its object to provide a letter card that is self-sealing when folded for mailing and which can be easily opened after being sealed. A further object of the invention is to provide as much writing space as possible by adding an additional leaf within the card, a portion of which may be used as a souvenir card and which can be detached when the card is opened.

The invention consists of the novel construction and arrangement of the parts and combination of parts hereinafter more fully set forth in the following specification and pointed out in detail in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the letter card in the open position, a portion of the inner sheet being broken away.

Figure 2 is an end view of Figure 1 showing the card partly folded.

Figure 3 is a similar view to Figure 2 showing the perforated edge of the inner sheet torn off so that the gummed surfaces can be brought together when the card is folded.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the card after being sealed and ready to be mailed.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, and in which like reference numerals designate like parts throughout the several views thereof, 1 designates the outer sheet and 2 the inner sheet of the card which is secured to the inner surface of the outer sheet adjacent the line of fold. The outer sheet 1 is provided on its inner surface with a gummed surface 3 around its entire edge and has a fold line 4. One-half of the outer card 1 is scored or perforated at 5 and is provided with an elongated slot 6 along said perforations 5 and adjacent the line of fold. The elongated slot 6 affords an opening in which a knife, or letter opener, can be inserted to cut the card on the line 5 so that it can be opened after being sealed. The inner card 2 has one-half cut away around three sides thereof so that it will fit within the gummed edges 3 and the other half of the inner card 2 projects over the gummed surface 3 so that the gummed surfaces cannot come together when in the folded position until it is ready to be sealed and is perforated at 7 so that the said edge can be torn off when the card is ready to be sealed in order that the gummed surfaces will come together when the card is folded which completely seals the card. The smaller half of the inner card 2 is provided with perforations 8 so that it can be torn off after the card is opened in the event that this portion is used as a souvenir card. The gummed surface 3 is of a material that will not adhere to the surface of the inner sheet 2 but when the card is folded and the gummed surfaces brought together, will adhere to each other and completely seal the card. The card is preferably formed of heavy paper.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

A letter card comprising an outer sheet gummed around its entire edge on the inner surface thereof and having perforations adjacent to said gummed surface on one-half of said outer sheet and an elongated slot adjacent the line of fold of the said outer sheet and in line with said perforations, an inner sheet secured to the inner surface of said outer sheet adjacent its line of fold, said inner sheet having one-half thereof contracted to lie within the gummed edge of one-half of the outer sheet and the other half of the inner sheet projecting over the gummed surface of the outer sheet and perforated on three sides on a line with the inner edge of the gummed surface of the outer sheet so that it can be torn off to allow the gummed surfaces of the two portions of the outer sheet to come together to seal the card.

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