

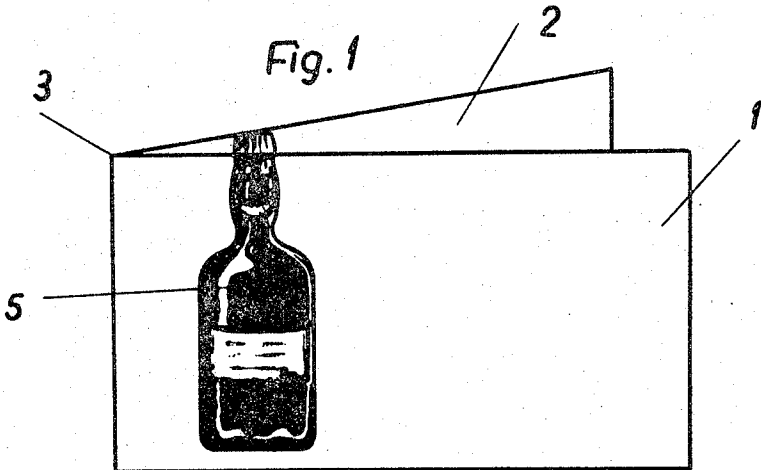
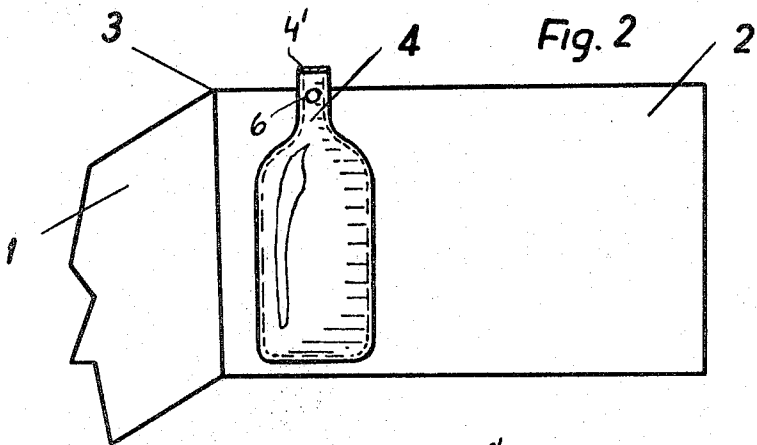
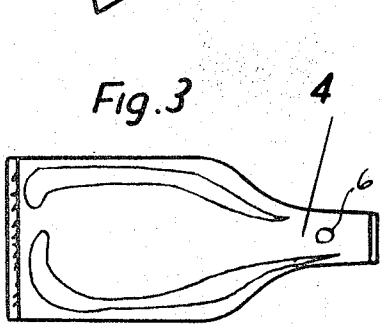
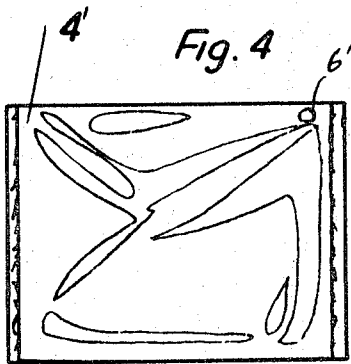
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The present invention relates to a postal card.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a postal type card which holds fixedly between its two covering sheets a bag made of resistant material which contains a certain quantity of a wine or distilled beverage. The specific application of this card, sent by mail, is to constitute a toast sent from a distance between two or more persons, this being an appealing novelty to convey a friendly, fraternal or dedicatory gesture whereby also an advertising means can be included, whereby different landscapes, folklore motives, customs and the like are publicized independently of the measured dose of the beverage the bag may contain.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a postal card which comprises two components. The first component has printed or lithographed thereon a bottle of liquor, which may be of any make, shape or size, provided it is adaptable to the size of the card, but which will serve to indicate the liquor content of the "postal toast." On the outer face, namely on the same face displaying the bottle and in the most appropriate colors, landscapes, celebrated figures, monuments, etc., are displayed and whatever mediums are considered of interest to tourism, personal good wishes, etc. An important feature resides in the fact that the neck of the bottle projects slightly out of the rectangular configuration of the card, so that upon cutting off the stopper of the bottle, the liquor contents can be poured out.

On the inner face, which is preferably smooth, a plastic bottle is secured, holding some liquor, to the inside face of the first component, the toast mailing card being thus completed and arranged such that on its back the signature and anything of interest to the sender can be written.

Made of resistant plastic material, this may take a great variety of shapes including that of the bottle whose liquid it is to contain and adapted to this, or it may occupy the whole space and form of the card, so that the liquid may spread through the interior surface of same, adapting itself to the impressed part or relief. The plastic container is hermetically sealed by thermoplastic sealing, which prevents the escape of the liquid.

The shape of the "mailing toast card" can be as varied as its unrestricted circulation through the postal service will permit, it being able to be adapted to any size and shape.

With these and other objects in view which will become apparent in the following detailed description, the present invention will be clearly understood in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of the mailing card in semi-open position, the cover of the card being disclosed;

FIG. 2 is an unfolded perspective view of the card; and FIGS. 3 and 4 are different embodiments of the container adapted to hold the beverage.

Referring now to the drawing, and in particular to FIGS. 1 and 2, the postal card comprises a frontal area, on which a landscape or a decorative motif is provided.

The rear sheet 2 of the card is of the same shape and dimension as the front sheet 1, to which it is permanently fixed by means of a fold 3, which permits an easy folding and unfolding of the sheets 1 and 2.

The sheets 1 and 2 may have any suitable shape or dimension and may be made of the most convenient material.

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A container 4 is properly secured to the forward face of the rear sheet 2, and a profile 5, which is secured to the sheet 1 and of the same size as the container 4 is superposed in the latter in the folded position of the sheets 1 and 2.

The container is shown in greater detail in FIGS. 3 and 4, and may have the shape most suited for its purpose, in particular to contain an amount of liquid sufficient to fill a glass for a toast.

One of the characteristics of the embodiment disclosed in FIG. 3 resides in the presentation of a bottle of wine or liquor and for this purpose the neck of the container representing the bottle extends beyond the corresponding top edge of the rear sheet 2, as is shown clearly in FIG. 2.

As indicated in FIG. 4 of the drawing, the container 4' can be formed of rectangular shape, instead of bottle shape as shown in FIG. 3.

The material particularly selected for the manufacture of the container 4 is a plastic resistant to the liquid received in the container 4.

The container 4 can be opened by cutting off its mouth 4', and means are provided for closing the container 4 by pressure. The feeding of wine or liquor into the container 4 can be performed by a small conventional valve 6 provided in the plastic container 4.

The container 4 and 4', respectively, can be secured to the sheet 2 by gluing or any other suitable means.

On the rear sheet 2 of the card, a space is provided for printing texts or hand-written inscriptions, and there can also be arranged a place for designating the name and address of the party to whom the card is to be mailed.

While I have disclosed several embodiments of the present invention with certain useful variants thereof, it is to be understood that these embodiments are given by example only and not in a limiting sense, the scope of the present invention being determined by the objects and the claims.

I claim:

1. A postal card, comprising
a front sheet,
a rear sheet secured by a fold to said front sheet,
a container of plastic material secured to the top face of said rear sheet and hermetically sealed, and receiving an alcohol-containing beverage therein,
a profile of said container provided at the top face of said front sheet and being identical in size, shape and position with said container to be superimposed on the latter in the folded position of said sheets.
2. The postal card, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said container includes a valve member adapted for filling a beverage into said container.
3. The postal card, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said container is of substantially bottle shape having a neck portion, and
at least one part of said neck portion extends beyond the top edge of said rear sheet.

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