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Fig. 1.

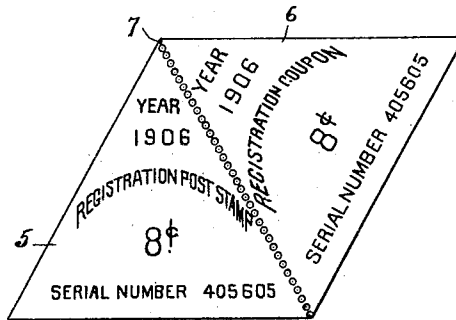


Fig. 2.

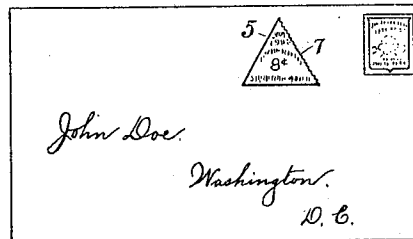


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SOPHUS J. HALSE, residing in Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Registration-Stamps, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are a part of this specification.

10 This invention has for its object to provide a stamp with a stub or coupon which may be detached therefrom and retained by the user for identification purposes, while the stamp proper is attached to an ordinary letter to be mailed in the usual manner such as by dropping in the letter box at any place, and indicates to the postmaster that the letter is to be registered in the usual way; the sender on presenting to the postmaster the coupon identifying such registration stamp being entitled to a registration receipt of the ordinary form. This enables a person to register mail at any time and place without the inconvenience of having to present it to the postmaster. Whenever it is convenient he may secure his registration receipt on presenting the registration coupon for identification.

20 With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the registration stamp as herein claimed, and all equivalents.

Referring to the accompanying drawings in which like characters of reference indicate the same parts in the several views; Figure 1 is a view of a registration stamp and coupon before being detached; Fig. 2 is a view of a letter having the registration stamp applied thereto; and, Fig. 3 is a view of the detached registration coupon.

30 In these drawings 5 represents the registration stamp proper which preferably contains suitable reading matter indicating its nature, the year of its issue, its value, and a serial number or other mark of identification. This stamp is preferably of a triangular shape so as to be more noticeable when applied to the letter as shown in Fig. 2, and therefore more readily attract the attention of the postmaster to the fact that the letter is to be registered.

35 The registration stamp is united at one edge with a corresponding coupon 6, there being a line of perforations 7 between them permitting them to be readily separated for use. The coupon is desirably of the same

shape as the stamp proper and bears similar reading matter with its proper designation and the same serial number or identification mark.

In use, a person may carry a supply of registration stamps and whenever it is desired to register mail it is only necessary for him to detach the stamp proper from the coupon and apply it to the mail matter and deposit the mail in a letter box or postoffice the same as any other letter. When the postmaster or clerk is about to cancel the postage stamp he will observe the registration stamp and will register the letter making a note of the serial number or identification mark instead of taking the sender's name as usual. When the sender presents the coupon or stub at the postoffice its serial number or identification mark will be compared with those of the record and a receipt will be given him for the registered letter in the usual way, the letter having in the meantime been forwarded to its destination.

By the use of this invention registered mail may be attended to promptly and without the present annoyance occasioned by the necessity for securing registration receipts from the postoffice before the mail is forwarded to its destination.

The mail can be deposited in the usual mail box the same as ordinary mail and the coupons may be kept without presenting them for the registration receipts if desired, and by being pasted on the leaves of record books they may be retained until occasion requires their presentation for the formal receipts, though in most cases there will be no necessity for taking any further action.

What I claim as my invention is;

1. A registration stamp having a registration coupon connected thereto with identical identification marks on the registration stamp and its coupon.

2. A registration stamp having a registration coupon attached thereto with a line of perforations separating them, there being identical identification marks on the registration stamp and its coupon.

3. A registration stamp of triangular form and a registration coupon of similar form connected thereto with a line of perforations separating them, there being like serial numbers on the registration stamp and its coupon.

4. An adhesive registration stamp having a coupon with like identification marks,

the stamp when detached from the coupon
being adapted to be placed upon mail matter
and indicating that such mail matter is to be
registered and the coupon being exchange-
5 able for a registration receipt for the mail
matter bearing the registration stamp iden-
tified thereby.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature,
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