

(No Model.)

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REINFORCED STENCIL CARD.

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Fig. 1.

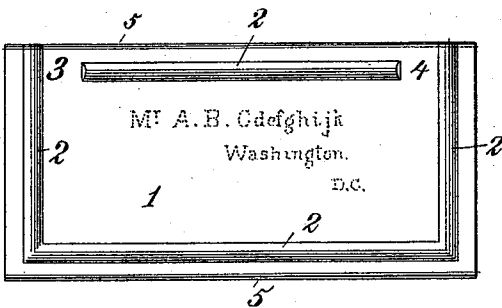
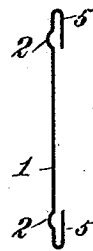


Fig. 2.



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Original application filed April 9, 1894, Serial No. 506,852. Divided and this application filed September 20, 1894. Serial No. 523,545. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK D. BELKNAP, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Reinforced Stencil-Cards; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to what are known as addressing machines for printing envelopes, wrappers, postal cards, &c., with lists of names and post office addresses in order that notices or advertising matter may be sent to each member of a long list or class of persons.

The invention consists of a peculiar form of stencil card of non-metallic material to be used in printing such addresses.

This application is a division of my application filed April 9, 1894, Serial No. 506,852, and is designed to cover specifically one of the several species of the invention set forth generically in said above mentioned application.

The form of card here illustrated is designed to be used in an addressing machine of the description illustrated in my pending application, Serial No. 519,264, filed August 2, 1894.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of a card embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a central cross section of Fig. 1.

Throughout the drawings like reference figures refer to like parts.

1 represents the body of the card which may be of parchment, oil paper or any suitable material which is non-metallic.

2 is a line of embossing which is run around the card parallel to the edges thereof, and at a short distance from said edges. This line of embossing may be continuous or it may be interrupted at certain points as 3 and 4 to enable the suction feeding apparatus of the machine to seize the card at those points. The edges 5 of the card may also be bent over against the concave side of the embossed line.

The method of using my invention is fully described in the pending application, Serial

No. 519,264, above referred to. The name and address are perforated in the body of the card as shown in Fig. 1 and the card is then fed into the machine.

The advantages of the construction herein described, are, that the embossing of a line along the border of the card in conjunction with the bending over of the edge 5 each, singly, and together, jointly, stiffen the card so that it may be handled conveniently both in the addressing machine and out. Furthermore the embossed line in conjunction with the turned over edge which covers its concave side separates the body of each card from that of the next card when the same are packed in a receiver, and thereby a considerable distance of spacing is secured without the use of foreign material and without the use of different thicknesses in the same card as a result of which the card can be cheaply made and will expand and contract uniformly throughout under all conditions of heat and moisture, so that warping is avoided.

It is evident that while this invention is primarily designed to be embodied in a card of non metallic material as such are used in the form of addressing machines invented by me, yet the construction here described would apply with equal advantage to metallic cards.

Having, therefore, described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a perforated stencil card made of parchment or other non metallic material with its edges reinforced by one or more embossed lines near said edges, and with one or more of said edges folded over against the concave side of said embossed portions, substantially as described.

2. A stencil card which has its edges reinforced by one or more embossed lines near said edges, and which has one or more of said edges folded over against the concave side of said embossed portions, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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