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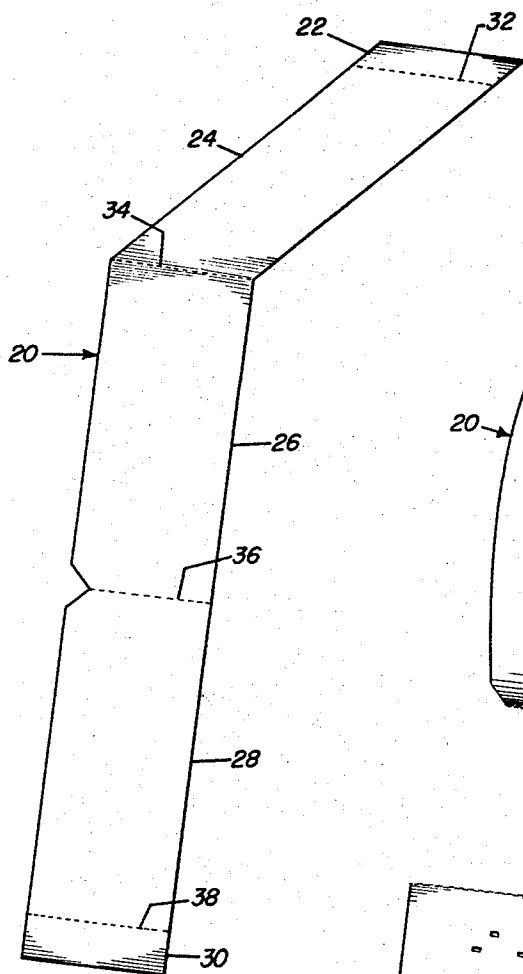


Fig. 1

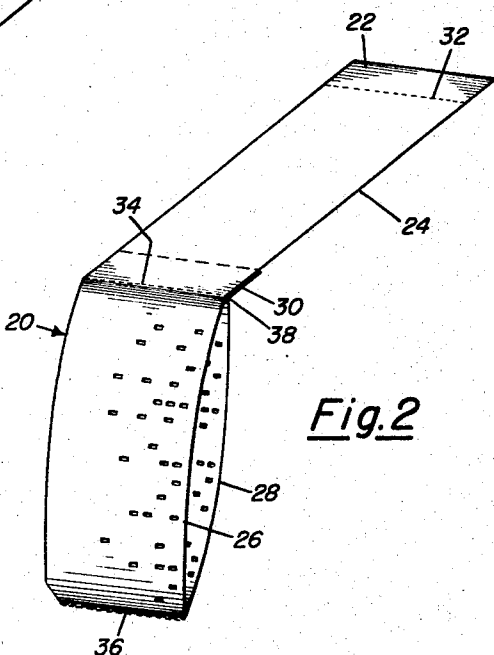


Fig. 2

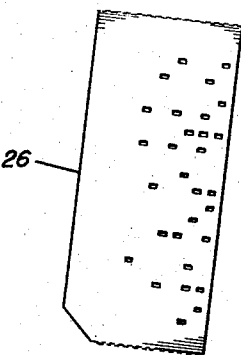


Fig. 3

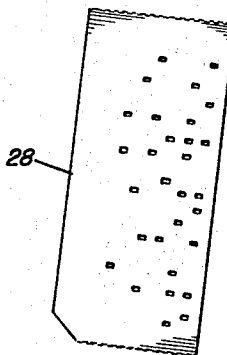


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The present invention relates to a multiple card for use in a machine of the type adapted to perforate cards and which cards, after being separated into two cards, are subjected to a tabulating machine for registering the results effected by the perforations.

The multiple card of the present invention comprises a strip of paper which is folded upon itself to form superimposed, attached and exact duplicate cards which are adapted to be perforated simultaneously, at the will of the operator of the machine, such as, for example a voting machine of the card perforating type. The strip of paper is provided with a weakened section along the fold for ready separation of the strip to form two cards. The paper used is of the standard type used in tabulatable cards, that is, cards having the characteristic of being sufficiently stable for use in a tabulating machine of the I.B.M. type manufactured by International Business Machine Corporation whose address is 112 E. Post Road, White Plains, New York.

The strip of paper also includes an integral tab or integral tabs. Such tabs are used, for example, as a "write in" card, or, as tabs for fastening the two cards in superimposed position prior to separating the cards from one another at the weakened section, or, the tabs can be used for both purposes.

Other features and the advantages of the present invention will be apparent from the following description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing wherein a preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated. In the drawing:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the strip of paper showing the integral cards and tabs;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of the multiple card in the form of a multiple voting card, as presented to the voter;

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of one of the cards after being detached from the composite multiple card; and

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the other card after being detached from the composite multiple card.

Referring more in detail to the drawing, the strip of paper is shown at 20 and includes longitudinally extending portions 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30. Portions 22, 24 and 30 are herein designated as tabs and the portions 26 and 28 form cards. A weakened section 32 is disposed between tab 22 and tab 24; a weakened section 34 is disposed between tab 24 and card 26; a weakened section 36 is disposed between card 26 and card 28; and a weakened section 38 is disposed between card 28 and tab 30. The weakened sections 32, 34, 36 and 38 are disposed transversely of the elongated strip 20.

The strip of paper is folded as shown in FIG. 2, namely, the card portion 28 is folded under the card portion 26, the fold taking place at the weakened section 36. Either the underside of the tab 30 or the underside of the tab portion 24 adjacent the weakened section 34 or both are provided with an adhesive such as the pressure sensitive type whereby the tab 30 is fastened to the underside of the tab 24 adjacent the weakened section 34.

The user places the multiple card in a machine, for example, of the type shown in the co-pending application

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of Edward Robak et al., Serial No. 328,842, filed December 9, 1963, now Letters Patent No. 3,220,292, granted November 30, 1965. These machines are of the type that perforations are formed in the card at the will of the operator.

The present invention is particularly useful as a multiple voting card. After the voter makes his various selection, the vote multiple card is handed by him to the attendant who will tear off the tab 22 and hand it to the voter who uses the same to indicate to others that he has voted. The tab 24 can be used as a write in card for indicating the selection of a candidate or candidates that is or are not listed in the ballot.

Some jurisdictions require that the original card, bearing the voter's selection be retained in the precinct where the voting takes place or requires that all of the cards remain in the precinct until the voting time is closed. It is desirable, however, to anticipate the results of an election prior to the closing of the polls. The present invention is particularly useful for such desire, since the card 28 which is an exact duplicate of the card 26 and inasmuch as it has been perforated simultaneously with the card 26, it can be used as one of the cards which indicate the anticipated results of the election. It is a simple matter to remove the card 28 from the vote recorder by merely removing the card and the readily removable tab 30 from the tab 24 and then tearing the card 28 from the card 26 at the weakened section 36. Thus, for example, an approximation can be made prior to the closing of the polls by merely tabulating the results which are indicated by the perforations on the card 28 by sending the card through a tabulating machine such as that aforementioned.

While the form of embodiment herein shown and described constitutes preferred form, it is to be understood that other forms may be adopted falling within the scope of the claims that follow.

I claim:

1. A multiple card comprising an elongated strip of paper folded upon itself transversely of the length thereof to form superimposed, attached and exact duplicate cards for use in a voting machine of the type adapted to perforate both cards simultaneously at the will of the operator of the machine, said strip including:

- (1) an integral tab connected at one edge of one of the cards, there being a weakened section between said edge of the said one card and the tab;
- (2) a second integral tab connected at one edge of the other card, there being a weakened section between said edge of the said other card and the second mentioned card;
- (3) an adhesive on at least one of the tabs for joining said tabs after said strip is folded on itself.

2. A multiple card as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the tabs are disposed at the edges of the cards which edges are opposite the fold.

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