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2 SHEETS—SHEET 2.

Fig. 4.

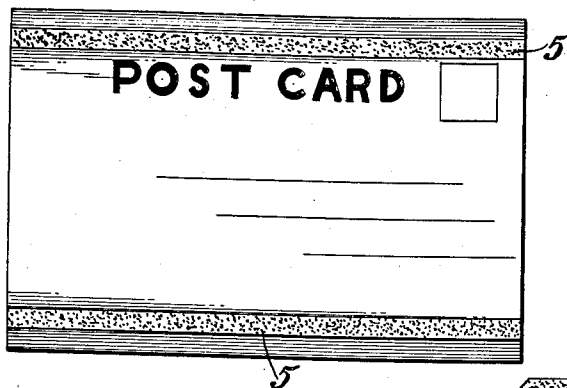


Fig. 5.

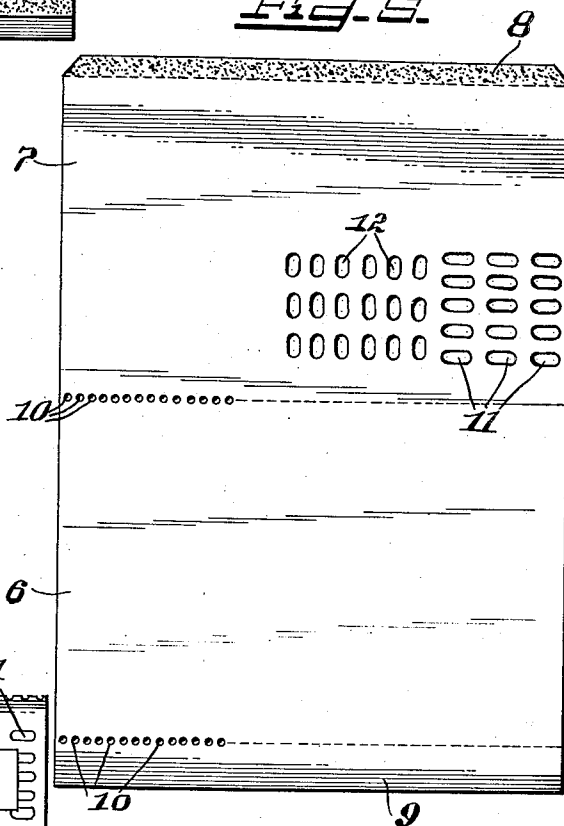
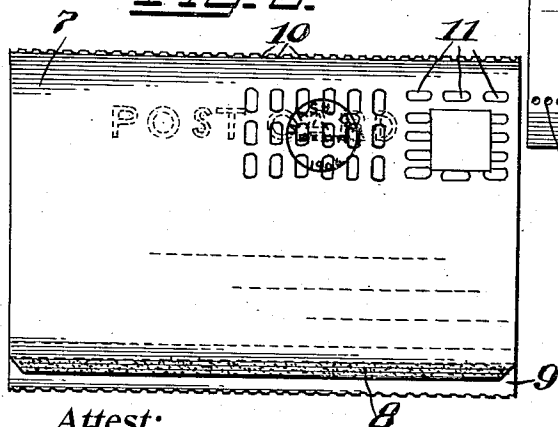


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIP H. BORDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Post-Card Shield, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to protecting coverings or shields for so called "picture" or ornamented postal cards, the chief object of which is to provide protection for the picture or ornamented side of the cards during transmission through the mails.

A further object is to provide a larger amount of correspondence space than is ordinarily found on picture postal cards.

With these and other objects in view, I have devised the shield or covering, preferred embodiments of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing a card having a shield adapted for attachment along its upper and lower edges. Fig. 2 is a view of the reverse face of the card showing the manner of attaching the shield. Fig. 3 shows the shield attached to the ends instead of the upper and lower edges of the card. Fig. 4 shows the card gummed on the address side to receive the shield. Fig. 5 is a view of a modified form of shield. Fig. 6 is a view showing such modified shield on the card; and Fig. 7 is a view of another modification showing additional correspondence sheets.

The shield which constitutes the subject matter of my invention consists of a sheet preferably of transparent paper or other suitable light material which, Figs. 1—3, is cut to a size convenient for covering the "picture" or ornamented side of a postal card, and for lapping over the opposite or address side of the card to which the edges of the shield are attached.

In the embodiment of my invention illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, the shield 1 is shown as having the gummed surfaces 2 at its upper and lower edges, the gummed portions being confined between the extreme edges of the shield and lines of weakness preferably perforations 3 parallel with said edges, said lines of weakness being provided for the purpose of facilitating tearing off and removing the shield by the recipient of the card. Within the lines of weakness 3 are provided also additional lines of weakness 4, which are spaced from each other a distance equal to the width of the card to facilitate the accu-

rate folding of the edges of the shield over the edges of the card to which it is to be attached.

In order to permit unobstructed view of the picture or ornamented side of the card by prospective purchasers when the cards are in stock, the shield as shown in Figs. 1 and 3 may be preliminarily attached only along one edge, the opposite edge being left temporarily free to be attached by the sender before the card is placed in the mails.

When the recipient of the card desires to remove the shield, this may be readily done by tearing along the lines of perforations 3 close to the gummed surfaces 2. Inasmuch as the lines of perforations 3 lie opposite the address side and well below the edges of the card, the torn edges of the remnants of the shield left after removal thereof will be entirely concealed from the view of one looking at the picture side of the card. Thus when the shield is removed the picture side of the card will be exposed, absolutely unmarred and leaving the edges of the card smooth and with no rough edges or mutilated portions of the shield in sight.

A further advantage of this structure resides in the fact that correspondence may be placed on that portion of the shield which overlies the picture side of the card and the message may be preserved in neat form by the recipient by removal thereof by first tearing the shield along the folding perforations 4, thus preserving the message intact; and then, to remove the projecting rough edges of the shield entirely from view of the picture side, the strips between the folding perforations 4 and the tearing perforations 3 may be removed.

In Fig. 3 the shield is shown as adapted to be attached over the end of the card instead of along the edges as in Figs. 1 and 2. This will be found to be a convenient arrangement when the picture or other ornamental feature is placed longitudinally of the card.

It has been found in practice that the edges of the shield, when gummed at 3 as described, have a tendency to curl, causing somewhat unsightly appearance as well as difficulty in attaching the shield. To obviate such defect, the gumming of the edges 2 of the shield may be dispensed with and instead thereof the gum may be applied in strips 5, Fig. 4, near the edges of the card in position to receive the edges of the shield. The structure of the shield however remains

the same and may be removed in the manner indicated above.

In Figs. 5 and 6 is shown a modified form of shield which is adapted to entirely infold the card on both sides. In this form the shield comprises the body portion 6 intended to overlie and protect the picture or ornamental side of the card, and having a large flap 7 adapted to overlie the address side, the edge 8 of the flap being gummed for attachment to the lip 9 at the opposite side of the body portion when the latter is folded over upon the edge of the card. Lines of perforation 10, 10 are also provided at each side of the body portion to insure accurate folding of the flaps 8 and 9 over the edges of the card. It will be seen that this shield is not attached to the card, but is held in place by its snug fit thereon. In this form also a message may be written upon the portion which overlies the picture side of the card, and the message may be removed without mutilation, by tearing the shield along the lines of perforation 10. To provide for the secure attachment of the stamp and at the same time to more securely hold the shield on the card, perforations 11 are provided in the flap 7 over which the stamp may be placed, and through which it is secured directly to the card. Additional perforations 12 may be employed to permit the post dating stamp also to reach the card.

In the modified form of shield shown in Fig. 7 provision is made for additional correspondence space by attaching extra sheets 12 to the inner side of the shield which, when the shield is attached at the bottom as before described, will be inclosed therebeneath. In other respects the shield may if desired be of the same construction and adapted to be attached and removed in the same manner as the forms shown in Fig. 1 although it is obvious that it may be attached to the card in other ways within the scope of the invention.

Many changes may be made in the construction and relative arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention.

I claim—

1. A shield for a picture post card, comprising a body portion adapted to protect the picture side of the card and having securing flaps adapted to be folded over the edges of the card and having means for attachment opposite the address side thereof entirely below the edges whereby when the shield is removed by tearing adjacent the attached portion, the attached remnants will be concealed from the picture side of the card.

2. A shield for a picture post card, comprising a body portion adapted to protect the

picture side of the card, and having lines of weakness whereby the edges of the shield may be accurately folded over the edges of card, and means for securing said edges opposite the address side of the card entirely below the edges whereby when the shield is removed by tearing adjacent the attached portions, the attached remnants will be concealed from the picture side of the card.

3. A shield for a picture post card, comprising a body portion adapted to protect the picture side of the card, and having securing flaps adapted to be folded over the edges, and secured opposite the address side, of the card, said flaps having lines of weakness near their edges arranged to lie below the edges of the card, whereby when the shield is removed by tearing along said lines of weakness the remnants thereof will be concealed from the picture side of the card.

4. A shield for a picture post card comprising a body portion adapted to protect the picture side of the card, and having lines of weakness to facilitate folding the edges thereof over the edges of the card for attachment to the card, the parts so folded also having lines of weakness arranged to lie below the edges of the card whereby when the shield is removed by tearing along said second lines of weakness, the remnants of the shield will be concealed from the picture side of the card.

5. A shield for picture post cards, comprising a body portion adapted to protect the picture side thereof, and having flaps adapted to be folded over the edges of the cards, said flaps having gummed surfaces for attachment to the address side of the card, and having lines of weakness adjacent said surfaces and arranged to lie below the edges of the card, whereby when the shield is removed by tearing along said lines of weakness the attached remnants will be concealed from the picture side of the card.

6. A shield for a picture post card comprising a body portion adapted to protect the picture side of the card, and having correspondence sheets attached to the inner side thereof, and means to attach said shield to the card.

7. A shield for a picture post card comprising a body portion adapted to protect the picture side of the card, and having correspondence sheets attached to the inner side thereof, and having securing flaps adapted to be folded over the edges of the card and attached opposite the address side thereof.

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

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