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POSTAL CIRCULAR.

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Fig. 1.

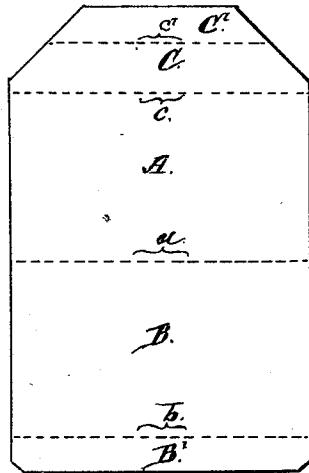
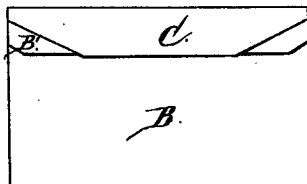


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN POSTAL CIRCULARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH CHAPMAN, of Dubuque, in the county of Dubuque, and in the State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Postal Circulars, which is fully described in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents the blank for the circular; Fig. 2, the same folded for transmission through the mails.

The object of my invention is to provide a circular for the transmission through the mails of business notices of all kinds, in which the reading matter will be partially protected; but at the same time it will be subject only to cheap rates of postage.

The invention consists in a circular which may be folded and secured for transmission through the mails, but with the ends always open, so that the contents of the circular may be readily seen.

In the drawings, A represents the front of the circular; B, the back, and C the flap. The blanks are first cut out in the form shown, and the face A B may then be printed or written upon, as desired. The narrow strip B' is then turned back along the line *b*, and the corners pasted down to the back, as seen in Fig. 2. In this form the circulars may be furnished in stock.

To prepare for mailing, the circular is folded up along the line *a*, the flap C is turned down along the line *c*, and the tongue C' is folded along the line *c'*, and tucked under the strip B', as seen in Fig. 2, but without being pasted, unless desired for greater security. In this condition the ends of the circular are left open, so that the interior may be readily inspected.

This circular is intended to secure the advantages now obtained by inclosing notices, advertisements, and like printed matter in unsealed envelopes, but with a saving of the expense of the latter. At the same time it has most of the advantages of the ordinary postal card, and is not open to the objections made against the use of the latter for many business purposes.

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

A postal circular, consisting of the parts A, B, and C, the back B being provided with a supplementary fold, B', which is turned back and pasted down at its ends, and the flap C having a fastening-tongue, C', substantially as and for the purposes described.

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