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2 SHEETS—SHEET 1.

Registered
American
Identification
Card No.

CHICAGO, ILL.
6-MARTY
4:30 P.M.
1903

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C
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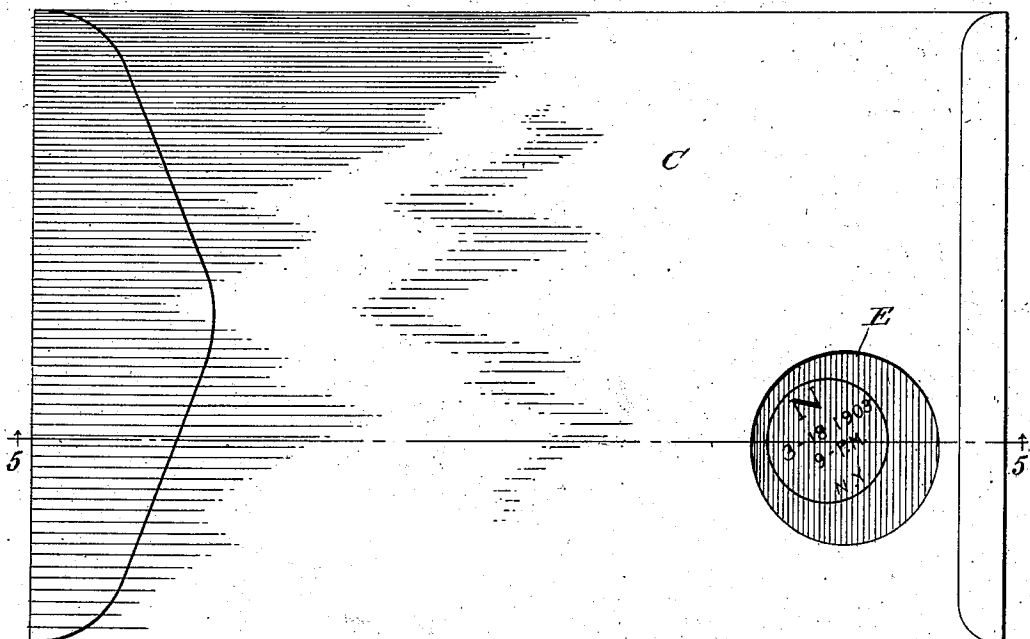
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C¹

For *John R. Doe,* Personal
1142 East 86th Street,
New York
N. Y.

Return this card, if not delivered within
10 days, and deliver only to party addressed
personally and after thorough investigation.

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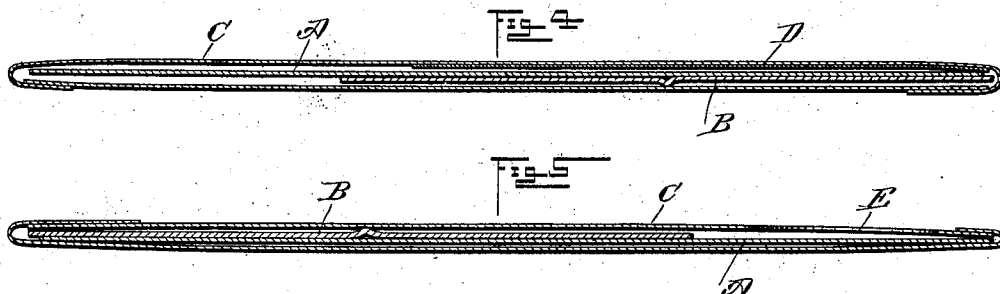
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2 SHEETS—SHEET 2.

Fig. 5

A

American Identification Card Co. No. State Registered, <i>In Case of Accident inform at once</i> <i>A¹</i> Insured with Member of	American Identification Card Co. <i>A²</i> REPRESENTING  John R. Doe, - Inventor & Patentee. Residence - 1142 E. 86th St. New York City.	<i>John R. Doe</i> <i>This is to certify that the Photograph on the opposite side represents</i> <i>who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is above subscribed and the above signature was affixed in my presence</i> <i>Witness my hand and seal</i> <i>this</i> ... <i>day of</i> ... 190... <i>A³</i> <i>No card genuine unless accompanied by the registered envelope in which it was delivered and signature of its owner certified to by a Notary Public or Clerk of Court with seal attached.</i>
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IDENTIFICATION-CARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BARNIM L. BEHRENDT, a subject of the German Emperor, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Identification-Card, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to cards provided with the portrait and autograph of the owner for identifying purposes; and its object is to provide a new and improved identification-card arranged to enable postal authorities, bankers, and other persons to immediately and correctly identify the holder of the card and to prevent fraudulent alteration of the card.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a front face view of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a rear face view of the same. Fig. 3 is a face view of the improvement with the envelop removed. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal inverted sectional plan view of the improvement on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 5 is a similar view of the same on the line 5 5 of Fig. 2.

The identification-card consists, essentially, of a photographic print A, divided on its front or film face into a plurality of panels A', A², and A³, of which the middle panel A² contains in its film a chemically-inherent photographic imprint of the portrait of the owner of the identification-card, also the owner's name and residence, and the side panel A' contains identifying entries, directions, &c., while the other side panel A³ bears the autograph of the owner and a notarial certification. In making the photographic print a sensitized photographic paper is used and exposed to the rays of light under a negative (bearing the owner's portrait) in an ordinary printing-frame, and the said paper after due exposure is usually toned and fixed as is well known in the art of mak-

ing photographic prints. The non-written matter appearing on the film face of the print may be either printed thereon in a printing-press or photographically produced in the film by the use of a corresponding negative, the same as the portrait of the owner of the card. The ink of the signature of the owner of the card, as well as the ink of the other matter written on the film face, is of such a nature as to penetrate into the film substance to render alteration thereof well nigh impossible without injury or destruction of the film.

The photographic print A is preferably attached at the back of one of the side panels and the middle panel to a leather or other case B, as plainly indicated in Figs. 4 and 5, and the print A and its case B are contained in a sealed envelop C for sending the identification-card through the mails, and on the face of the said envelop C is formed an opening C', through which appears the photographic imprint of the owner's portrait. On the inner face of the front of the envelop C, preferably in the upper right-hand portion thereof, is secured a strip of carbon or other transfer paper D, so that when the sealed envelop containing the photographic print goes through the mails and the front face of the envelop receives the stamp of the forwarding post-office then a corresponding transfer is made of the stamp by the transferring-paper D onto the film face of the photographic print A, as plainly illustrated in Fig. 3.

The envelop C is provided at its back with an opening E, through which appears the rear face of the side panel of the photographic print A, that is not attached to the case B, and when the sealed envelop reaches the receiving post-office then the receiving-stamp of this post-office is made through the opening E onto the back of the photographic print A—that is, on the non-film or rear face thereof.

By the arrangement described it will be seen that as the portrait of the owner of the card is chemically inherent on the print A such photographic reproduction cannot be changed in the least without spoiling the card and its portrait, and thereby leading to immediate detection. The autograph of the owner as well as the other matter written, printed, or

photographically produced on the panels of the card appear on the film face of the photographic print, and such matter also cannot be effaced or altered without injuring or destroying the said film face. The seal of the notary as well as the seal of the card-issuing company are preferably impressed in the photographic print to form an additional safeguard against fraud.

10 Now from the foregoing it will be seen that postal authorities, bankers, and other persons are enabled to immediately and correctly identify the owner or holder of the card and fraudulent alteration of the card is easily detected.

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

1. An identification-card consisting of a photographic print in the form of a sheet, and having in its film face on one portion thereof the chemically-inherent photographic imprint of the portrait of the owner of the card, on another portion of the sheet an autograph written by the owner on the film face of the print, and a transfer impression of the stamp of a forwarding post-office, as set forth.

2. An identification-card consisting of a photographic print in the form of a sheet containing in its film face on one portion thereof the chemically-inherent photographic imprint of the portrait of the owner, the autograph of the owner on another portion of the sheet, a transfer impression of the stamp of a forwarding post-office, and on the back thereof

the receiving-stamp of a receiving post-office, as set forth.

3. An identification-card consisting of a photographic print in form of a sheet containing in its film face the chemically-inherent photographic imprint of the portrait of the owner of the card, the autograph of the owner, identifying statements of the owner, a carbon impression of the stamp of a forwarding post-office, and the stamp of a receiving post-office at the back of the photographic print, as set forth.

4. An identification-card consisting of a photographic print in the form of a sheet containing on its film face a photographic imprint of the portrait of the owner of the card, the autograph of the owner, identifying statements of the owner, and notarial certification, the said photographic print containing at its back the stamp of a receiving post-office, in combination with an envelop for inclosing the card and provided on its front with an opening through which the portrait is exposed to view, the envelop containing on its back an opening, through which the said stamp is applied and exposed to view, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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