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POSTAL CARD PHOTOGRAPH MOUNT.

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Fig. 1

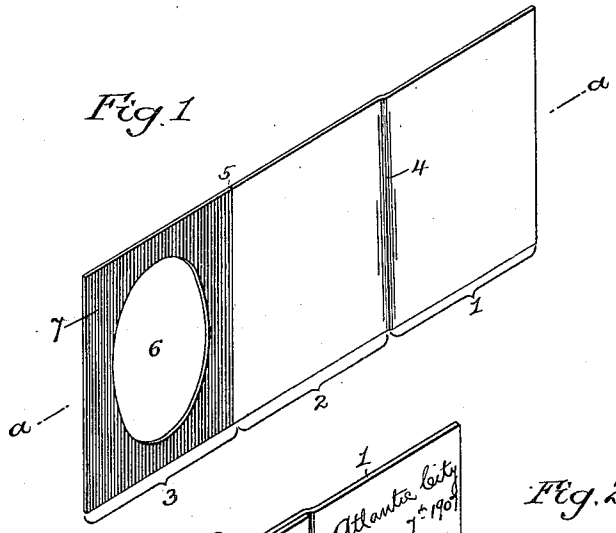


Fig. 2.

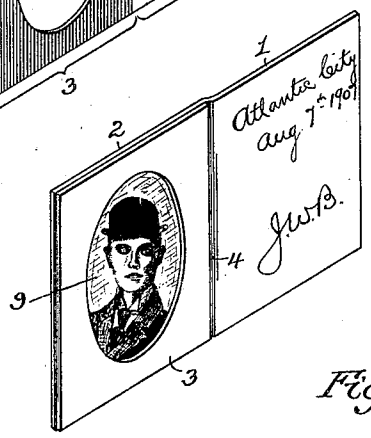
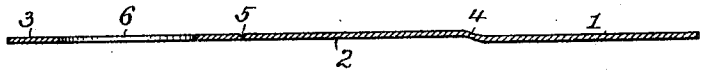


Fig. 3.



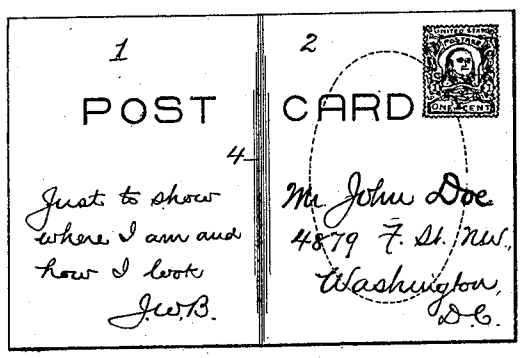


Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE N. PIFER, a citizen of the United States, residing in Cleveland, Ohio, have invented certain Improvements in Postal-Card Photograph-Mounts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a postal card of that type which is intended to serve at the same time as a mount for a photograph for transmission of the latter through the mails, the object of my invention being to provide a postal card of such type, designed to facilitate the proper mounting of the photograph thereon; to protect the photograph from injury during transmission; to prevent the tearing loose of that member of the card which confines the photograph; to so stiffen or strengthen the card as to prevent bending or cracking of the same, and to render unnecessary the employment of separate pieces in the composition of the card. These objects I attain in the manner hereinafter set forth, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the rear side of a postal card photograph mount, made in accordance with my invention, as it appears before the application of a picture thereto; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the rear side of the card as the same appears when prepared for mailing; Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view on the line *a*—*a*, Fig. 1, but on a somewhat larger scale; Fig. 4 is a face view of the card as prepared for mailing, and Fig. 5 is a horizontal sectional view on the line *b*—*b*, Fig. 4.

A photographic postal card made in accordance with my invention is about half as long again as the ordinary postal card, and it is composed of three members, 1, 2, and 3, there being between the members 1 and 2 of the card a bend or offset 4, whereby these members are disposed in different planes, differing to the extent of the thickness of the card. Between the members 2 and 3 of the card the face of the latter is scored, grooved or otherwise weakened, as shown for instance at 5, in Fig. 3, in order that the card may be readily folded on that line, and the member 3 has formed in it an opening 6, and is coated on the back with adhesive material 7.

The photographic picture 9 is applied to the back of the member 3 of the card in proper relation to the opening 7 therein, and is secured to said member by the adhesive material on the back of the same, the area of the photograph being somewhat less than the area of the member 3, in order that sufficient of the adhesive surface may be presented beyond the margin of the photograph to insure the firm adhesion of the members 2 and 3 of the card to one another when the adhesive surface of the member 3 has been moistened and said member has been folded over onto the member 2 and pressed down upon the latter. When this has been done the inner edge of the folded member 3 is protected by the bend or offset 4 between the members 1 and 2 of the card, and said member 3 is not, therefore, likely to be torn loose from the member 2 by any rough handling to which the card is subjected during its transmission through the mails, the outer edges of the members 2 and 3 being connected together, so that the separation of these edges is equally unlikely.

By reason of the fact that throughout one half of its extent a postal card constructed in accordance with my invention is twice as thick as an ordinary card, its strength and stiffness are materially increased.

By preference, the member 2 of the card to which the member 3 is united is that which carries the address as shown in Fig. 4, so that even if the member 1 of the card should be torn off during transmission, the portion of the card containing the picture and the address still remains and this portion of the card is reasonably sure to reach its intended destination.

The face of the card is not mutilated and weakened by the formation therein of the opening for the exposure of the picture, and the card is composed of one continuous piece, and is, in consequence, cheaper than a card which has a piece of thin paper or other material pasted upon the back of the same in order to retain in place a photograph to be viewed through an opening in the face of the card.

In a postal card photograph mount made in accordance with my invention, not only is the picture properly protected but the card is so stiffened and strengthened as to prevent buckling or curling of the same due to the wetting or moistening of a portion of it in applying the picture thereto and securing the two members of the card together, and the card is better adapted to resist bending and injury to the picture which might

result from rough handling during transmission, than a card composed of relatively thin paper throughout, or an ordinary card with a thin paper backing.

I claim:—

1. A postal card consisting of a single piece of material having a projecting end member to be folded back over onto and secured to an adjoining member of the card, in order to confine a picture between said members, one of the latter having an opening through which the picture can be viewed, and another end member with an offset between the same and the adjoining member.

2. A postal card consisting of a single piece of material having a projecting end member with opening therein, said member being so disposed that it can be folded back over onto the back of the adjoining member of the card to confine a picture between the two, and another end member with an offset between the same and the adjoining member.

3. A postal card comprising three members disposed in line with one another, one of said members having therein an opening for the display of a picture, and an offset between one of the end members and the intermediate member.

4. A postal card having three members disposed in line with one another, one of the end members being adapted to be folded over onto the intermediate member and to confine a picture between said members, said card also having an offset between the other end member and the intermediate member, whereby the inner edge of the folded member is protected.

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

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