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Fig. 1.

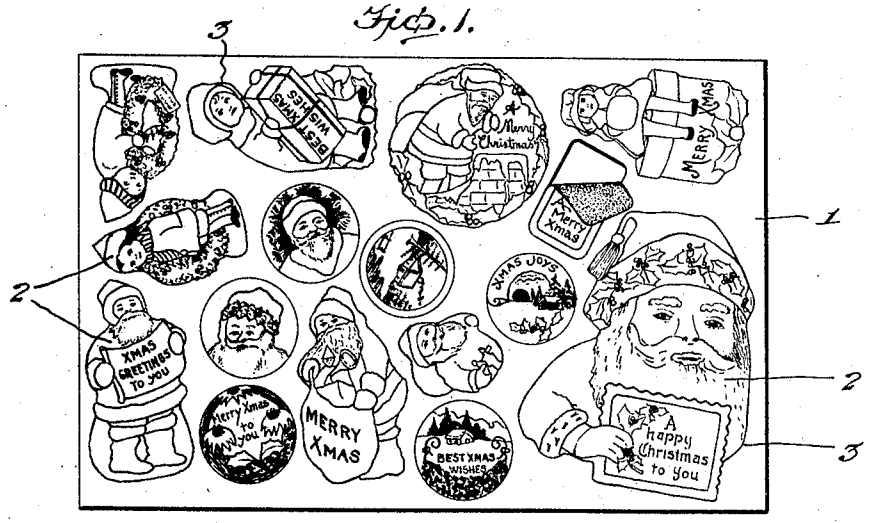


Fig. 2.

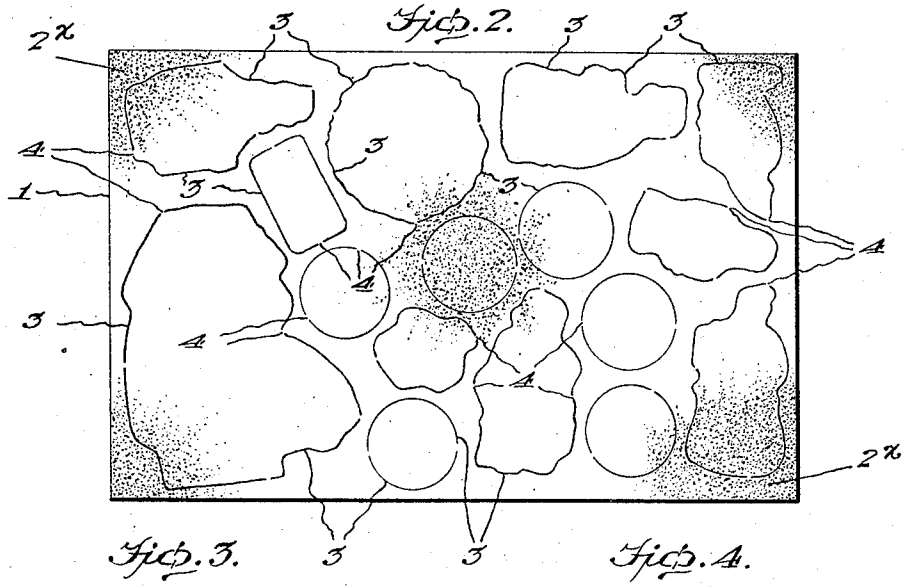
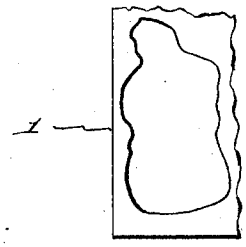


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



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The object of my said invention is the provision of sheets of seals characterized by a multiplicity of different designs executed in a variety of shapes and sizes, preferably Christmas designs, such as are applicable to parcels, letters, envelopes or greeting cards sent during the holiday season. The back of each sheet is gummed preferably throughout its area, and certainly throughout the area of each seal design, and each seal design is partially and so nearly cut out, or perforated, that any seal can easily and quickly be removed from the sheet without further cutting.

Certain practical advantages follow from the physical characteristics of the sheet which is designed to be put upon the market as a unitary article of manufacture, as will be hereinafter explained.

To the attainment of the foregoing, the invention consists in the improvement as hereinafter described and definitely claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification:—

Figure 1 is a plan view illustrating my novel sheet of seal designs, the designs shown being appropriate to the Christmas season.

Figure 2 is a back view of the sheet.

Figure 3 is a detail view showing one seal design.

Figure 4 shows the opening in the sheet formed by the removal of one design.

Similar numerals designate corresponding parts in all the views of the drawings.

I prefer in practice to provide a sheet 1 of about the size and shape of a post card, though the size and shape of the sheet is not of the essence of my invention.

In accordance with my invention I print or otherwise provide on the face of the sheet 1 a plurality of seal designs 2, of different shapes and different embellishment, and in the preferred embodiment of my invention I gum the sheet or provide the same with dry adhesive at its back throughout the area of the sheet. Manifestly it is much more convenient to gum the sheet throughout its area at the back of the sheet, as designated by 2^x but it will be understood that the purposes of my invention are subserved if the backs of the seal designs 2 only are gummed.

My invention resides particularly in providing seal designs 2 as illustrated in Figure 1 cut at 3, or Figure 2, otherwise appropriately divided from the sheet 1. When the designs are cut as stated, which is the preferred form, the cut extends entirely around each design except at widely separated points where minute "hangs" 4 are left one to each design 2 and integral with the sheet 1 and design 2. It will also be understood here that the adhesive or mucilage 2^x when applied to the back of the sheet throughout the area thereof assists in maintaining the seal designs normally in the plane of the sheet so that the sheet may be more conveniently packed and handled as a unit, the result being that the entire outline of each design is so nearly cut out that it is readily detached by sufficient pressure of the fingers to break the "hang" and mucilage so that any desired seal design can be removed, leaving the other seals or seal-designs in and of the sheet to be used at another time.

After being removed from the sheet 1 in the manner described any one of the seal designs is susceptible of being moistened at its back and expeditiously and securely fixed to a card or an envelope or to a parcel such as a Christmas package.

It being remembered that my invention contemplates the putting of the sheet characterized as described on the market as a unitary article of manufacture, it will be appreciated that I have produced an original way of marketing gummed Christmas and other seals, and the practical advantages of my invention will be better understood when it is stated that when the seals are embraced in a sheet or card such as described it is feasible to save a large percentage of the cost of labor in making packages of assorted seals which heretofore have been necessarily assorted and assembled from seals cut with dies, a die being necessary for each design. Again, it will be observed that my improvement eliminates the waste that is unavoidable in assembling packages of individually cut seals of different designs, and that my improvement presents the aggregation of different seals to the prospective purchaser in a very attractive manner, because it is easy for the purchaser to examine all of the seals at a glance.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a sheet of material capable of being readily torn

and bearing on its face imprints of seals of different designs and shapes, said seals having their entire outlines spaced from each other, each seal gummed at its back, and a major portion of the outline of each seal being cut from the sheet leaving a minute remainder of the outline joined to the sheet whereby any seal can be quickly and conveniently separated throughout its outline and completely removed from the sheet; the outline portion of the sheet being intact.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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