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GREETING CARD

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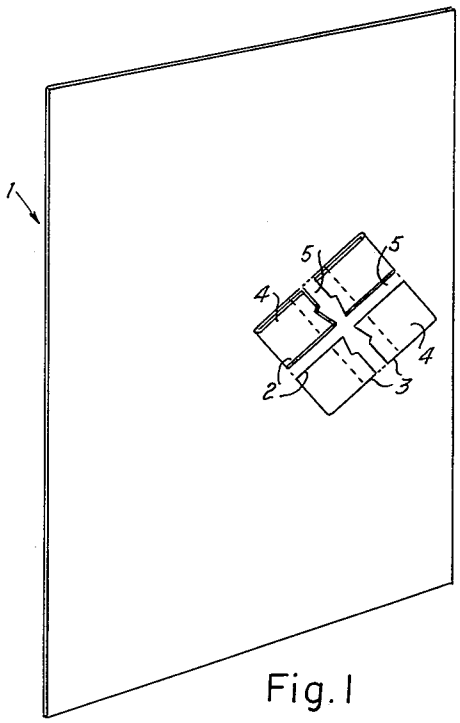


Fig. 1

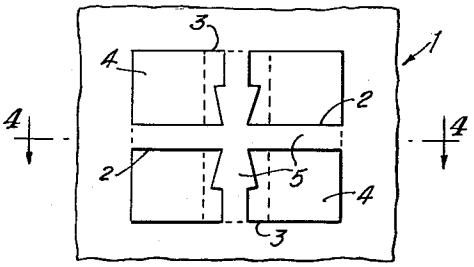


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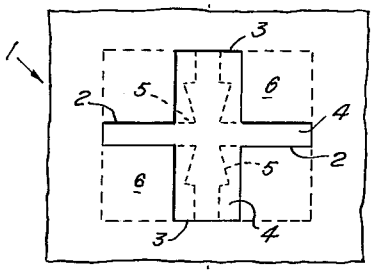


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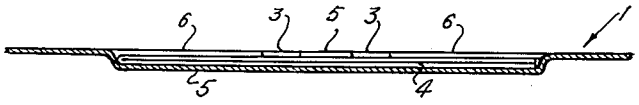


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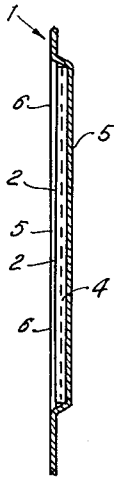


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This invention relates to a greeting or announcement card, and it concerns more particularly a card having a pocket therein adapted to receive a rectangular insert, such as a folded bill, or alternatively, a smaller card.

Greeting cards have heretofore been provided with a pair of parallel slits therein defining between them a web portion engageable with one side of a coin, bill, or card passed through the slits, between the web portion and the body of the card.

An object of the invention is to provide a greeting card having two pairs of parallel slits therein intersecting each other at right angles and forming a pocket adapted to receive a folded bill.

Another object of the invention is to provide a greeting card having two pairs of parallel slits therein intersecting each other at right angles and forming a pocket adapted to receive a folded bill, the slits of the two pairs being discontinuous at their intersection and defining between them a cross-shaped web portion engageable with one side of the bill and right angular tab portions engageable with the corners of the bill, on the side thereof opposite the web portion.

Another object of the invention is to provide a greeting card having two pairs of parallel slits therein intersecting each other at right angles and forming a pocket adapted to receive a folded bill, the slits of the two pairs being discontinuous at their intersection and defining between them a cross-shaped web portion engageable with one side of the bill and right angular tab portions engageable with the corners of the bill, on the side thereof opposite the web portion, the tab portions on opposite sides of one pair of slits being spaced apart from each other a distance sufficient to permit insertion of the bill in the pocket.

Yet another object of the invention is that of providing a novel mailing piece which is adaptable to a variety of uses, such as in advertisements, circulars, and similar articles, whereby gift certificates, special coupons, and the like, may be conveniently and attractively attached for the benefit of the recipient.

Another object of the invention is to provide a greeting card as described in which the cross-shaped web portion simulates a crossed and tied ribbon.

An advantageous feature of the invention is that the pocket formed by the intersecting pairs of slits or slots is adapted to positively secure a folded bill received therein against displacement from the card.

Another advantageous feature of the invention is that the structure shown is well adapted for use in greeting cards of various designs characterized by their distinctive, attractive appearance.

Broadly, the invention contemplates the provision of a mailing piece of attractive and convenient design which is not only applicable to greeting cards but also to advertising pieces, announcement cards, and similar articles.

The invention will be readily understood by referring to the following description and the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a greeting card embodying the invention;

FIGURE 2 is a fragmentary view, on an enlarged scale, showing the front of the card;

FIGURE 3 is a fragmentary view showing the back of the card;

FIGURE 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of FIGURE 2; and

FIGURE 5 is a sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of FIGURE 3.

Referring to the drawing, a greeting card embodying the invention is designated generally by the numeral 1. The card 1 has a pair of parallel slits 2 and a pair of parallel slots 3 therein. The slits 2 and the slots 3 intersect each other at right angles and form a pocket adapted to receive a folded bill, which is indicated by the numeral 4.

The slits 2 and the slots 3 are discontinuous at their intersection, and define between them a cross-shaped web portion 5, which is engageable with one side of the bill 4, and right angular tab portions 6 which are engageable with the corners of the bill 4, on the side thereof opposite the web portion 5.

The tab portions 6 on opposite sides of the slots 3 are spaced apart from each other a distance sufficient to permit insertion of the bill 4 in the pocket.

In inserting the folded bill 4 in the pocket formed by the cross-shaped web portion 5 and the right angular tab portions 6, the bill 4 advantageously may be flexed intermediate its ends whereby its end portions may be inserted in the pocket on opposite sides of the slots 3.

The cross-shaped web portion 5 advantageously may have the configuration of, and may be further decorated as desired to simulate a crossed and tied ribbon or other device having crossed strips, straps, bands, bars, boards, plates, ropes, cords, cables, chains, buttons, bows, buckles, rings, hooks, hinges, and the like.

The invention may be modified in various ways without departing from the spirit and scope thereof.

What is claimed is:

The combination of a card having a pocket therein and a rectangular insert received in the pocket, the pocket being formed by a pair of slits in the card arranged in parallel, spaced apart relation to each other, and a pair of slots therein, substantially wider than the slits, arranged in parallel, spaced apart relation to each other, at right angles to the slits, the slits and the slots intersecting each other intermediate their respective ends, and being discontinuous at their intersection whereby they define between them an integral cross shaped web portion engaging one side of the insert, intermediate its opposite edges, and integral right angular tab portions engaging the side of the insert opposite the web portion, adjacent the corners thereof, the tab portions on opposite sides of the slots being spaced apart from each other a distance sufficient to permit the insert to be placed in the pocket.

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