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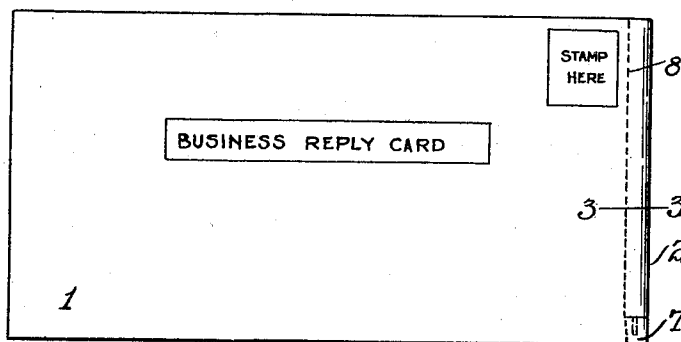


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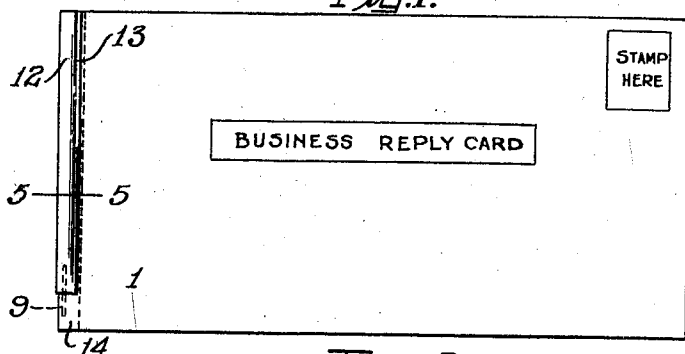


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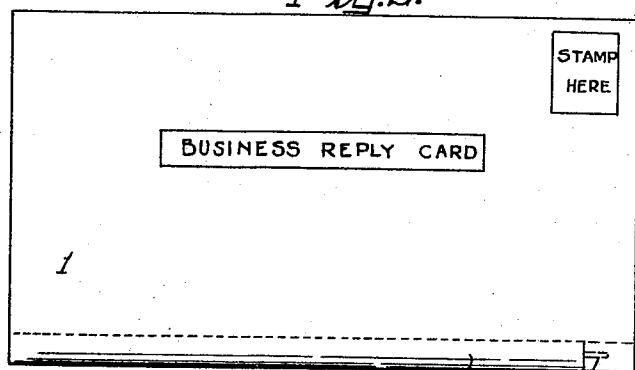


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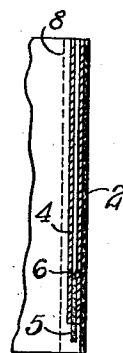


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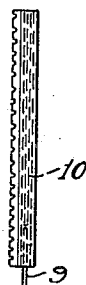


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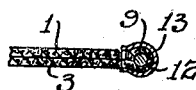


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in combination cards and detachable pencils.

It is the principal object of my invention to provide a card, and more particularly a mail reply card, to one edge of which a pencil is attached for use in writing the reply upon the card. The pencil may be attached to an edge of the card in various ways, but preferably in such a manner that it may be easily detached from the card for use in writing upon it. It may be carried by a sleeve portion of the card that is separated from the main portion of the latter by a perforated line along which the sleeve may be severed for use in holding the pencil during the writing operation.

The principal advantage in so attaching a pencil to the card is to make it convenient for one to write upon it immediately after its receipt, thus encouraging its use for reply purposes. With the pencil thus available there is no excuse for throwing away the card for the lack of a pencil with which to write upon it.

Other important and incidental objects will be brought out in the following specification and particularly set forth in the subjoined claims.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating my invention, Figure 1 is a plan view of a business reply card to the right hand edge of which a pencil is carried by a sleeve portion that is adapted to be severed along the perforated line. Figure 2 is a plan view of a business reply card to the left hand edge of which a pencil is attached in a slightly different way. Figure 3 is a cross sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1. Figure 4 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a cross sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 2. Figure 6 is a view of the pencil and sleeve after the latter has been severed from the card shown in Figure 2, and Figure 7 is a plan view of a reply card to the lower edge of which a pencil is detachably secured.

Referring to the accompanying drawing for a detailed description of the different

forms of embodiment of my invention illustrated therein, the numeral 1 in Figure 1 designates the reply section of a double post card. This card terminates at its right edge in a sleeve part 2 formed by folding the under card 3 upon itself at its right edge and gluing its free end to the top portion of the outer card 1.

The sleeve portion 2 of the card contains a hollow wire 4 in the lower end of which a cylindrical piece of lead 5 is inserted. This lead is restrained from an inward movement into the hollow wire by a crimped portion 6 therein a short distance above the bottom portion of the sleeve.

The top card 1 is formed at its lower right-hand corner with a sleeve tab 7 which surrounds the exposed portion of the lead 5 to protect it against being broken off during the transmittal of the card through the mails. The free end of this tab is glued to the outer face of the under card 3. The hollow iron wire 4 acts as a stiffener for the lead within the sleeve 2.

When the card is received the sleeve 2, carrying the hollow wire 4 and lead 5, is severed along a perforated portion 8 on both cards 1 and 3 to permit the detached portion to be used as a pencil in writing a reply upon the outer card 1.

In Figure 2, I have shown a business reply cards to which a pencil is attached along its left edge. In this instance the lower card 3 is folded at its outer end around a piece of lead 9, which extends a short distance into the sleeve against a piece of solid wire 10 therein.

To this sleeve portion, which will be designated by the numeral 12, a metal clip 13 is applied to stiffen the same. In front of this metal clip both the cards 1 and 3 contain oppositely disposed perforations along which the sleeve 12 is severed, to permit its use as a pencil in making a reply upon the card 1.

The exposed portion of the lead piece 9 in this instance is also protected by a sleeve tab 14 upon the outer card 1. The free end of this tab, like the free end of the tab 7 is glued to the under card 3.

In Figure 7 I have shown a detachable sleeve 15, carrying a lead pencil point 16, detachably secured to the lower edge of the card.

5 My invention is not limited to the attachment of a pencil to a post card, but to any card which is adapted to be written upon after its receipt. Such a card may be sent through the mails in an envelope, or given  
10 out in a store or other place where information from the one who received it is desired.

The attached pencil is not only a reminder to write upon the card, but is a convenience for that purpose to one who does not carry  
15 a pencil.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A card having a sleeve portion detachable along one edge thereof, and a piece of lead secured in said sleeve portion, the latter, when detached, adapted to hold the lead  
20 for writing upon said card.

2. A card having a detachable sleeve portion at one edge thereof, a piece of lead projecting from the sleeve portion, and a stiffening member applied to the sleeve portion  
25 of the card.

3. A card having a portion folded upon itself at one edge, a perforated line in front of said sleeve portion and parallel to said edge, and a medium for writing upon said  
30 card encased within said sleeve portion.

4. A card terminating at one edge in a portion folded upon itself behind a perforated line parallel to said edge, and a piece of lead encased within said folded over portion of the card and projecting therefrom  
35 for use in writing upon the card when said folded over portion is detached therefrom along said perforated line.

5. A card folded upon itself at one end, the lower card terminating at its other end in a folded over portion that is glued at its free end to the outer face of the upper card, said card having oppositely disposed perforations in front of said folded over portion and parallel to the free end of the latter, and a piece of lead encased in said folded over portion and projecting therefrom for use in writing upon one card after said folded over  
45 portion carrying the lead is detached along said perforations.  
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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of April, 1931.

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