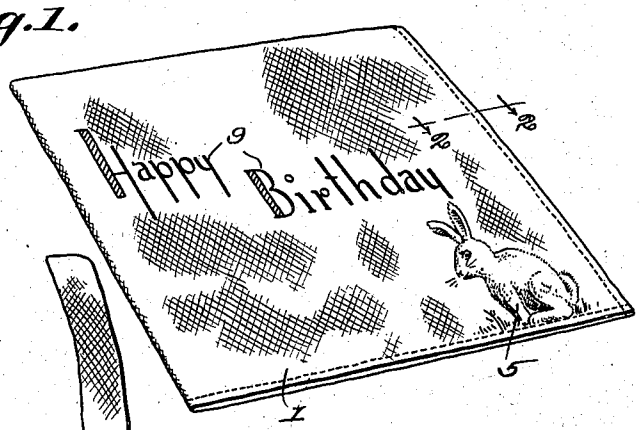
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Fig. 1.



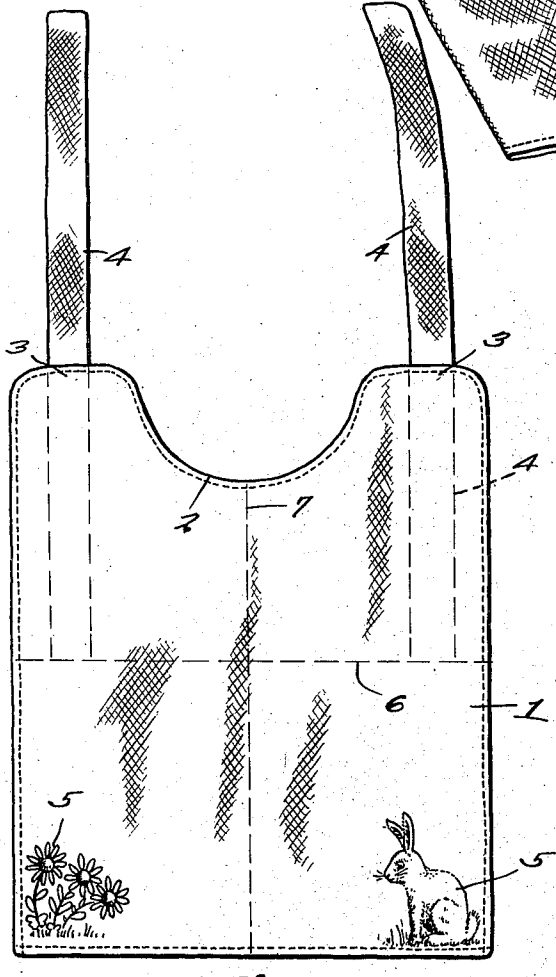


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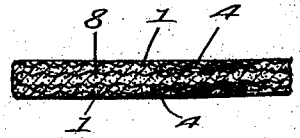


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to a combination greeting card and bib, one of the objects being to provide a card which, when purchased and mailed, has the appearance of ordinary greeting cards, etc., and can be handled through the mails in the same manner but which, after being received, can be softened with water or other suitable fluid and unfolded, thereby separating into an article of utility intended as a gift for the person to whom the card was addressed.

It is a further object of this invention to provide a greeting card which can be suitably decorated with characters applied thereto some or all of which can be dissolved from the article so that only selected characters or illustrations will remain upon the gift.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claim, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

In the accompanying drawing the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawing

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a greeting card made in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is an enlarged section on the line 2—2, Fig. 1.

Figure 3 is an elevation showing the article after it has been treated with a solvent and opened for use as an article of utility.

In practice it is intended to use articles of utility which are formed of any suitable fabric such as cotton, linen, etc. For example, the article could be in the shape of a substantially oblong baby's bib. In the structure illustrated a baby's bib has been indicated at 1, the same being provided with a recess 2 at one end for receiving the front portion of the neck of an infant and providing shoulder portions 3 from which integral straps 4 are extended. This article can be suitably decorated as at 5 so that the entire article can be folded to form a rectangle as indicated, for example, in Fig. 1.

If the bib is used as a gift to be mailed, the straps 4 are folded downwardly onto the back of the bib as indicated by broken lines in Fig. 3. Thereafter the entire bib is folded along its transverse center line indicated at 6 so that the straps thus will be concealed between the folds. Subsequently the entire bib is folded along its longitudinal center line indicated at 7 with the

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result that the two quarters of the bib on which the decorations 5 are displayed will provide the only exposed surfaces of the article.

Before the article is folded as explained it is completely saturated with a stiffening filler 8 preferably soluble in water although it is to be understood that some other filler soluble in alcohol, etc., could be employed. Thus following the folding and drying of the article after it has been subjected to pressure, as from a flat iron, the several thicknesses and the filler will be bound together to form a card of a single thickness. On this card can be displayed any suitable greeting or message 9 applied with an ink which would be removable by the solvent used as hereinafter explained.

It is intended to produce these articles in the form of greeting cards and they can be mailed in envelopes in the same manner as ordinary greeting cards. The recipient, by submerging the article in a solvent, can thereby remove the filling and the removable message after which the article can be unfolded and pressed and is thus ready for use.

In practice it has been found advantageous to use ordinary starch and in some cases gluten as the combined filler and binder 8, both of these being readily soluble in water. However, the invention is not restricted to these fillers and binders.

What is claimed is:

A combination greeting card and bib comprising a one piece rectangular fabric body including superposed folds made along lines respectively extending transversely and longitudinally of the body, there being a neck receiving recess formed in one end edge of the body and concealed by the folds, straps extending from said end edge at opposite sides of the recess and disposed within the folds, and means bonding said folds and straps comprising a soluble filler impregnated through all the folds and straps.

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