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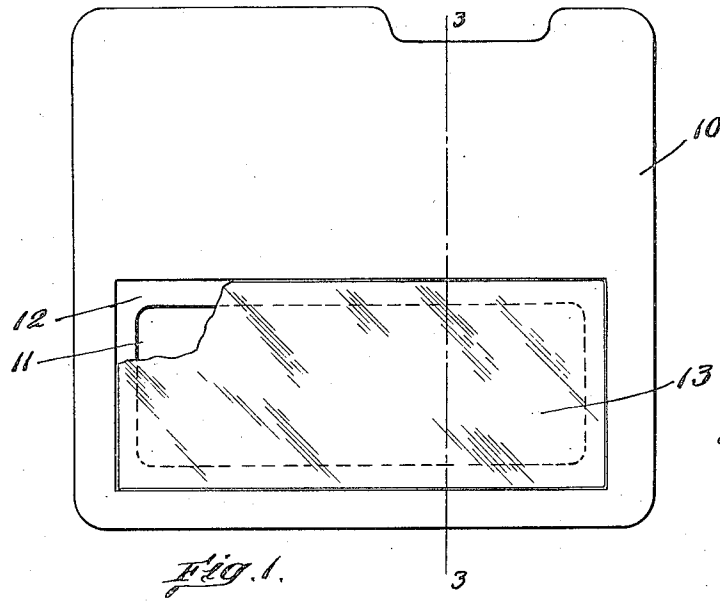
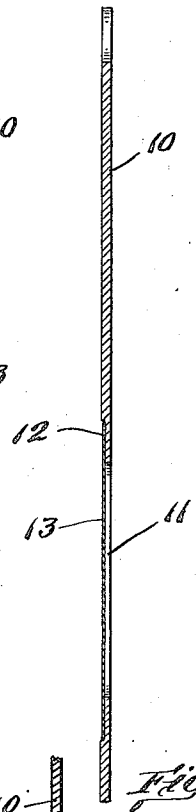


Fig. 1.



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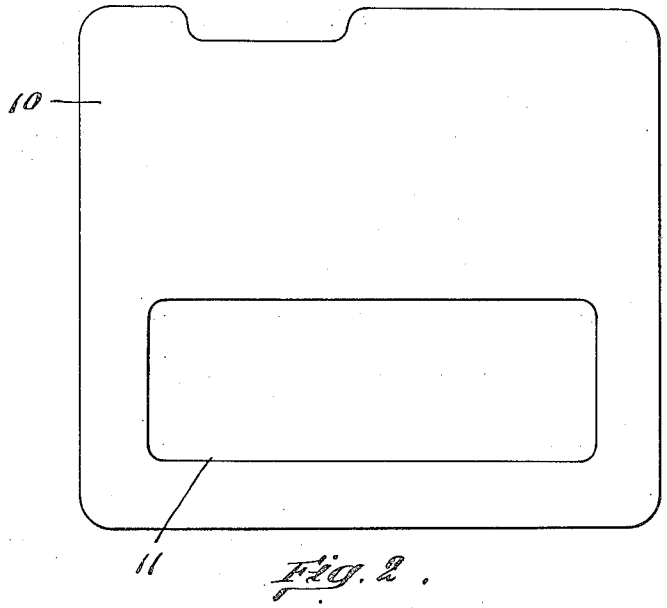

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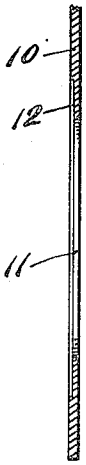

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THÉOTIME THÉRIAULT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Watertown, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Stencils, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to stencils of the type adapted for use in printing machines to print addresses and the like.

The object of this invention is to provide an attractive and serviceable stencil which will be at the same time relatively cheap and formed of a single thickness of cardboard or equivalent having a window and the sheet covering the window adapted to receive the printing characters inset to or below the surface of the body of the stencil.

The stencil embodying the invention is formed of a single thickness of card board or the like having a window therein with an embossed border extended inward from one face of the card in which the stencil sheet adapted to receive the printing characters is received; and the depth of the border is such that the top face of the sheet is at or preferably below the surface of the stencil card beyond the border.

Fig. 1 is a front view of a stencil card embodying the invention.

Fig. 2 is a rear view of the card of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged section along line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 but with the stencil sheet removed.

The stencil card 10 here shown as embodying my invention is formed of a single thickness of cardboard or similar suitable material; and may be of any desirable shape and dimensions. A window or rectangular aperture 11 is formed in the card which is adapted to be covered by the usual thin sheet adapted to receive the printing characters. In accordance with my invention the material of the cards about the window is compressed to form a recessed border 12 which is inset from one face of the card. The surface of the reverse side of the card preferably extends unbroken or without recesses to the edge of the window.

A sheet 13 usually of thin and treated paper, adapted to receive the printing characters and cut to a shape corresponding to the outline of the border 12, is received in the recess formed by the border and cemented to the border. The depth of the border is adapted to be equal to or preferably greater than the thickness of said sheet 13 so that said sheet lies in the plane of or preferably below the surface of the body of the card. With this arrangement the cards may be arranged in stable piles and the inked portions thereof will be free from contact with adjacent cards.

I claim:

1. A stencil comprising a single sheet of cardboard of substantial thickness having an embossed portion within its borders, and a window disposed within the borders of said embossed portion, and a stencil sheet contained within and secured to said embossed portion over said window.

2. A stencil comprising a single sheet of cardboard of substantial thickness having an embossed portion within its borders, and a window disposed within the borders of said embossed portion, and a stencil sheet contained within and secured to said embossed portion over said window, said stencil sheet lying mainly below the surface of the sheet of cardboard.

3. A stencil card having a body-portion comprising a single sheet of material of substantial thickness having a window therein and a compressed border about the window depressed below one face of the body-portion, and a sheet adapted to receive the printing characters received and cemented on said border over said window and lying entirely within the opposite faces of said body-portion.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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