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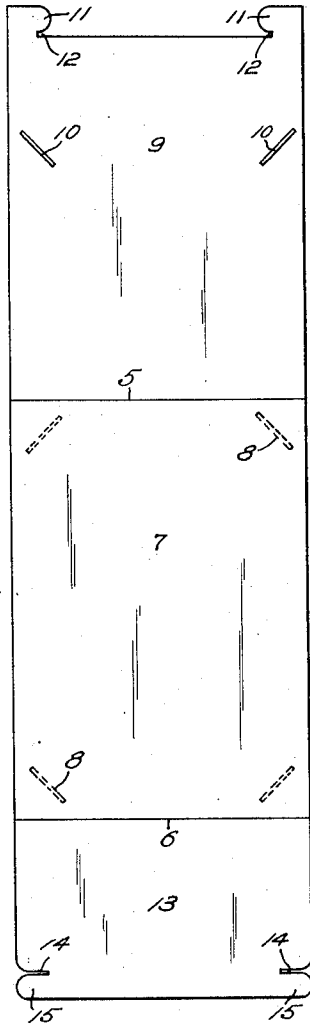


FIG. 1.

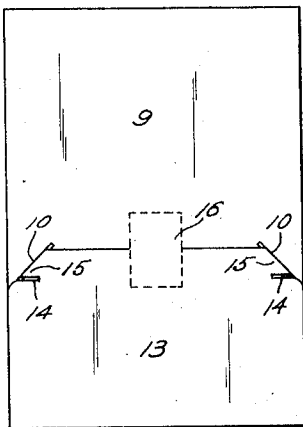


FIG. 2.

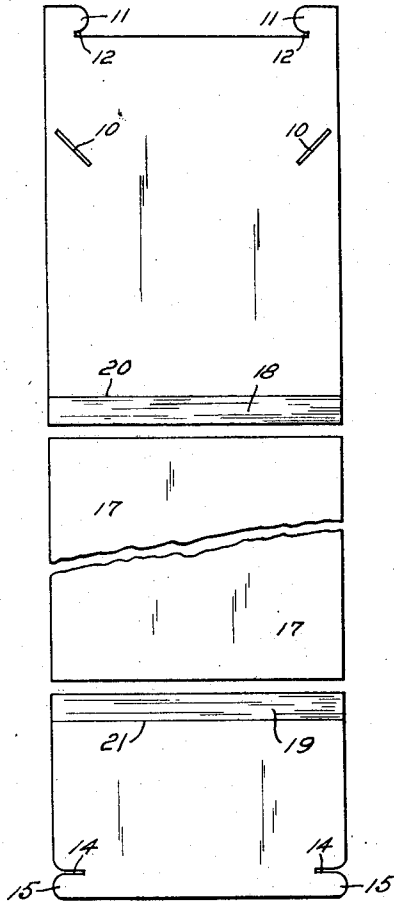


FIG. 4.

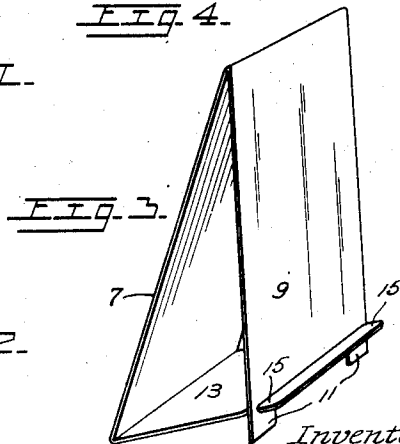


FIG. 3.

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In this specification, and the accompanying drawing, I shall describe and show a preferred form of my invention, and specifically mention certain of its more important objects. I do not limit myself to the forms disclosed, since various changes and adaptations may be made therein without departing from the essence of my invention as hereinafter claimed; and objects and advantages, other than those specifically mentioned, are included within its scope.

My invention relates to mailing cards, and has among its more salient objects; first, to provide a device of this nature that is especially adapted for mailing photographs and the like and for displaying the same in the form of an easel; and, second, to accomplish the above by means of a very simple foldable card structure that is relatively inexpensive and well suited for this purpose.

My objects are attained in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the ordinary form of my invention before folding;

Figure 2 is an elevation of the device shown in Figure 1 when folded for mailing;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the invention arranged as an easel for displaying a photograph or the like, the view being chiefly of the back side to show the mutual engagement of two of the members; and

Figure 4 is a broken view in elevation of a modified form of my invention.

Similar reference numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The ordinary form of my invention as illustrated in Figures 1, 2, and 3 comprises a tripartite card having two lines of transverse scoring 5 and 6. The central portion 7 of this card may have a photograph or any other matter imprinted directly thereon; or a photograph or other similar independent card may be mounted thereon by means of a paper frame pasted thereto, or by means of diagonal corner slits such as are illustrated in dotted lines at 8.

The upper portion 9 of the card is slightly shorter than the central portion and constitutes a flap that is downwardly foldable along the scored line 5. This upper flap has opposed diagonal slits 10 adjacent its sides, and upwardly projecting side extremities 11 with notches 12 at the inner corners.

The lower portion of the card 13 consti-

tutes a still shorter flap that is foldable upwardly along the scored line 6. This lower flap has deep notches 14 on the sides near the lower end, which form tabs 15 at the extremities of the bottom edge.

For mailing, the upper flap 9 is folded downwardly, and the lower flap 13 upwardly over the former. The tabs 15 are then inserted in diagonal slits 10 and a stamp is attached at 16 to seal the joint, as shown in Figure 2.

In the case of a photograph or other transmitted matter that the recipient desires to preserve, each of the flaps may be folded backwardly and their extremities mutually engaged as shown in perspective in Figure 3. This constitutes an easel exposing the front side of central portion 7 in a convenient manner. The engagement is accomplished by inserting the extremities of the upper flap into notches 14 of the lower flap in such a manner that the respective notches of the two flaps are mutually engaged.

A specific form of my invention is illustrated in Figure 4 and is adapted for use with an independent photograph or the like shown at 17. In this case independent flaps are furnished having gummed edges 18 and 19 on the upper and lower flap respectively. Scored lines 20 and 21 are ruled adjacent the respective gummed portions parallel to the edges. These flaps therefore may be attached to the back of the photograph to constitute a device capable of functioning in precisely the same way as the ordinary form of my invention described supra.

It will be apparent that my invention will be especially adapted for the use of actors in transmitting photographs. It also is well adapted for forwarding special advertising matter where it is desired to protect the latter from damage in the mails.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim—

1. A tripartite mailing card comprising; a central portion; a shorter downwardly foldable upper flap having upwardly projecting side extremities with notches at their inner corners, and intermediate opposed diagonal slits adjacent its sides; and a still shorter upwardly foldable lower flap having deep side notches forming tabs at the extremities of its bottom edge; said flaps being adapted to fold forwardly over the central portion, with the bottom flap outside the

other and with said tabs insertable in said diagonal slits; and said flaps being also adapted to fold backwardly, and to have said notched portions mutually engageable to form an easel for exposing said central portion.

2. A tripartite mailing card, transversely scored for folding, comprising; a central portion having means for mounting a photograph or the like thereon; a shorter downwardly foldable upper flap having upwardly projecting side extremities with notches at their inner corners, and intermediate opposed diagonal slits adjacent its sides; and a still shorter upwardly foldable lower flap having deep side notches forming tabs at the extremities of its bottom edge; said flaps being adapted to cover said central portion by folding them forwardly with the bottom flap outside, and then inserting said tabs in said diagonal slits; and said flaps being also adapted to form an easel exposing said central portion, by folding them backwardly and mutually engaging said notched portions.

3. In combination with a photograph or the like; a shorter card flap having, upwardly projecting side extremities with notches at their inner corners, intermediate opposed diagonal slits adjacent its sides, a gummed bottom edge adapted for attachment to the top edge of the photograph, and a transverse scoring adjacent its bottom edge for folding; and a still shorter card flap having deep side notches forming tabs at the extremities of its bottom edge, a gummed top edge adapted for attachment to the bottom edge of the photograph, and a transverse scoring adjacent its top edge for folding; said flaps being adapted after attachment to fold forwardly over the photograph, with the bottom flap outside the other and with said tabs insertable in said diagonal slits; and said attached flaps being also adapted to fold backwardly, and to have said notched portions mutually engageable to form an easel for exposing said photograph.

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