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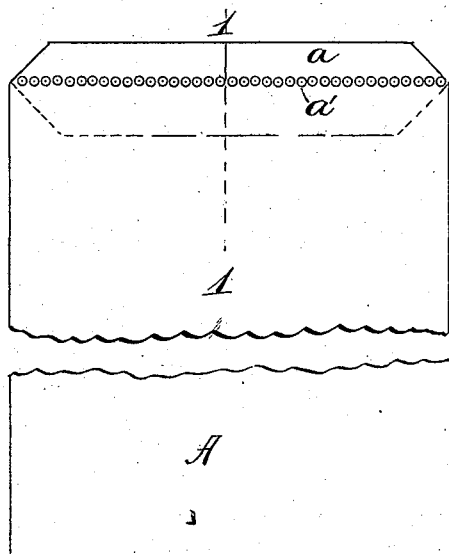


Fig 1

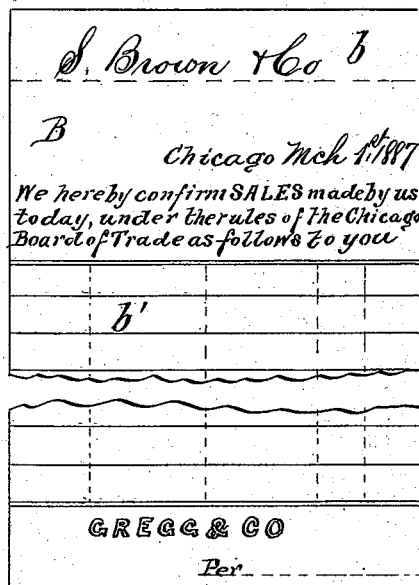


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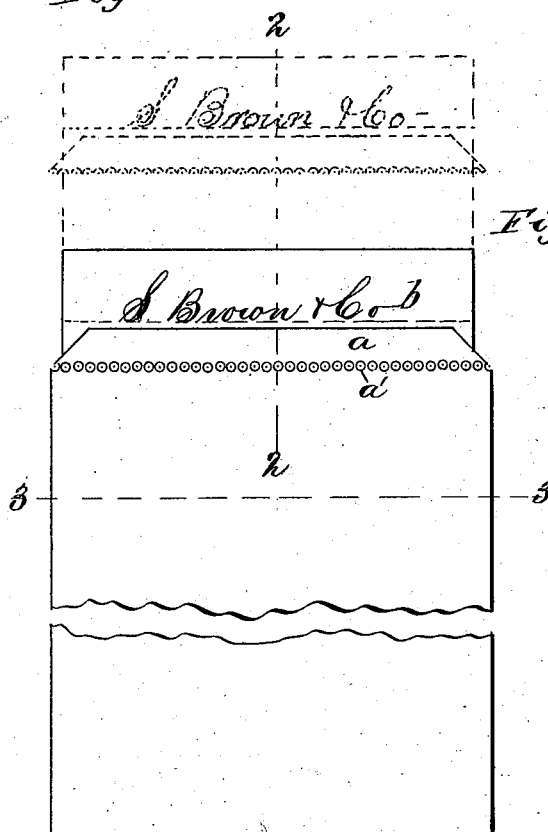


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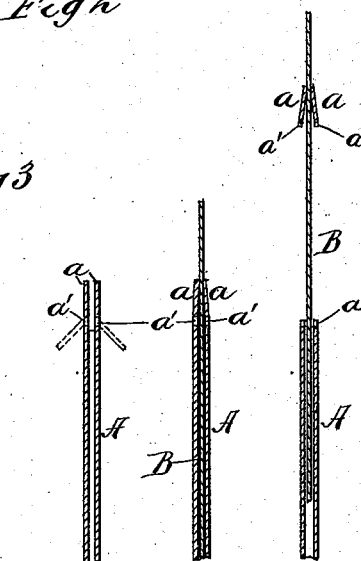


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Fig 7

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY W. ROYCE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Receptacles for Check-Slips, &c., which is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a face view of a receptacle embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a face view of a card or check-slip adapted for use in conjunction with the same; Fig. 3, a view showing the card or slip in position within the receptacle and secured therein, and also showing the same detached and partially removed therefrom; Fig. 4, a detail sectional view taken on the line 1 1 of Fig. 1; Fig. 5, a detail sectional view taken on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1, and showing the construction shown in full lines in said figure; Fig. 6, a similar view showing the parts in the position shown in dotted lines in said figure, and Fig. 7 a detail sectional view taken on the line 3 3 of Fig. 3.

Like letters refer to like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

My invention relates to receptacles for cards, check-slips, tickets, or other like articles bearing a legend consisting of two parts, the one formal and public in its nature—such as the address and statement of the general nature of the whole—and the other private and giving the details of the transaction or communication or any legend part of which it is desired to expose while the remainder is to be covered or concealed.

My invention has for its object to provide means for effecting this result in a simple, cheap, and secure manner; and it consists, mainly, of a paper receptacle or pocket closed except at one side, where it is provided with gummed flaps, between which the card, check-slip, or other like article is slipped part way into the pocket, a portion being left exposed beyond the flaps, which are pasted or stuck to the opposite sides of the slip. There are also perforations along the base of the flaps to facilitate their detachment from the pocket to remove the slips.

I will proceed to describe in detail one way in which I have carried out my invention in

practical form, and will then point out definitely in the claim the special improvements which I believe to be new and wish to protect by Letters Patent.

In the drawings, A represents a paper receptacle or pocket, which is shown as of rectangular form and which is closed on three sides by doubling the sheet as first cut and pasting together the edges which are left free; but on one side, which in the drawings is represented as the top, the edges are left open, so as to provide an opening into the receptacle. At this opening a flap, *a*, is provided on each side of the receptacle, which is gummed upon its inside face, and preferably a line of perforations, *a'*, is made across the pocket on each side at the base of each flap, so that the latter may be readily detached from the body of the pocket. This pocket is intended as a receptacle for a card, ticket, check-slip, or any other like device a portion of which it is desired to conceal, while another portion contains an address or some like matter it is desired to expose. For this purpose the card or slip, or whatever nature it may be, is made of a width to easily enter the pocket, but of a length greater than the depth of the latter, so that one end will project beyond the mouth of the receptacle. In the drawings I have shown a card, B, for the purpose of illustrating the use of my invention. This card is of the general style used by members of the Chicago Board of Trade for the purpose of delivering a memorandum of transactions at the close of the day. The upper end of the card is blank for the reception of an address, *b*, to which the card is to be delivered, and also contains a statement, *b'*, relating either to sales or purchases, as the case may be, the card being printed on both sides, one for sales and the other for purchases. Below this the card is ruled for the entries of sales or purchases, while at the lower end of the card is room for the signature of the firm or person making the statement. It is generally desired to keep the statements of these cards concealed from others, and for this purpose I have especially devised the improvement in question. The card-slip B is of a width adapted to easily slip into the pocket A, but of greater length than the depth of the pocket, so that a portion of the upper end will

project from the latter, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, exposing at least the address, and, if desired, the printed matter below, though usually it will be preferred to conceal
 5 this also. The card, when signed and addressed, is slipped into the receptacle and the gummed flaps *a* turned up against each side and stuck thereto. By this means the card is fastened in the pocket, and the package will
 10 present the appearance shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, the important portion or memorandum of the card being entirely concealed from view, while the address of the person or firm to whom it is to be delivered appears upon
 15 the end projecting beyond the receptacle. These cards are usually delivered by persons upon the close of the business day. In order to remove the card from its receptacle, it is only necessary to seize it at one edge outside
 20 of the latter and pull slightly upward, while the pocket is held in the other hand. The flaps will separate at once from the body of the pocket along the lines of perforation, as shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings, and the card,
 25 with the flaps adhering to it, may be readily removed from the receptacle, as indicated in Fig. 6 of the drawings.

I have shown in the drawings a card or slip intended for a special purpose, and have described its use. It is obvious, however, that
 30 my invention may be used with cards and slips of different descriptions—in fact, wherever it is desirable to conceal a portion of the card or slip while leaving another portion exposed.
 35 It may also be used for a shipping-tag and bill combined, the bill for the goods being concealed within the pocket, while the address to

which they are to be delivered is exposed upon the outside. Various uses of the device will suggest themselves to business men. I do not
 40 wish to be understood, therefore, as limiting myself to the particular card herein shown and described. It is possible, also, that in some instances it may be sufficient to fasten but one flap to the card, in which case it would not
 45 be necessary to have but one flap gummed, and, in fact, it would not be necessary to provide but a single flap. The more desirable construction, however, is, as I have shown and described, with two flaps, both of which
 50 are gummed and stuck to the card on each side thereof after it is introduced into the receptacle.

It is also evident that the pocket may be made of some other material than paper, if desired.
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Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A receptacle or pocket, of paper or other
 60 suitable material, closed at all edges but one and provided with gummed flaps on each side of its mouth, in combination with a card or other like device of greater length than the depth of the receptacle, whereby a portion of
 65 the matter on the card may be securely concealed within the receptacle and a portion exposed on the end of the card projecting outside of the latter, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

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