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SUPPLEMENTAL BACKS FOR POSTAL CARDS.

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Fig 1

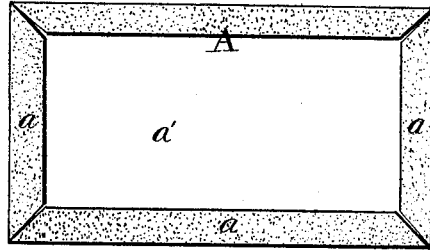


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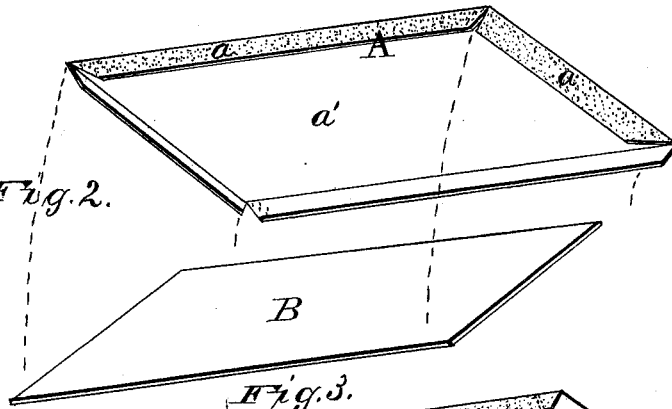


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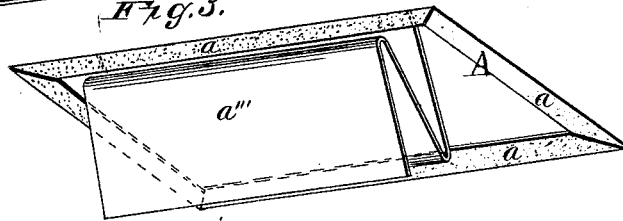
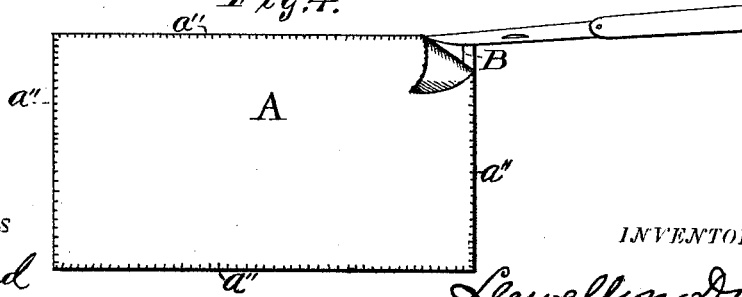


Fig. 4.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SUPPLEMENTAL BACKS FOR POSTAL-CARDS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **185,630**, dated December 26, 1876; application filed September 24, 1875.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LLEWELLYN DAVIS, of Ironton, in the county of Iron and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Supplemental Backs for Postal and other Cards, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a plan view to show the supplemental back, folded edges, with miter corners and gummed. Fig. 2 is a perspective, showing supplemental back ready to be applied and used upon the postal-card back. Fig. 3 is a perspective, showing the inner face of the supplemental back, with an additional or separate sheet attached to it, and ready for use between the card and supplemental back. Fig. 4 is a plan to show perforated edges of the supplemental back, and general process of removing the said back from the postal-card.

This invention relates to such improvement to be used upon and in connection with postal-cards, as shall afford larger writing-space, secure more secrecy, and not materially increase the bulk of the missive; and to this end it consists, more particularly, in providing a supplemental back for said card, having its edges prepared with mucilage, and adapted to be readily applied to the back of said card, all as will now be more in detail set out and explained.

In the drawings, A denotes the supplemental back, and, according to the present mode of illustration, its corners are clipped so that the top, bottom, and side edges will, when folded, miter with each other. The outer faces of said edges are covered with mucilage *a*. This supplemental back is of the proper size to fit upon the back of the ordinary postal-card now sold by the United States Post-Office Department. Such a card is now indicated by B.

In using this supplemental back about the usual amount of writing can be placed upon the writing-surface of the postal-card, and writing can also be placed upon the inner face *a'* of the supplemental back. When thus prepared for sending, the mucilage on the edges of said supplemental back is moistened, and said back is then applied to the back of the postal-card.

To assist in detaching the supplemental back from the card I design to puncture the edges of the same all around with a series of minute holes, as now shown at *a''*. Thus

when a small corner of the card is cut off, and a knife-point or pen-tip inserted in this slit, and passed about the edges, the two parts will be readily separated.

For nearly all ordinary correspondence the writing-space afforded by the two surfaces, as above explained, will amply suffice. The addition of so small a piece of paper to the card will not materially increase its weight nor cost.

If desired, the supplemental back may be ruled on its inner face; likewise it may sometimes be found of advantage to have connected with said supplemental back another strip of paper, of such relative shape and size as readily to fold in conformity with it and the card, and be held and contained between the two, when the two are united, as above, or a separate sheet may be so folded as to admit of being placed in and between the card and supplemental back, as aforesaid.

It has likewise occurred to me that it might be found desirable by the United States Post-Office Department to issue cards in general character like the present postal-card; but of various sizes, and with rates of postage to correspond; but all of less amount than the rates on letter-packages, according to present rules.

The advantages of using my improvement on these cards are that the envelopes would be like to be saved, which, in a business point of view, as for post-office stamps or date of mailing, would sometimes be of large moment. They would, by reason of strength and size, file admirably, and afford excellent surface for endorsement. The very least amount of paper necessary for correspondence would be used by adoption of my invention. Thus the cost of carrying mails would be lessened considerably by the decrease of their weight.

Having thus described my invention, what I consider new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The supplemental back for postal or other cards, having folded and gummed edges, their corners cut so as to miter, and provided with perforations along the creases of the folds, all substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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