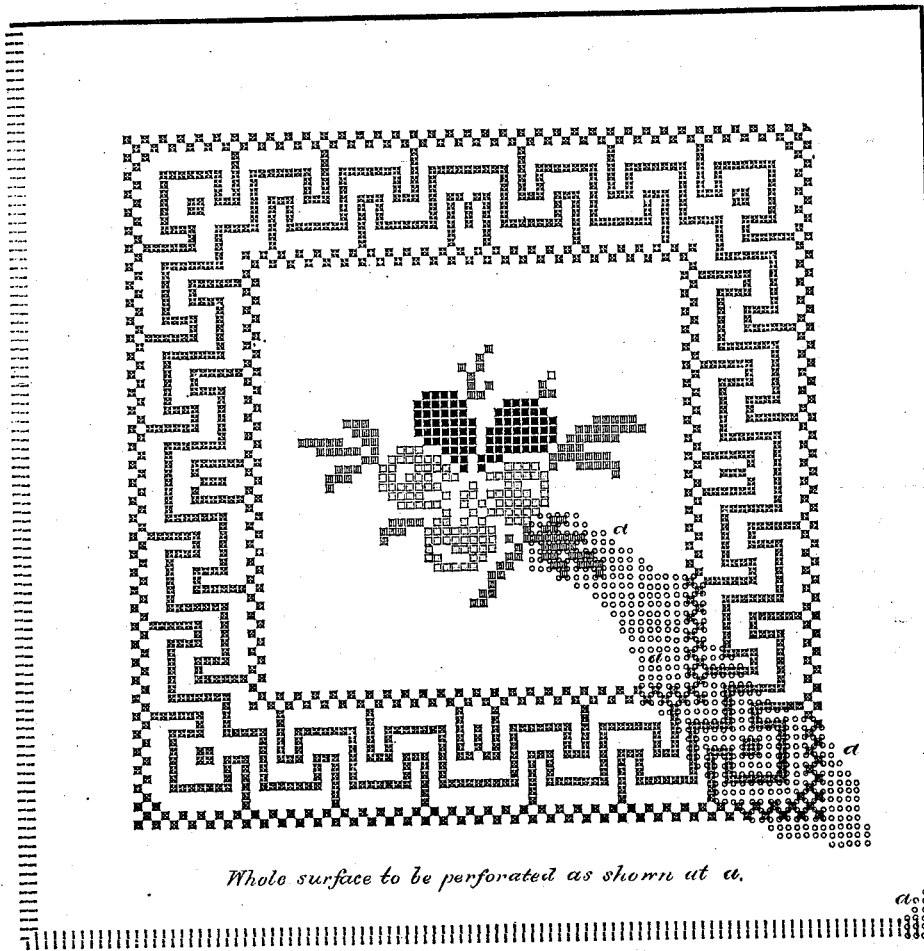


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Embroidery Pattern Card.

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Whole surface to be perforated as shown at a.

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IMPROVEMENT IN EMBROIDERY-PATTERN CARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS EDWARD PARKER, of Lynn, of the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pattern-Cards for "Sample-Work;" and do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawing.

In carrying out my invention, or in making one of my improved cards, I take a piece of perforated pasteboard, having numerous holes arranged in it at equal distances apart, and in parallel lines, both lengthwise and widthwise of it, such being as represented in the accompanying drawing, the article being rendered thereby foraminous. On this card I print, by means of types, each of which has a square die or printing surface, the figure constituting the design, which is thus composed of a series of minute squares. Some of these squares are to be entirely black, or of one color, while others are to be composed of a series of parallel lines, equidistant from each other, those of some squares being broader than those of others, in order to exhibit different shades or degrees of shading, as shown.

The design in the drawing is intended to represent the flower termed "heart's ease" and a fret-work border surrounding it. The foramina or holes *a*, going through the design, serve as guides to the needle in making the

stitches, in order to produce the sampler-work figure for which the design may be intended.

As the holes of the card are at the corners of equal squares, or have their centers coincident with such corners, the body of each type used in printing the design should have a transverse section square, and corresponding in size with one of the squares of the card, the printing-die of the type being a square somewhat less in size, from which it will be seen that each printed square will have a narrow space between it and any one next to it. This not only improves the figure in appearance, but prevents the squares from running together, and renders each distinct from the other or others next to it.

I am aware that it is not new to print on a perforated card by engraved plates, and in parallel lines obliquely to the holes, a design or figure, and therefore I do not claim such.

I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, a foraminous sample-work pattern-card having its design or figure or figures formed thereon by numerous squares arranged with the holes of the card, and apart from each other, substantially as set forth.

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