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Postage-Stamp.

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fig. 1.

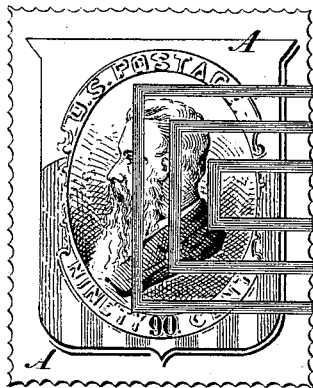


fig. 2.

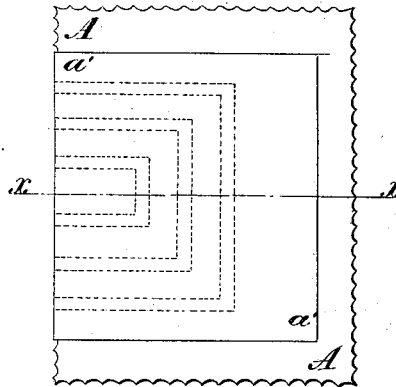


fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN POSTAGE-STAMPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN FOX, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Postage-Stamps, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a view of the face of one of my improved postage-stamps. Fig. 2 is a view of the back of the same. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the same, taken through the line *xx*, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish postage-stamps so made that they cannot be removed, cleaned, and used again after being canceled, and which may be applied to letters and canceled in the same way and with the same facility as ordinary stamps.

The invention consists in postage-stamps cut while in the sheet, and having tissue-paper or other delicate material applied to them, so that when torn apart each postage-stamp may consist of several pieces held together by said tissue-paper, as hereinafter fully described.

A represents a postage-stamp illustrating my invention. The stamp is cut with dies into several pieces, and a piece of tissue-paper, *a'*, or other delicate material, is gummed to its back or face to keep the said pieces in place.

This cutting should be done in the sheet, so that the pieces will not get out of place, and

the tissue-paper should be applied before the sheet is perforated, so that the said perforations may also pass through the said tissue-paper, so that the stamps may be torn apart to be used with the same facility as ordinary stamps. The cuts may be made in various shapes and in various parts of the stamps, as may be desired.

With this construction, when the stamps have been torn apart and applied to letters, if steam or other moisture be applied to them to detach them from said letters, the pieces will come apart, and cannot be again arranged in exactly their former position, and if they could be so arranged any attempt to remove the canceling-marks would mutilate or deface the said pieces, so that the stamps could not be again used.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A stamp for postal, internal-revenue, and other purposes, having the paper thereof cut entirely through, so as to form several distinct pieces, and having a backing or facing of tissue-paper or other delicate substance applied to the stamp, to unite the several pieces thereof, as and for the purpose set forth.

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