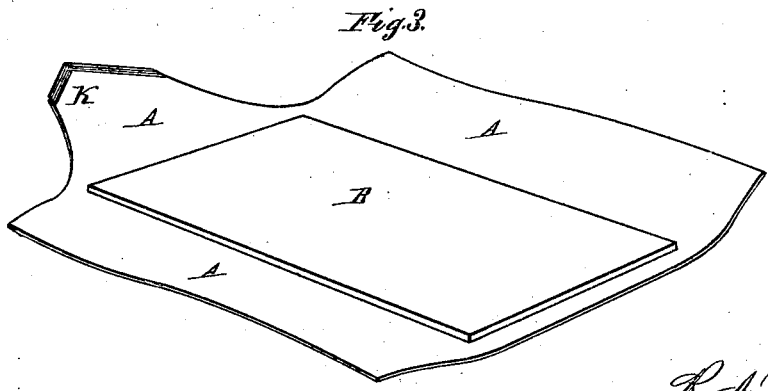
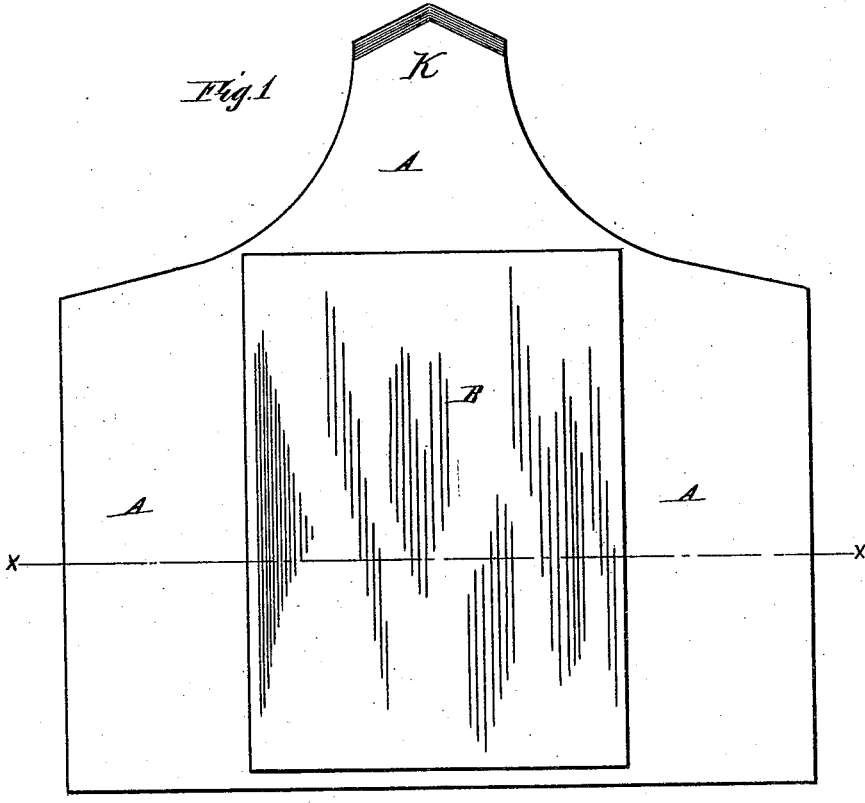


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IMPROVEMENT IN WRAPPING-CARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT A. HOPE, of St. Joseph, in the State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Wrapping-Card, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, with the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a plan view, showing the wrapping-card complete, unclosed. Fig. 2 is a section through line *x x* of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view.

Like letters in all the figures indicate corresponding parts.

The nature of my invention consists in attaching to a paper wrapper made in the usual form a pasteboard or stiff-paper lining, of about the size required for inclosing and protecting small articles of merchandise and other articles to be forwarded by mail and otherwise.

Under the postal regulations of the United States it is convenient and inexpensive to forward through the mails small articles of merchandise and other articles, and it is also sometimes convenient to forward such articles by private and public carriers, and many articles are now forwarded by mail and by carriers; but articles like collars, cuffs, photographs, drawings, and frail goods are frequently crushed or damaged in the mails and in the hands of common carriers, by reason of the light wrapper used in inclosing them, and persons often resort to pasteboard and other boxes for protection; but such boxes are comparatively heavy and expensive for the purpose, and not easily nor conveniently made to conform to the size of the article inclosed.

What is desired for the above-specified purposes, and for ordinary use by merchants for inclosing goods, is a wrapper ready prepared, strong enough to protect the inclosure, yet light and inexpensive, and so made as to readily conform to the size of the inclosure. To produce such a wrapper is the object of my invention.

A is the outer wrapper, made in the ordinary form, and having the usual adhesive lip for securing the article inclosed. B is a piece of pasteboard or other material of sufficient stiffness, secured to the inner side of the wrapper by means of an adhesive substance, or in any other of the well-known methods, and forms the lining. This lining is cut smaller than the outer wrapper, so that when the inclosure is secured within, the ends or sides of the outer wrapper may be turned in so as to cover and protect the ends and edges of the inclosure, and may also be readily opened, if necessary, far enough for the post-office officials and clerks to ascertain the nature of the inclosure without injury to the wrapper or to the inclosure.

The lining B is pliable, and easily rolled or folded, so that the wrapper will readily conform to the size of the article inclosed.

In this manner a cheap, reliable, and very convenient wrapper is made, ready for inclosing quickly and securely a great variety of articles for transportation by mail and otherwise. Moreover, this lining is well adapted for, and may be used as, a business or advertising card, and may be made of any size required.

The adhesive flap K serves as a convenient means of securing the package after the manner of the corresponding part of an ordinary envelope.

I am aware that bill-files and similar articles composed of a rigid piece of material have been provided with flexible flaps, carrying at their edges other pieces of rigid material, intended to form a kind of box with flexible sides.

My invention differs from these in that, instead of making a box of any particular shape, it enables me to make the wrapper conform in size and shape to the article desired to be inclosed. To these old forms I make no claim; but,

Having now fully described my invention, what I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, the here-

in-described wrapping-card, composed of an outer thin material the edges of which are unstiffened, one edge being provided with adhesive material, and a flexible lining stiffer than the outer part, the two parts being united, and the whole forming a wrapper which will readily conform to the size and shape of any

articles inclosed, and which may be readily secured, as and for the purposes explained.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand this 20th day of September, 1878.

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