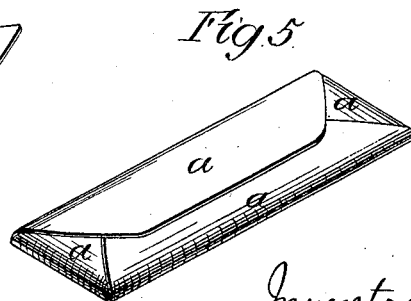
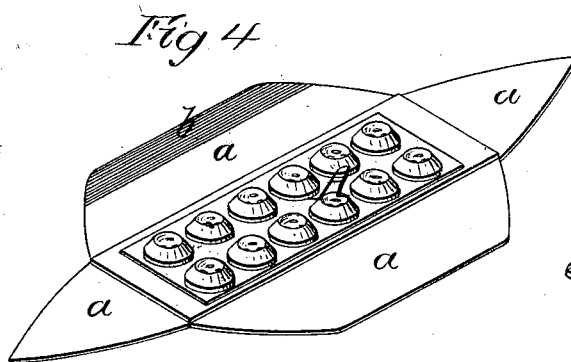
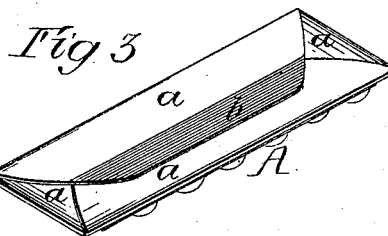
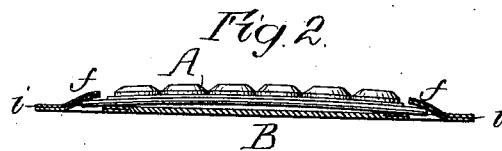
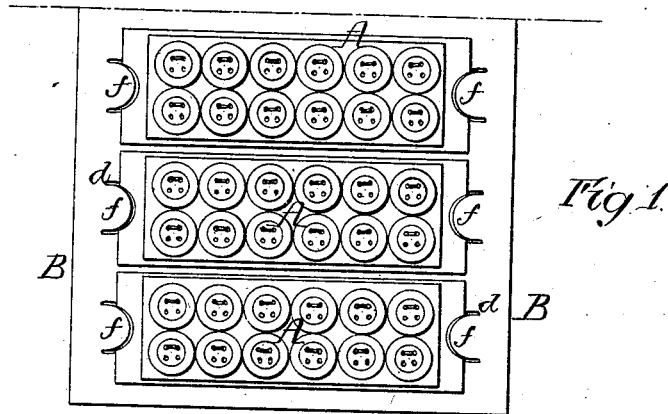


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTON-CARDS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN THORNTON, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Button-Cards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of the combination of a strip of card-board having retaining-lips with a series of button-cards, each of the latter being provided with enveloping-flaps, by means of which a store-keeper, before he delivers a card to a purchaser, can readily convert the same into a neat and compact package without resorting to separate wrappers.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of part of a strip with a number of cards of buttons thereon; Fig. 2, a transverse section of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a rear view, in perspective, of a card of buttons with enveloping-flaps; Fig. 4, a face view, in perspective, of the button-card with the flaps extended; and Fig. 5, a view of the card of buttons inclosed in its enveloping-flaps.

A is a card, to which the buttons (a dozen in the present instance) are secured in the usual manner. To the back of this card are secured enveloping-flaps *a a a*, one of which is gummed on the edge *b*, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

In the strip B of card-board, near each edge of the same, are made a series of semicircular incisions, forming lips *f*, which are bent to overlap the ends of the button-cards and retain them in place.

When the button-cards are applied to the strip B the flaps *a* are folded against the back of each card, as shown in Fig. 3, so that said card presents the same appearance as an ordinary card of buttons.

The retailer in selling the buttons removes the number of cards desired by the purchaser, turns the flaps *a* of each end over the buttons, and secures the gummed flap, thereby readily converting each button-card into a neat package, Fig. 5, and obviating the trouble and delay incurred in resorting to the usual detached wrappers.

In order to prevent the breaking or tearing off of the lips *f*, a narrow strip, *i*, of textile fabric is introduced into the strip B at each edge of the same while the strip is being manufactured and before the incisions have been made therein; or strips of fabric may be pasted upon the face or back of the strip to re-enforce the lips.

I do not desire to claim, broadly, the strip B, with its slits; nor do I desire to claim, separately considered, a card to which folding-flaps are secured; but

I claim as my invention—

The combination of a strip, B, having lips *f*, with a series of button-cards, A, each card having flaps *a a a*, which can be folded beneath the card when the latter is attached to the strip, so as to expose the buttons, or can be used as a wrapper when the card is detached, all as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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