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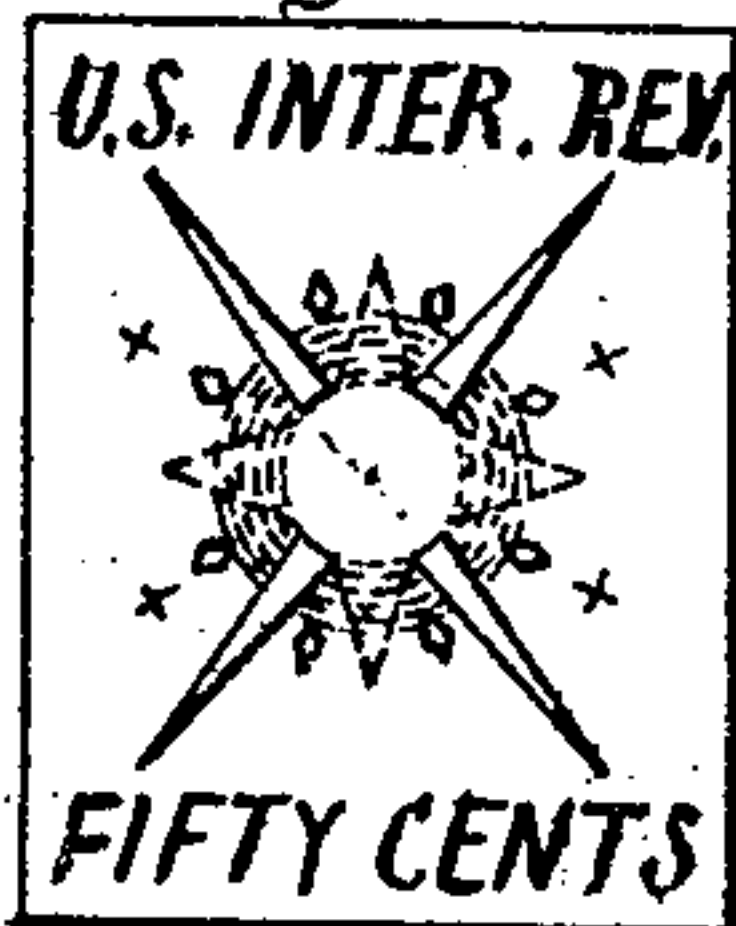
Fig 1



Fig 2.



Fig 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN REVENUE AND POSTAL STAMPS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

Be it known, that I, LEWIS ABRAHAM, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Revenue and Postal Stamps, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the drawings that accompany this specification, making a part thereof.

The intention of my device is to provide a stamp that cannot be used but once, as it is so made that any attempt to take it off or disengage it from an instrument or package to which it has been once affixed will cause fracture or totally destroy it. This is effected by making the stamp of two or more layers, the lower one, by preference, of a weak and fragile nature. These layers are perforated with certain designs, so arranged that when they are laid one on top of another the varied perforations combined make up a given design, and, when required, the whole stamp, when combined, may be completely perforated.

By preference, the upper layer, for some purposes, should be somewhat transparent, so that any inscription or design placed inside may be visible.

It is evident that if any effort is made to remove a stamp of this description by steam, dampness, or any liquid, the combined layers will have a tendency to peel off and separate, and cannot be readjusted.

Referring to the drawings that accompany this specification—

Figure 1 represents the lower surface of a fifty-cent stamp, with four perforations representing rays of a sun.

Figure 2 represents the upper surface of the same stamp, with other perforations representing different rays of a sun.

Figure 3 represents the two layers joined, and the combined perforations complete the representation of a sun, which, it will be seen, is semi-perforated through divers parts of the whole stamp.

The inequalities formed by these perforations make the stamp adhere firmer than if the stamp had a smooth under surface, and the inequalities of the upper surface cause any cancellation-ink to penetrate into and between each layer, so that any attempt to expunge the same by moisture, acid, or other means will cause the laminae to separate and fracture each angle and indentation made by the perforation and combination of the layers.

Any desired inscription or ornamentation can be placed either on the lower, upper, or between the layers, partially on each, if desirable, so that in conjunction they will make any required device or description, as is illustrated on the drawings by the words "U. S. Int. Rev., Fifty Cents," arranged in letters alternately on separate layers, and then combined, making the inscription.

I do not confine myself to any special design shape of either the stamp, its perforations, or the inscriptions; but,

Having now fully described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An adhesive postal or revenue stamp composed of two or more layers of paper, perforated substantially as herein set forth and for the purposes described.

2. An adhesive stamp composed of two or more sheets of paper, both or all of which are so perforated that when united, such perforations shall constitute given designs.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification before two subscribing witnesses.

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