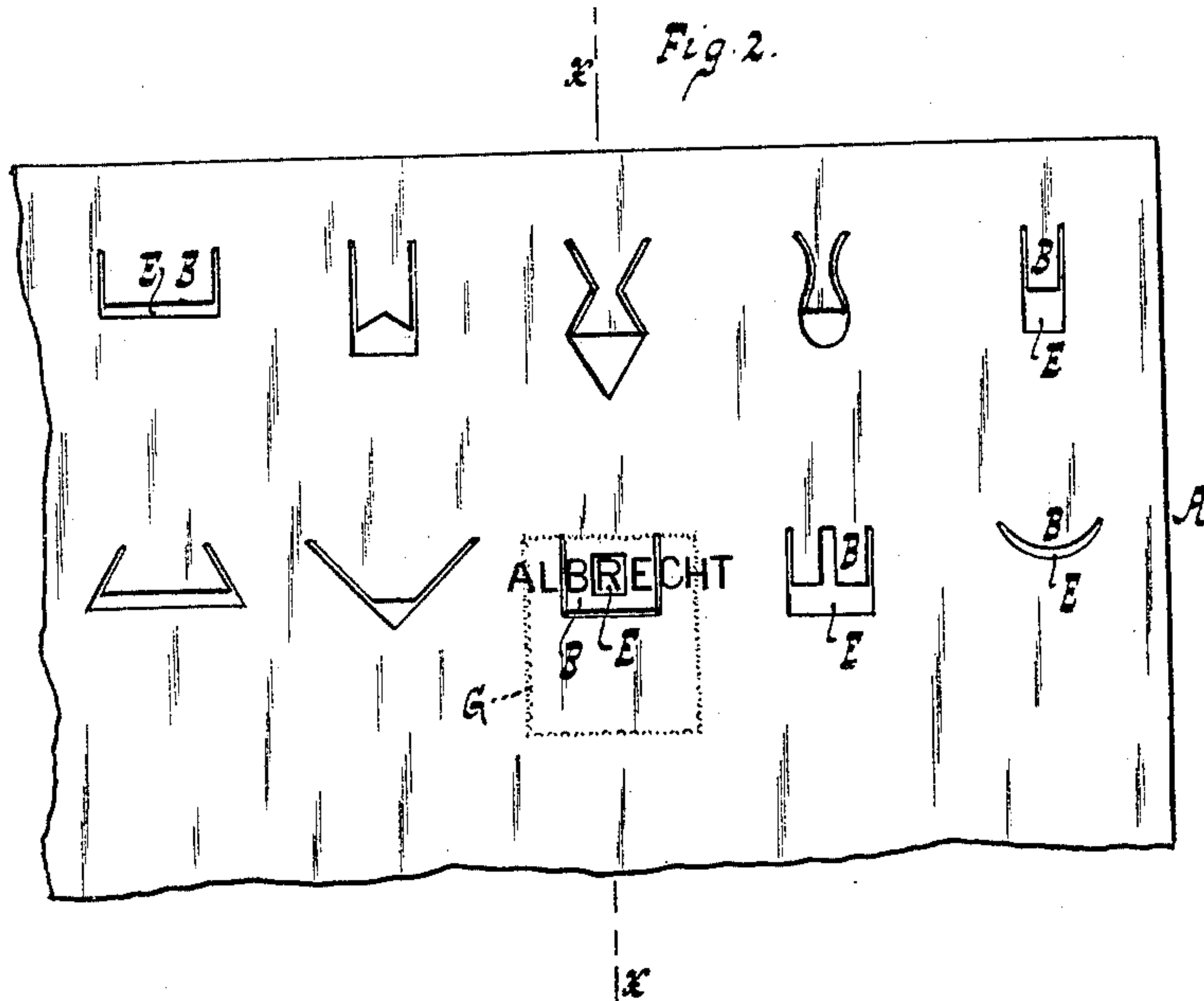
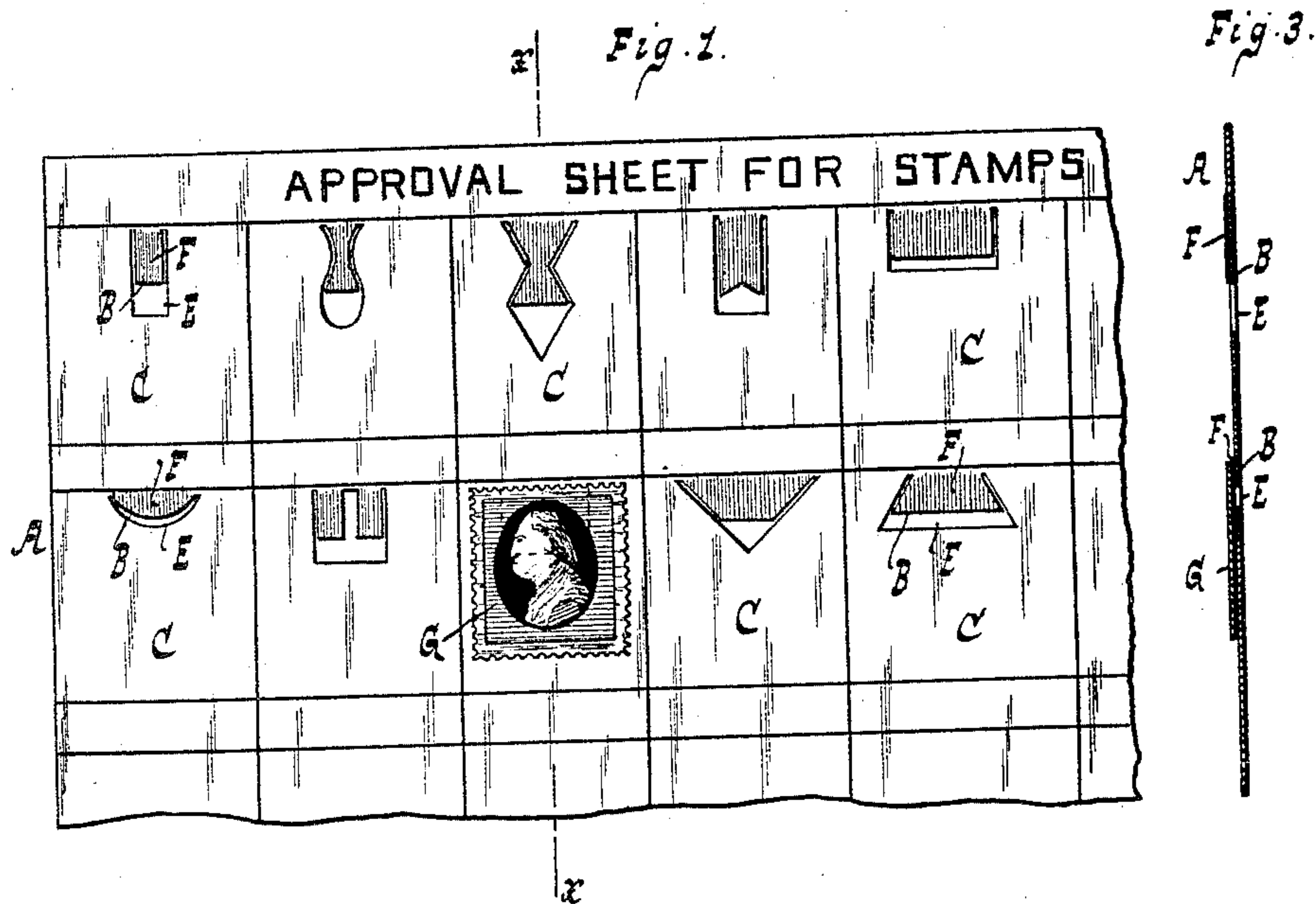


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUDOLF F. ALBRECHT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tompkinsville, in the county of Richmond and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Approval-Sheets for Stamps, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to approval-sheets for stamps, and is designed to prevent the changing without detection of any stamp or article originally fixed to the sheet.

The invention consists in certain novel features, which are hereinafter described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a portion of an approval-sheet constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a back view of the same. Fig. 3 is a section on the line *xx* of Figs. 1 and 2.

Approval-sheets for exhibiting and displaying stamps for inspection and examination are marked off on their front faces into suitable divisions of proper size for the stamps to be exhibited. The stamps are fixed to the sheet by means of gummed tags applied to the stamps and sheet. The sheets (one or more) having stamps thus secured to them are sent by dealers to customers who desire to examine them, and who, after making their selections, are expected to send them back to the dealers in the same condition as when sent, except as to those which are purchased and retained by the customers at the prices which may be marked on the sheet below the several stamps. This method of exhibition of the stamps gives an opportunity to those who are dishonest to purloin valuable and rare stamps by detaching them from the sheet and substituting cheap or inferior stamps in place thereof.

The object of my invention, therefore, is to prevent the change or removal of any stamp or article originally fixed to the sheet and the substitution therefor of one that is inferior or of less value, and if any such change is effected to detect the culprit.

I carry out my invention by providing the sheet A with tongues B, cut or punched out

from the sheet within the respective divisions C of the sheet. The tongues are not wholly severed from the sheet, but are left connected thereto along one of its sides or ends, so that the tongues are integral portions of the body of the sheet. The tongues may be of any shape desired, but a portion of each tongue is cut away and removed so as to leave in each of them, and consequently in the sheet itself, an opening E, which may be at the middle part of the tongue or along either side or along its bottom edge, as is illustrated in the drawings. The faces of the several tongues are provided with gums or other suitable adhesive material F, which is dried, so that when afterward the gummed surface is moistened and a stamp or other article G is applied thereto the stamp or article will adhere to the tongue. The stamps or other articles G are placed on the tongues in such positions as to cover the openings E, so that on turning the sheet over upon its face with its back uppermost a portion of the backs of the stamps or other articles is exposed to view through said openings E. While the sheet is in this position it is marked or stamped with any convenient marking or stamping tool in such a manner that the mark or impression made thereby shall extend in continuation across the edges of said opening and come upon the portion of the back of the stamp or article G which is exposed through said opening E, by which means the removal from the sheet of such stamp or article G and the substitution of another stamp in its place can be readily detected, as the exposed back of such substituted stamp or article will not have upon it the appropriate mark or impression aforesaid.

I do not restrict myself to forming the tongues from the body of the sheet.

It will be observed that the openings E are made through the sheet under the space occupied by the stamp, so that a portion of the back of the stamp is exposed to view on reversing the sheet, and any mark or print made on the back of the sheet across the opening will come upon the portion of the back of the stamp which is so exposed, and consequently any substitution of a stamp or other article can be at once detected.

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

5 An approval-sheet for stamps or other articles provided with perforations or openings made in them through which a portion of the backs of the stamps or articles affixed to the front of the sheet is exposed to view, substantially as and for the purpose above described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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