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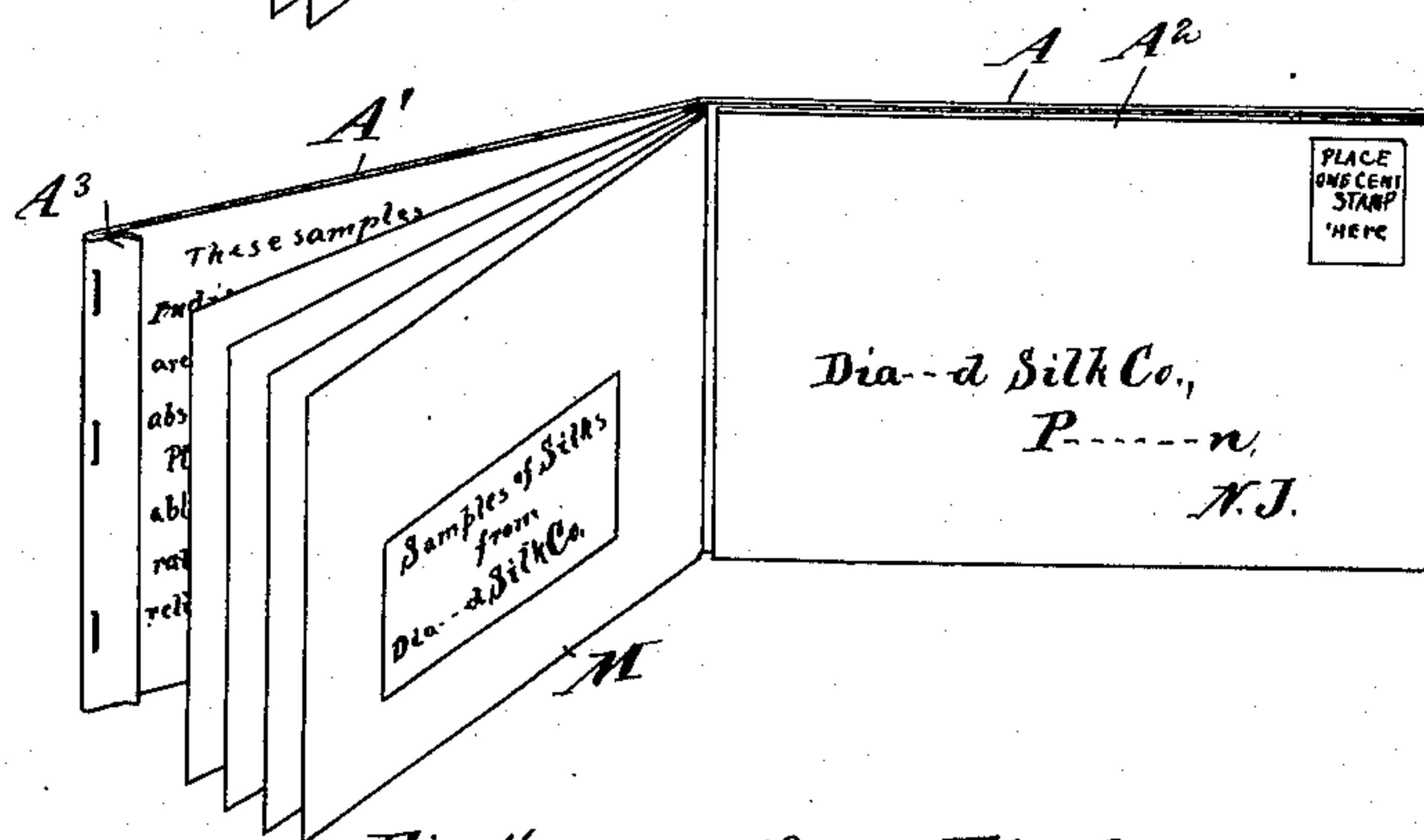
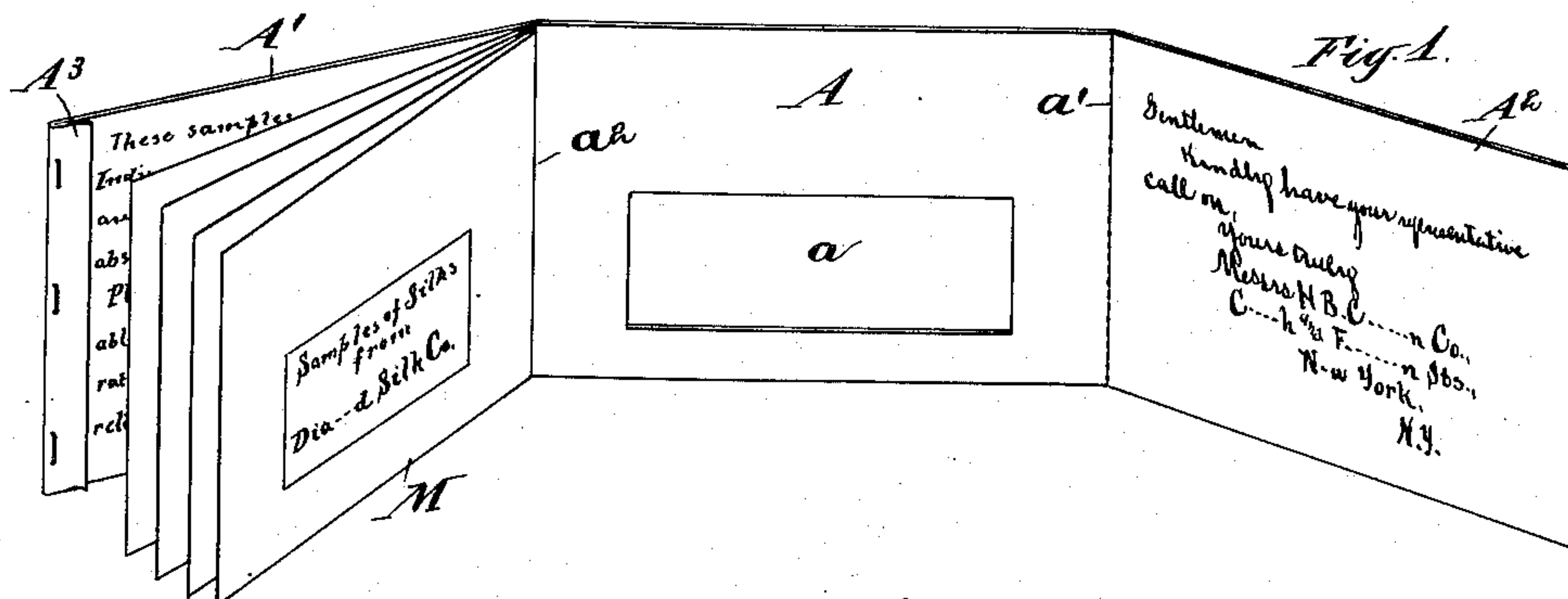


Fig. 4. A' A3

Gentlemen,
Inclosed please find samples
of four new patterns of
India Silks which we think
will interest you.
Our representatives will call on you,
Yours truly,
Dia--a Silk Co., Paterson, N.J.

Fig. 3. A

Reply Mailing Card.
THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS ONLY.

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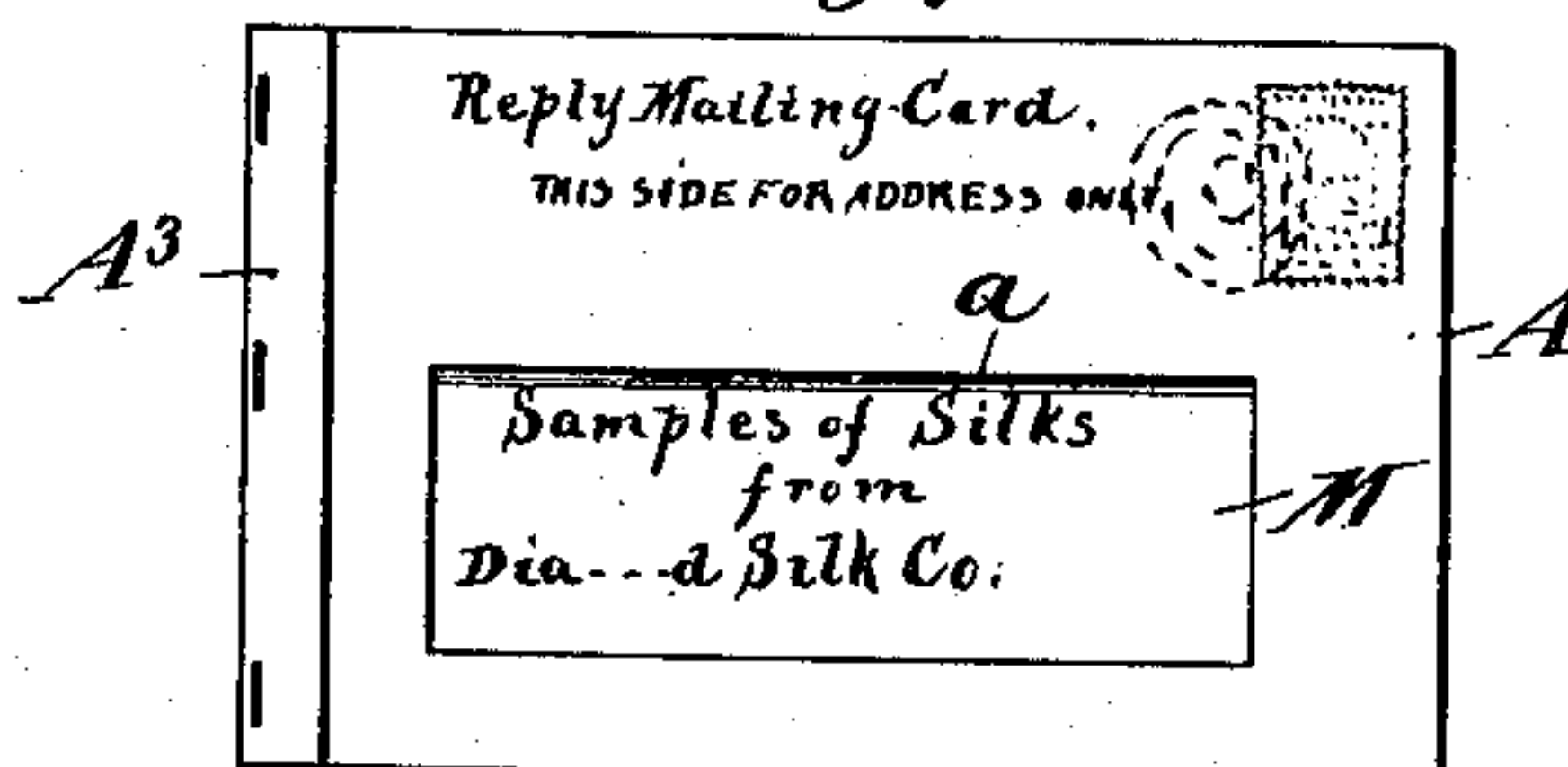
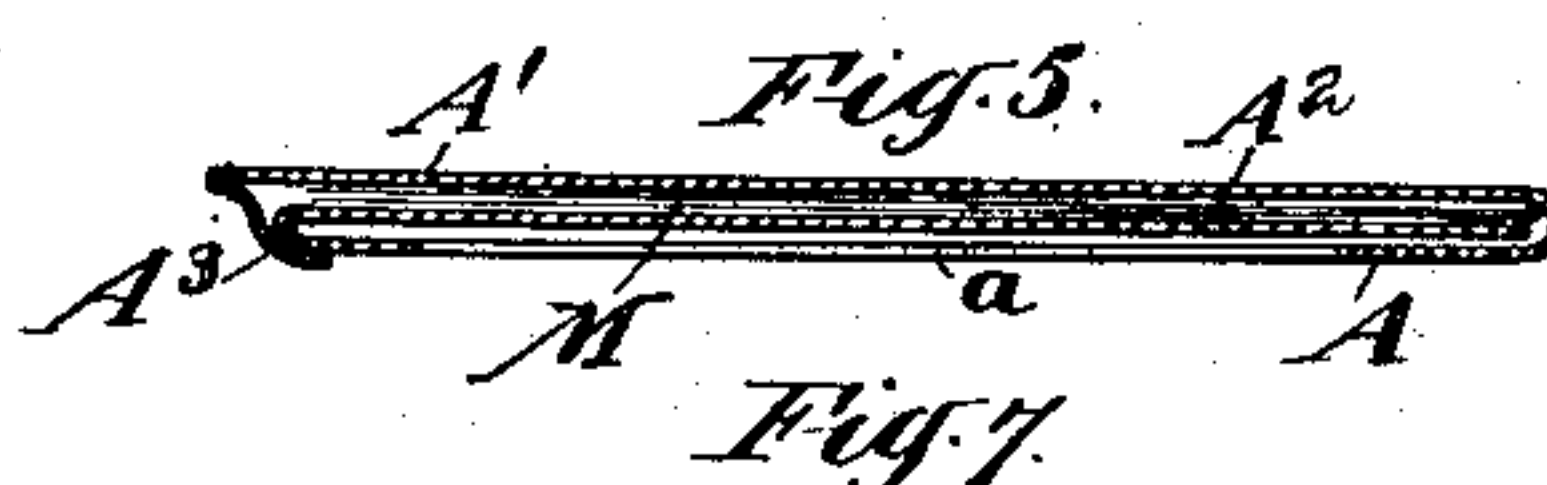
Mrs. H. B. C. n Co.,
C---h & F---n Sts.,
New York, N.Y.

PLACE ONE CENT STAMP HERE

A2 Fig. 6.

Dia--a Silk Co.,
P-----n,
N.J.

PLACE ONE CENT STAMP HERE



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. SCRAGG, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Return Mailing-Cards, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to folded postal cards having a section arranged to be torn off and remailed.

10 The object of the invention is to provide a card in which the address, read through an opening or window in one flap or section, serves as a signature for the reply flap or section; and in which samples or other inserted matter may be sent; and which will form a convenient 15 envelop for the preservation and identification of the samples or other insert after the reply flap has been removed.

The invention consists in certain novel features and arrangements by which the above objects are attained, 20 to be hereinafter described.

The accompanying drawings form a part of this specification and show an approved form of the invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the card in the unfolded condition. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the 25 card partly folded. Fig. 3 is a view of the obverse or address face of the card, in the folded condition, ready for mailing. Fig. 4 is a corresponding view of the reverse face. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal section on the line 5-5 in Fig. 3. Fig. 6 is a view of the re-mailing address 30 face of the reply flap, removed from the card. Fig. 7 is a face view of the remaining portions of the card folded to preserve the inclosed insert or samples.

Similar letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

35 A is a card having an opening *a* therein and having two wings or flaps *A*¹ *A*² attached to its ends, thus forming three portions *A*¹ *A* *A*² joined at the ends and creased along the lines of junction to fold one upon the other. The line *a*¹ is preferably perforated or weakened to permit the flap *A*², serving as the reply section, to be easily 40 detached. At the outer end of the section *A*¹ the material of the card is folded upon itself and stitched or gummed along the interior of the fold, leaving the margin free to serve as a tuck *A*³ beneath which the folded 45 flaps *A* *A*² are received to hold the whole against unfolding in transmission. Along the line *a*² is secured the insert in the form of leaves or otherwise, and which may be understood for the purposes of this description to be several leaves or samples of silk fabric *M* stitched or 50 otherwise fastened.

The portion *A* or address section, in which is the aperture *a*, has on its outer face a place for the postage stamp and may carry the words "Reply Mailing-card" and "This side for address only". The reply section 55 or flap *A*² carries on its inner face the name and place of

the addressee which may also serve as a signature to the reply and which is so placed relatively to the opening *a* as to be easily read therethrough when the card is folded; the outer face, shown in Fig. 6, carries a place for a return stamp and the address of the original sender 60 printed thereon. On the outer face of the section *A*¹ or communication flap, on which is the tuck *A*³, may be written or printed any desired matter referring to the inclosed samples or other communication, and its inner face may be used for the same purpose or advertising 65 matter, or a sample may be gummed thereon.

In folding the card the reply flap *A*² is folded upon the address flap *A* and these again folded upon the communication flap *A*¹ and the bight or fold engaged beneath the tuck *A*³, the card is then, or previously, 70 stamped and is ready for transmission through the mail. When received by the addressee a reply may be made by detaching the reply flap *A*² bearing on its outer face the address of the sender, and remailing it, the original address on the inner face serving as a signature to any 75 communication written above it. The address flap may then be folded down upon the flap *A*¹ and secured beneath the tuck, thus inclosing the samples *M* for future use but permitting the outer leaf thereof to be seen through the opening *a*. This outer leaf may bear 80 words or marks seen through such opening, by which the contents may be easily identified without further examination.

Modifications may be made in the forms, proportions and arrangement of the parts. The tuck may be re- 85 placed by any suitable fastening conforming to the postal rules. There may be advertising matter printed upon the several faces other than those serving as address faces. The insert may be widely varied. It may be a folder bearing views or advertising matter, or 90 a blank or printed booklet, or a sample of any suitable description gummed or otherwise attached.

I claim:—

1. In a reply mailing-card, an address section having an opening therein, a detachable reply flap joined thereto and arranged to fold thereon, and means on the free end of said section adapted to receive the fold at the joined edges of the reply flap and adjoining portion for holding said section and flap in the folded condition, the said flap adapted to bear an address readable through said 100 opening.

2. In a reply mailing-card, an address section having an opening therein, a detachable reply flap joined thereto and arranged to fold thereon, means for holding said section and flap in the folded condition, the said flap 105 adapted to bear an address readable through said opening, and an insert attached to said card and inclosed therein when the later is folded.

3. In a reply mailing-card, an address section having an opening therein, a detachable reply flap on one edge of said section and arranged to fold thereon, a communication flap on another edge of said section and arranged to fold on said reply flap and address section, and means 110 for holding said flaps and section in the folded condition,

the said reply flap adapted to bear an address readable through said opening.

4. In a reply mailing-card, an address section having an opening therein, a detachable reply flap on one edge of said section and arranged to fold thereon, a communication flap on another edge of said section and arranged to fold on said reply flap and address section, means for holding said flaps and section in the folded condition, the said reply flap adapted to bear an address readable through said opening, and an insert attached to said card and enclosed therein when the latter is folded.

5. In a reply mailing-card, an address section having an opening therein, a detachable reply flap on one edge thereof and arranged to fold thereon, a communication flap on another edge of said section and arranged to fold on said reply flap and address section, and a tuck on one of the free edges of said communication flap adapted to receive margins of said address section and reply flap and hold the card in the folded condition, the said reply flap adapted to bear an address readable through said opening.

6. In a reply mailing-card, an address section having an opening therein, a detachable reply flap on one end of said section and arranged to fold thereon, a communication flap on the opposite end of said address section and

arranged to fold on said reply flap and address section, and a tuck on the free end of said communication flap, adapted to receive the fold at the joined edges of said address section and reply flap and hold the card in the folded condition, the said reply flap adapted to bear an address readable through said opening.

7. In a reply mailing-card, an address section having an opening therein, a detachable reply flap on one end of said section and arranged to fold thereon, a communication flap on the opposite end of said address section and arranged to fold on said reply flap and address section, a tuck on the free end of said communication flap, adapted to receive the fold at the joined edges of said address section and reply flap and hold the card in the folded condition, the said reply flap adapted to bear an address readable through said opening, and an insert between said address section and communication flap.

In testimony that I claim the invention above set forth I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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