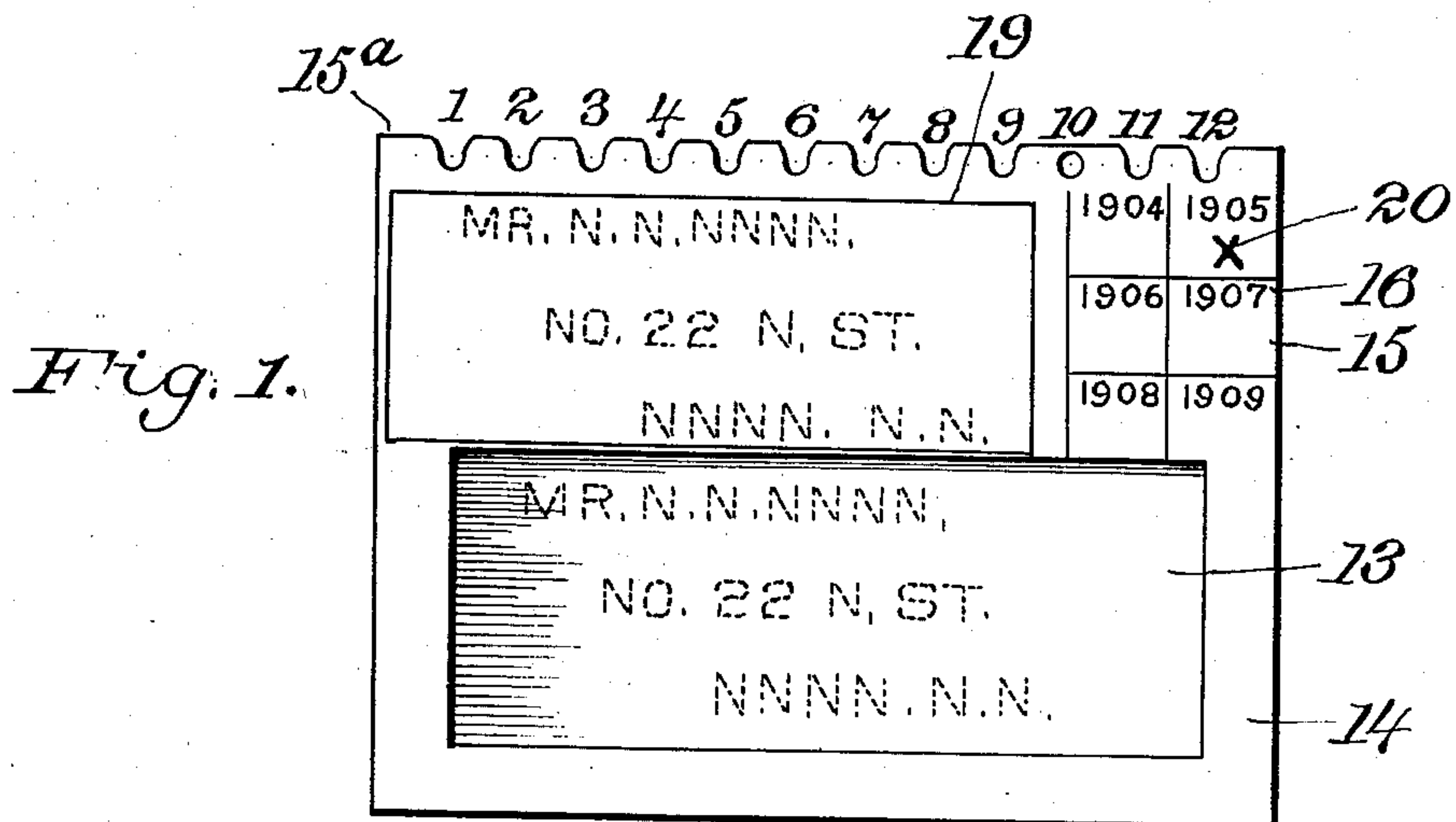


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWIN D. BELKNAP, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of East Orange, county of Essex, State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Address-Bearing Cards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to indexed cards in general, and more specifically comprises an improved form of stencil card for use in addressing machines. Such cards when placed in the boxes or magazines from which they are fed to the addressing machine frequently have to be classified according to two or more plans. Thus when the addresses borne by the cards form a mailing list, it is necessary to arrange them geographically and also to classify them according to the month in which each subscription expires. The geographical arrangement can be brought about by the order in which the cards are placed in the magazine. It is not easy, however, to so mark all the widely scattered cards whose addresses represent subscriptions expiring in December, for instance, that they can be discovered and withdrawn at once. I have invented a form of card which overcomes this difficulty and the best form of card known to me embodying this and some other features of novelty is illustrated in the accompanying sheet of drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a face view of a card constructed in accordance with the preferred form of my invention.

Throughout the drawings like reference figures indicate like parts.

13 is the stencil sheet of parchment or similar material in which the address is cut by perforating type, or otherwise. 14 is the frame of cardboard or similar material in which the stencil sheet is mounted. The frame preferably has an extension 15 on its upper side on which is pasted a duplicate of stencil 13, which serves as a label 19 for the card after the same has been run through the machine and the stencil 13 so smeared with ink that the letters cut therein cannot be read easily. 16 represents any suitable special ruling, etc. for additional classification marks.

The frame has in its upper side a series of slots or perforations extending to its upper edge, as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12. It also has a hole or perforation 10, which does not extend to the upper edge. These perforations

are cut at the same point in every card, and correspond to the twelve months of the year. The card shown and all others bearing the addresses of persons whose subscriptions expire in October, have a hole instead of a slot corresponding to the tenth month. Cards representing subscriptions expiring in May would have a hole at 5, and slots at 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, and so on. Consequently, when these cards are piled up in a box or magazine with their edges 15<sup>a</sup> uppermost, all these slots and holes will register with one another. If then, a rod or wire is run down the tenth division, it will pass through holes in all the cards representing subscriptions which expire in October, but through slots in cards representing subscriptions which expire in other months. When the rod is lifted out in a direction transverse to its main axis, it will lift out all the October subscriptions and leave the others. A repetition of the operation by inserting the rod through the slot 6, would pull out all the June subscriptions and so on.

In using my invention a series of card frames are cut or stamped for each month, and the additional classification marks 16, are printed thereon. When the stencil portion 13, bearing the address is cut, a double thickness of sheet may be used so as to produce the label 19 at the same time. These two are then attached to a frame which has a perforation corresponding to the month in which the subscription will expire, a check mark, as shown at 20, is made in the space marked with the year of the subscription's expiration, and the card is complete. Thus the card shown in Fig. 1 is supposed to bear the address of a person whose subscription expires in October, 1905.

The index portion of the card may be produced as a facsimile of the stenciled portion by other means, as by placing the duplicate stencil sheet over the extended portion of the frame and rubbing ink over it.

It is evident that my invention could be used to advantage with other kinds of cards, than address bearing cards, though I have illustrated it with these only. Also the indexing features could be used without the label feature on an ordinary stencil card provided with the ordinary frame. This indexing feature works best, however, with the extension frame shown, as the strength is thus secured which is necessary to keep the card from buckling or tearing under manipula-



tion. These and other modifications which will readily occur to those skilled in the art I should still consider within the scope of my invention. Also the invention can be used  
5 for other than a monthly basis of classification. Any number of slots other than eleven could be used, with one or more closed slots or holes, and the portion of the card frames so perforated could be made wholly  
10 or in part of metal.

Having, therefore, described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is:

1. An address bearing card having a stenciled portion and a frame extended at the  
15 upper side, said extended portion having a facsimile of the stenciled portion thereon, and the upper portion of said frame also having a series of perforations representing different  
20 classes of a predetermined classification, all of said perforations extending to the upper

edge of the card except the one corresponding to the class to which that particular card belongs.

2. An address bearing card having a stenciled portion, and a frame extended at the  
25 upper side, said extended portion having a duplicate stenciled sheet pasted thereon as a label and the upper portion of said frame having a series of perforations representing  
30 different classes of a predetermined classification, all of said perforations extending to the upper edge of the card except the one corresponding to the class to which that particular card belongs.  
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