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Fig.1



Fig.2

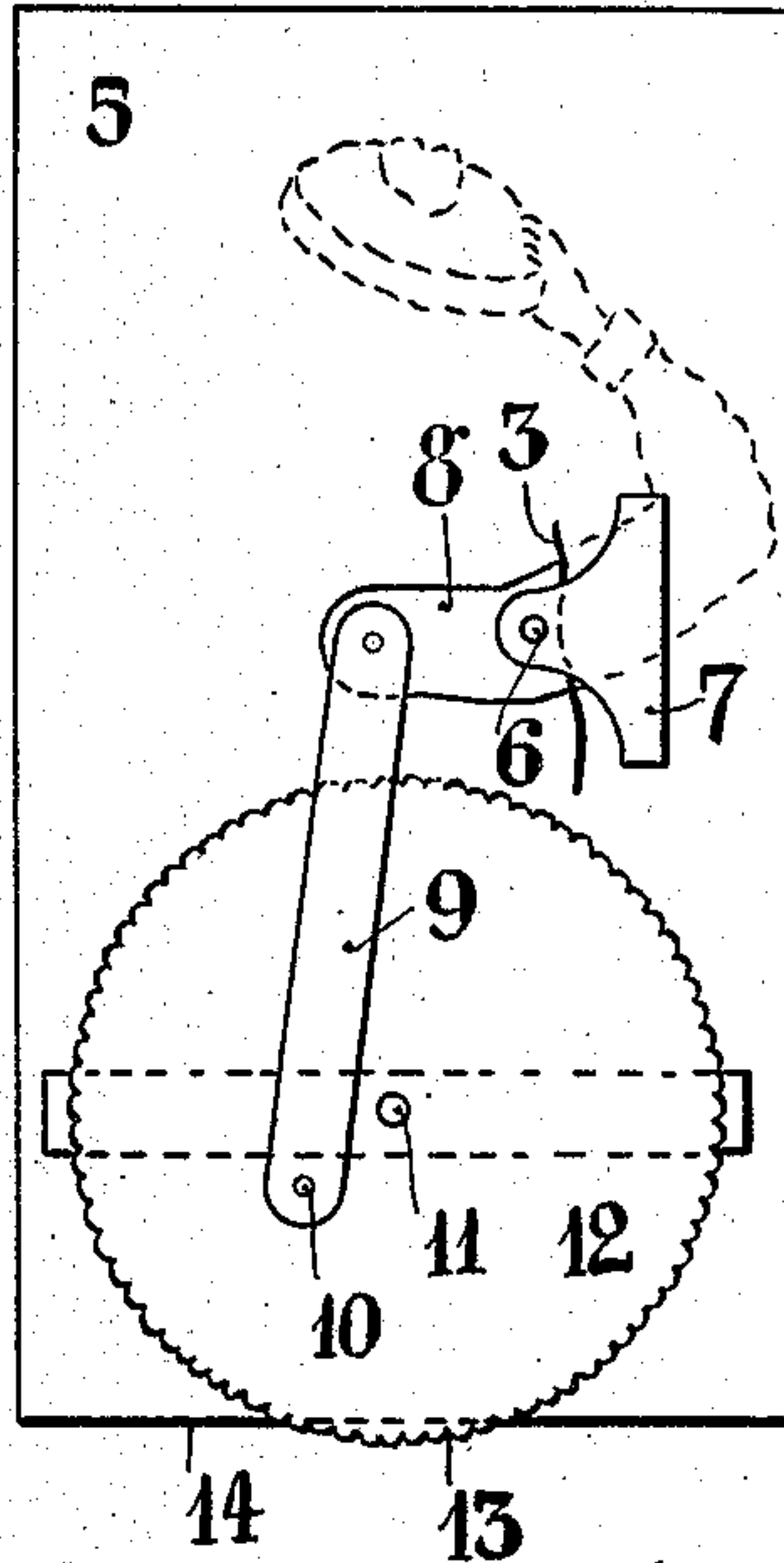
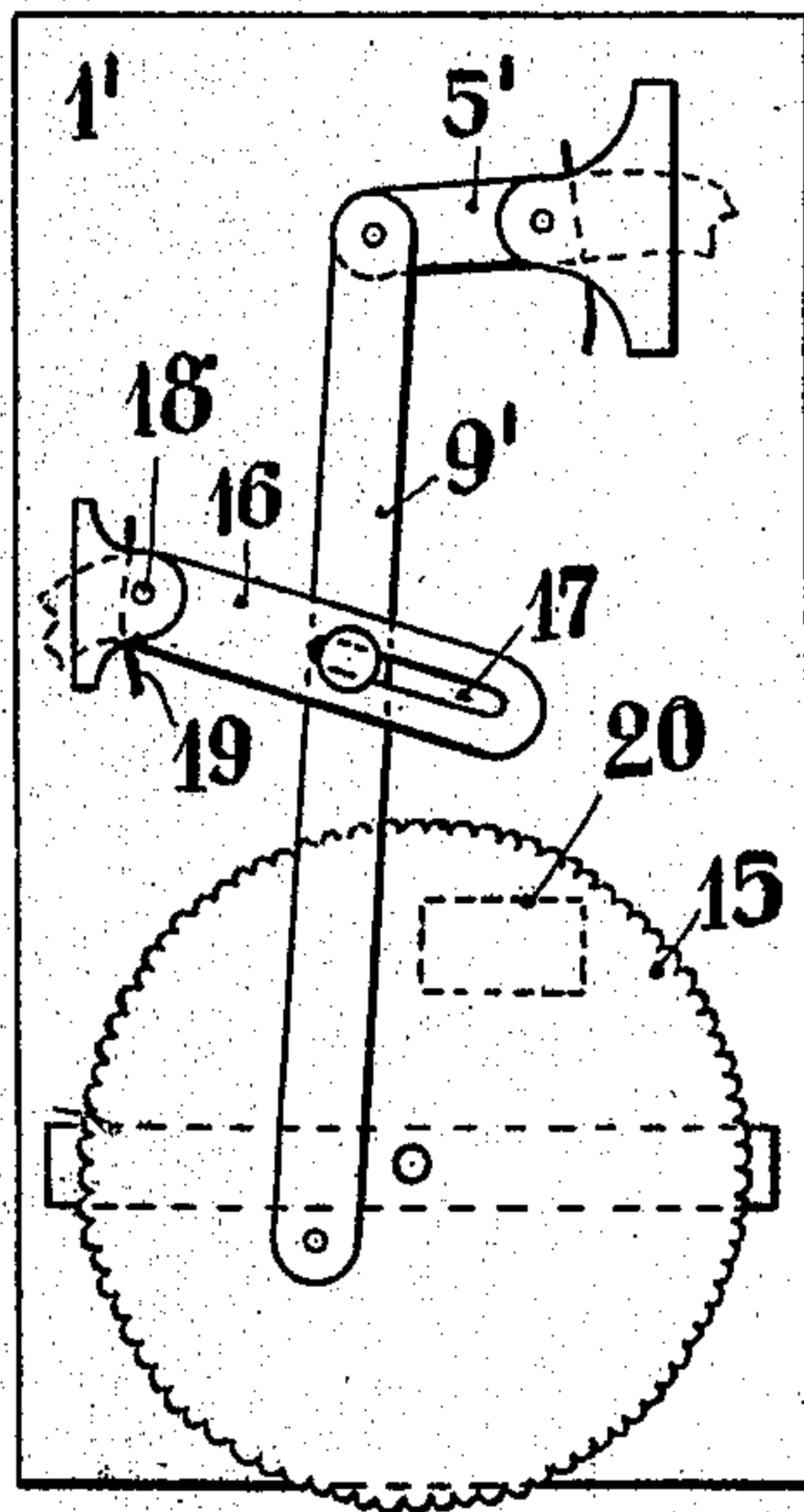


Fig.3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX VOLLMER, of 69 Schönhauser Allee, Berlin, Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, have invented new and useful
5 Improvements in Illustrated Post - Cards, Letter-Cards, and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention refers to illustrated post cards, and the essential feature is that
10 one or several oscillatorily arranged parts attached thereto are coupled eccentrically with a rotatable disk. This arrangement allows of oscillating such movable parts to and fro by turning the disk continuously in
15 the same direction.

The invention is explained in the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 being the front view of such an illustrated post card, Fig. 2 the back view of the same card and Fig. 3
20 the back view of a modified form thereof.

In the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2 the oscillating part 2 consists of an arm holding a cap, belonging to the boy shown on the card 1. This movable part 2 is passed
25 through a slit 3 of card 1 from the picture side 4 to the back 5 of the card and is there rotatably attached to the tongue 6 glued to card 5. The end piece 8 of the oscillating part 2 on the back 5 of the card is hinged to
30 the one end of a cardboard rod 9, the other end of which is coupled at 10 eccentrically and rotatably to a disk 12 rotatably attached at 11 on the back 5 of the card. By continuously turning said disk 12 in the same direc-
35 tion the arm on the picture side of the card is made to oscillate.

In the form shown in the drawing the edge 13 of disk 12 is toothed and projects slightly beyond the lower edge 14 of card 1. In con-
40 sequence thereof the disk 12 can be rotated automatically by passing the card 1 along a somewhat rough surface, say a table covered with a table cloth, whereby arm 2 is made to oscillate, and very pleasing effects can be
45 obtained thereby, as the edge of the disk projecting beyond the edge of the card and the rotation of the disk will not be remarked by the uninformed during such passing of the card.

50 It goes without saying that the illustration or picture on the card and the form of the oscillating part may be varied; so instead of an arm, also a pendulum of a clock, the lever of a pump or similar parts may be

set in motion in the above manner. Also 55 instead of one single oscillating part several such parts may be arranged on one card, as is shown in Fig. 3 on the modified form of the back of a card. Here beside the arm 5' linked to the end of rod 9' a second arm 16 60 is movably coupled with the rod 9' between the two ends of the same by means of a slot 17 and is rotatably attached at 18 to the back of the card. The part of arm 16 passed through the slit 19 to the front side of the 65 card is oscillated simultaneously with arm 5' on disk 15 being rotated, the two parts however moving in opposite directions and in different manner. The disk 15 may be provided with pictures or the like at different 70 places on the side turned towards the card, which pictures may then be made visible successively through one or more openings or windows 20 arranged in the card. The disk 15 thus serves for two purposes at the 75 same time. The second or even also a third oscillating arm may also be coupled to rod 9' at the same place as the first one.

The picture or illustration on the card with such oscillating parts may of course also be 80 arranged in the transverse direction when the toothed edge of the disk is preferably made to project beyond the lower longitudinal edge of the card.

The card according to the present inven- 85 tion can be made in form of a card of congratulation, a letter card or the like. When in use of course the mechanism at the back is covered with a second card in known manner.

Having now described my invention what 90 I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. In an illustrated postal card, the combination of a card provided with an opening or slit and display matter on one side, the mem- 95 ber projecting through said slit with one portion abreast of the display side and another portion abreast of the reverse side of said card, and means located on the reverse side of said card and operatively connected with 100 said member and serving to automatically operate the same when the card is advanced upon a surface.

2. In an illustrated postal card, the combination of a card provided on one side with 105 display matter and having a slit or opening, a member projecting through said slit with one portion abreast of the display side and the

other portion abreast of the reverse side of said card, a bearing movably mounting said member on said card, a rod connected to said member at the rear of the card, and a toothed
5 disk rotatably mounted on said card at the rear thereof and projecting beyond the lower end thereof, said rod being eccentrically connected with said disk.

3. In an illustrated postal card, the combination with a card provided with a plurality
10 of display openings and a plurality of slits and display matter on one side, movable members extending through said slits and having portions abreast of the display side of
15 said card and portions abreast of the reverse side thereof, a disk rotatably mounted on said card and provided with display matter movable abreast of said opening, said disk
20 projecting below one part of said card and being automatically advanced when said card is moved upon a surface, and means op-

eratively connecting said member with said disk.

4. In an illustrated postal card, the combination with a card provided with a plurality
25 of openings and a plurality of slits, said card having display matter on one side, members projecting through said slits and having portions abreast of the display side and portions
30 abreast of the reverse side of said card, a disk rotatably mounted on the side of said card and provided with matter movable abreast of and observable through said opening, and
means connecting said member with said
35 disk.

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

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