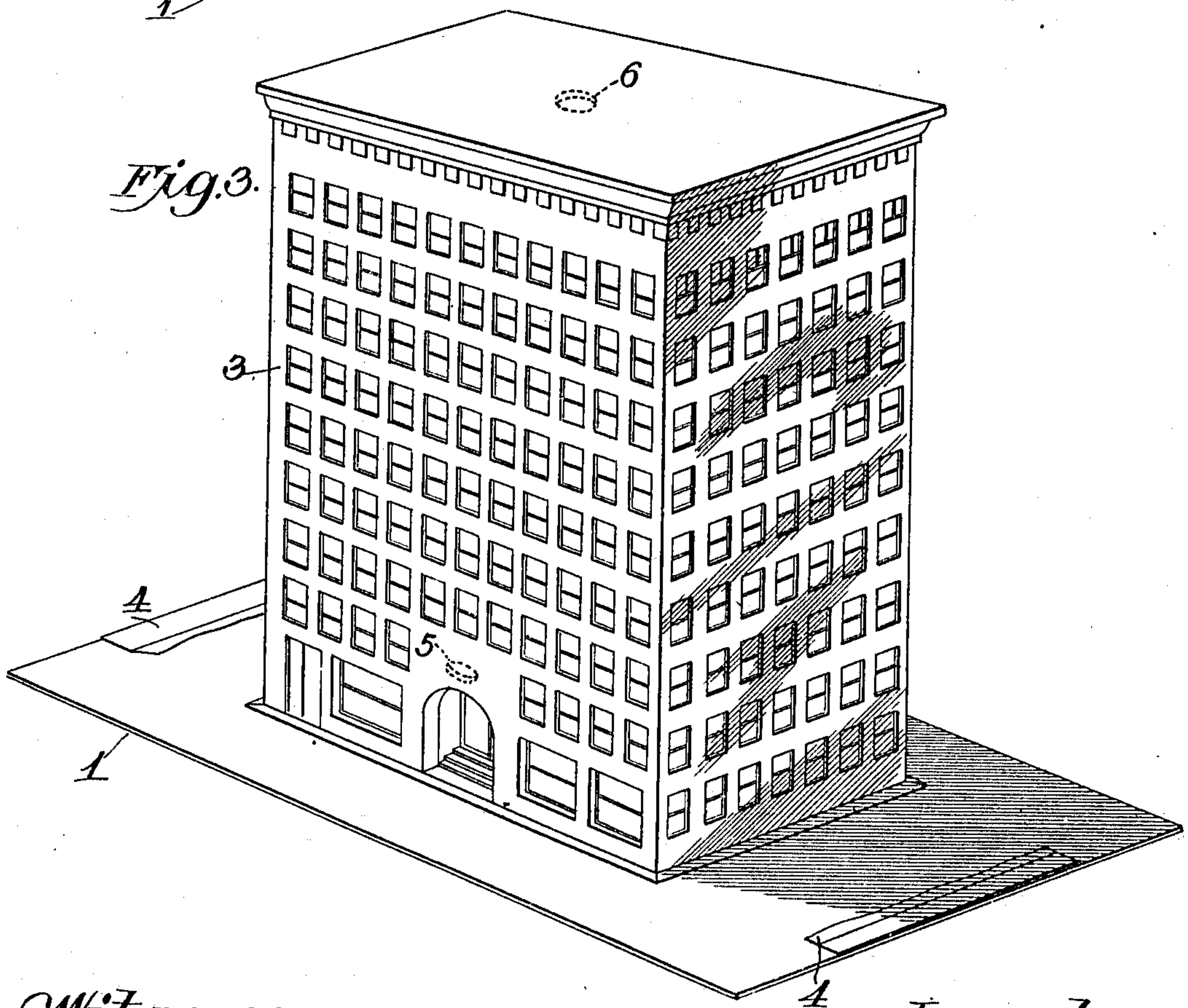
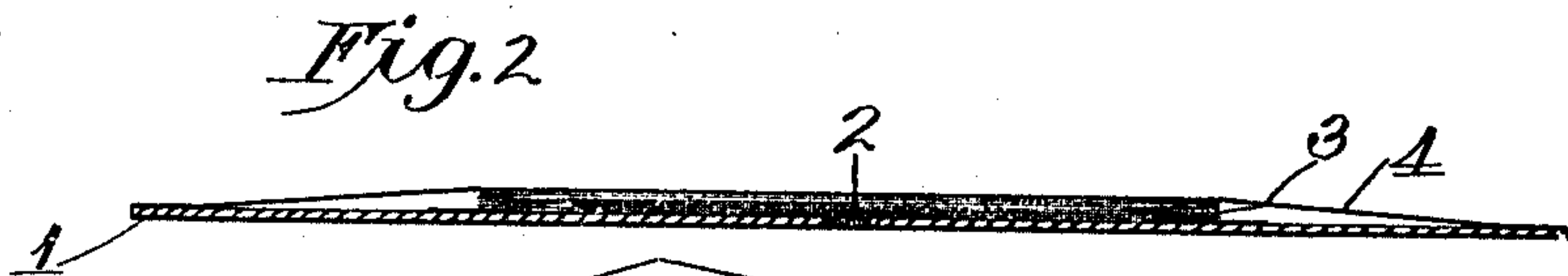
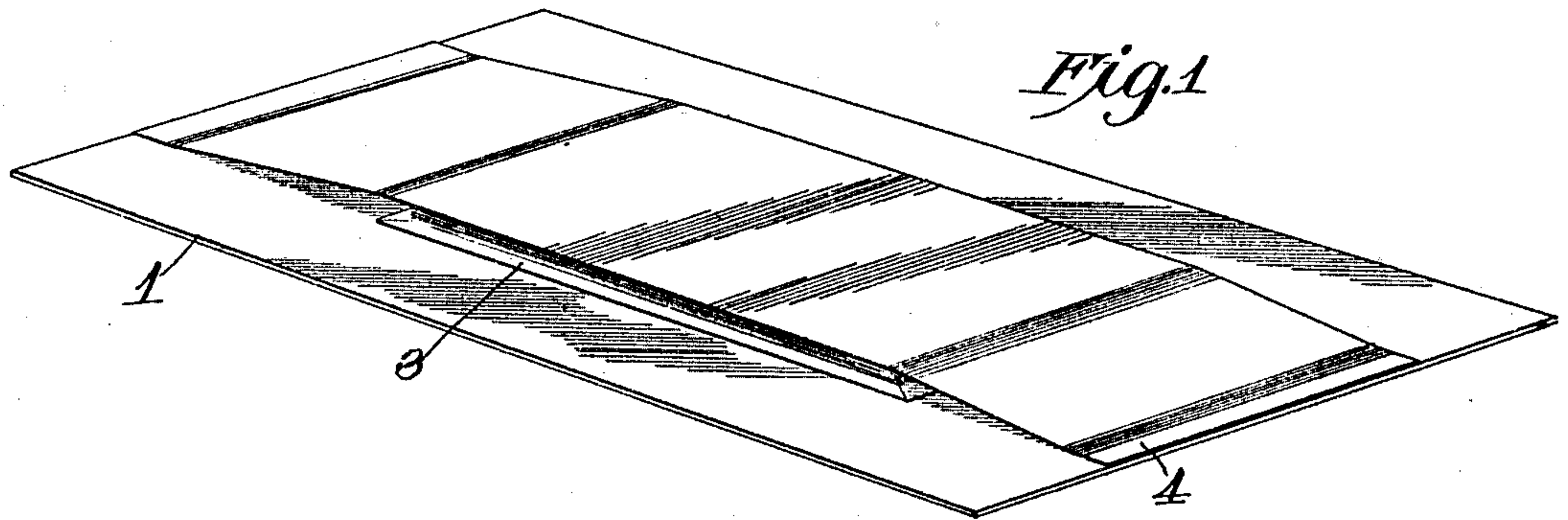


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH R. HAMILTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collapsible-Object Mailing and Souvenir Cards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to collapsible object mailing and souvenir cards, and my object is to produce a device of this character which can be sent through the mail as a mailing card or in an envelop as a souvenir card, equipped with an object, such as a prominent or noteworthy building or other object in collapsed condition and capable of being erected upon said card as a diminutive facsimile or counterpart of the object which it represents.

A further object is to produce a device of the character named of exceedingly simple and cheap construction.

With these general objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel and peculiar features of construction and organization as hereinafter described and claimed; and in order that it may be fully understood reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1, is a perspective view of a mailing or souvenir card embodying my invention with the object in this instance a building, in collapsed condition and so held by a protective strip forming part of the invention under some forms of construction. Fig. 2, is a vertical longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3, is a perspective view of the same after the protective covering or strip has been removed or torn off and the object has been erected with the card as its base.

In the said drawing, 1 indicates a card capable of being equipped with a stamp for transmission as a mailing card or of being mailed in an envelop as a souvenir card, and provided by preference with a hole 2.

3 is a hollow object of collapsible material, such as thin and preferably tough paper, such object being secured at its lower end upon the back of the card in any suitable manner, with its chamber in communication with said hole, though it is to be understood that the hole may, if desired, be formed in the lower part of the collapsible object rather than in the card as indicated at 5 by the dotted line. In the event that

the preferred construction is to provide an inflated object, the hole should be in the card by preference, in order that the recipient of the card by blowing through said hole may erect the object by inflating it. In the event that the object is to be erected by simply drawing it upward from the card, the hole may be in the latter, as at 2, or in the object itself, as indicated at 6 by the dotted line, as the hole in such case would simply be to provide for the free admission and escape of air as the object is raised or collapsed respectively. The object is adapted to represent in black and white or in any color or combination of colors all sides of a noteworthy building or other object. In practice the paper or other material will preferably be molded or otherwise made into a facsimile of the building or other object so as to present to the eye of the beholder something more than a mere picture, it being of course understood that it must be capable of being collapsed and inflated. In its initial condition the object is collapsed down upon the card as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, or otherwise, and is so held in any suitable manner, preferably by a protective covering or strip of paper 4 or its equivalent, this strip being employed to protect the object when the card is being handled or being transmitted through the mails. The recipient of the card will strip or tear off the protective covering as indicated in Fig. 3 in order to expose the collapsible object to permit the same to be erected by being pulled upward or blown upward. If pulled upward it is immaterial where the hole or opening for the ingress or egress of air is located. By providing the hole or opening in the card which is its logical place,— either method may be employed for effecting the erection of the object. For souvenir cards the protective covering may be dispensed with as the inclosing envelop will act as such covering.

From the above description it will be apparent that I have produced a collapsible-object mailing and souvenir card possessing the advantages enumerated and I wish it to be understood that I do not desire to be restricted to the exact details of construction and organization shown and described as obvious modifications will suggest themselves to one skilled in the art.

Having thus described the invention what

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

1. A mailing or souvenir card, comprising a card proper having an opening, a hollow collapsible object mounted upon the card
5 having its chamber communicating with said opening, and means for holding the collapsible object collapsed down upon the card.

2. A mailing card consisting of an inflatable and collapsible device secured upon a suitable backing.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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