

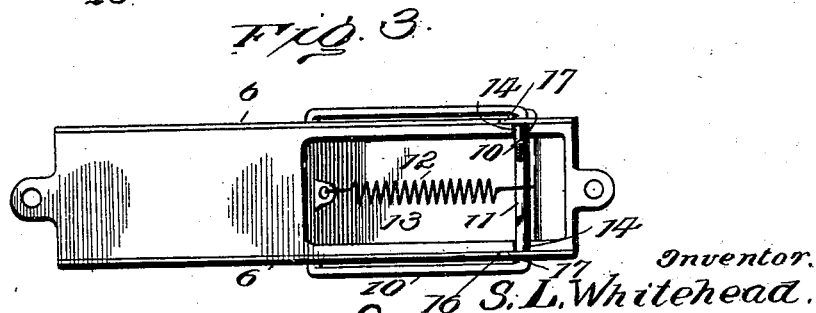
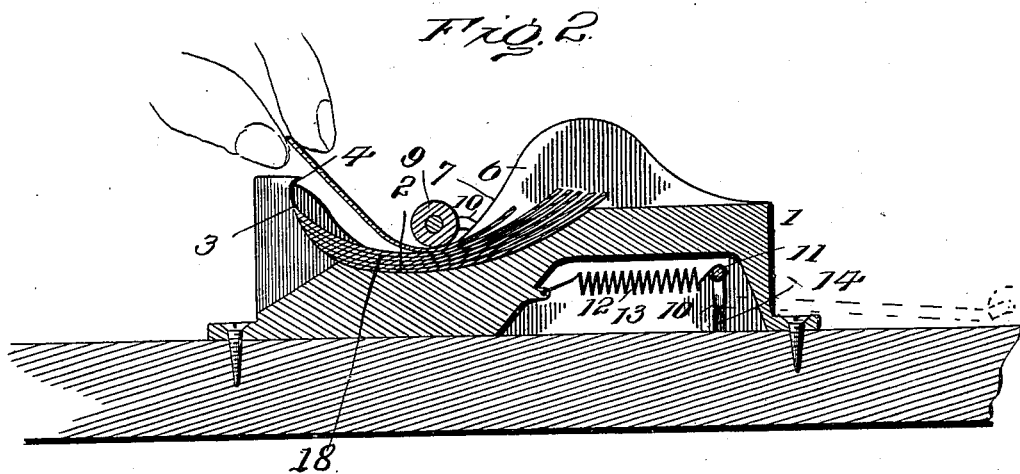
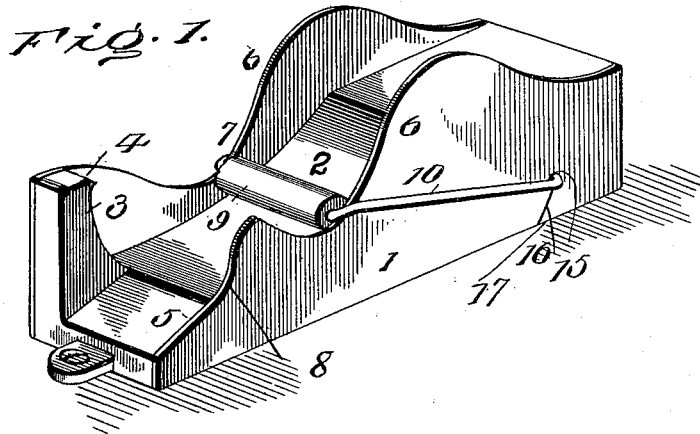
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN L. WHITEHEAD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Norton, in the county of Wise and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Label-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to means for holding labels in a pile in convenient form and position to admit of one label at a time being secured without displacement of the remainder.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a device for the purpose aforesaid which will involve a simple construction capable of easy manipulation, so as to admit of the labels in pile being readily placed in position and withdrawn when required and which will not be susceptible of derangement and will be effective in operation and satisfactory in result.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and the drawings hereto attached.

While the essential and characteristic features of the invention are necessarily susceptible of modification, still the preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a label-holder specially designed for attaining the object of this invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section showing the manner of operation, the dotted lines showing the retainer about in the position which it will occupy when turned aside to admit of a pile of labels being placed in position. Fig. 3 is a view of the device inverted.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The body 1 of the holder is depressed in its top side, as shown at 2, said depression curving longitudinally, so as to cause the ends of the labels to project upwardly to be conveniently

grasped when it is required to remove them from the device to be attached to the article or package or for any other desired purpose. A stop 3 is located at one corner of the body, and its inner wall curves and merges into the depression 2, as most clearly indicated in Fig. 2. The upper portion of the curved wall 4 of the stop overhangs the intermediate portion, so as to retain the labels in place when the topmost one is withdrawn. The corner 5, adjacent to the stop 3, is beveled toward the base of the body 1, so as to facilitate the grasping of the labels when the latter are removed. In order to prevent lateral displacement of the labels, side pieces 6 project from the depressed side of the body in parallel relation and have their upper or outer edges depressed, as shown at 7, to admit of the retainer-support clearing the same when the pile of labels is diminished in bulk. These side pieces 6 may form a part of the body or be separate from it and attached thereto, the latter construction being preferred, as it admits of the body 1 being formed of wood and the side pieces 6 constructed of sheet metal or other suitable material. The corner portion of the side 6 adjacent to the beveled corner 5 of the body is cut away, as shown at 8, to admit of the labels being more conveniently reached and grasped.

The retainer for holding the labels to the body 1 is spring-actuated and preferably consists of a roller 9, which admits of the labels being withdrawn without subjecting them to strain sufficient to tear or otherwise injure them. Spring-arms 10, located at the sides of the body, support the roller 9, and the latter is positioned about centrally of the depression 2. These arms 10 may be attached to the body in any convenient way and, as shown, they have pivotal connection with the side pieces 6, the portion 11 intermediate of the bearings being deflected to form a crank 11, to which one end of a retractile spring 12 is attached, the other end of the spring being secured to the body 1. The purpose of the spring 12 is to cause the roller 9 to press upon the pile of labels with sufficient force to hold them in place. The lower side of the body 1 is recessed, as shown at 13, to receive the spring 12 and the crank 11, said parts being

housed and protected thereby. Notches or slots 14 are provided in the side walls of the recess 13 and receive the journals of the arms 10, said journals passing through openings 15 in the side pieces 6 about in register with the closed ends of the slots 14. Oblique slits 16 extend from the openings 15 and form points 17, which normally close the outer sides of the slots 14 and retain the arms 10 in place. When assembling the parts, the points 17 are bent laterally, so as to clear the slots 14, thereby admitting of the arms 10 and crank 11 being placed in position, after which the said points 17 are returned to a normal position and close and overlap the slots 14 and retain the arms in place.

When placing a pile of labels 18 in position, the roller 9 is lifted, so as to admit of the labels being placed between it and the body, and after the labels have been properly positioned the roller is released and, exerting a pressure upon the labels, holds them in place and depresses them centrally, as shown in Fig. 2, with the end portions extending upwardly. When it is required to secure the labels, the topmost one is grasped between the thumb and finger and withdrawn from beneath the roller, as indicated in Fig. 2, the remaining labels being prevented from following the label being extracted by reason of contact of their ends with the curved wall 4 of the stop 3.

While it is contemplated to connect the arms 10 with the body of the holder in any manner so as to admit of the attainment of the desired end, yet the construction shown is preferred, as the crank 11 can be disposed to act in conjunction with the spring 12 to hold the roller 9 either upon the labels or out of the way when placing a pile of labels in position, as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 2.

It is to be understood in practice that the holders will be provided in different lengths and widths, according to the size of labels to be supported, and the device may be constructed solely of wood or metal, or a combination of the two, as found most advantageous.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. A label-holder having the side against which the labels are to be placed formed with a depression gradually deepening from its ends toward an intermediate point, and a spring-actuated retainer located about opposite the deepest part of the said depression for holding and pressing the labels therein, substantially as described.

2. A label-holder, comprising a body having a longitudinally-curved depression in a side to receive a pile of labels, and having a stop to engage with the pile of labels at one end and near one side leaving the remaining end portion of the labels free to be grasped, and a spring-actuated retainer for holding the pile of labels in the said depression and

against the aforementioned stop, substantially as specified.

3. A label-holder, comprising a body, having a longitudinally-curved depression in a side, a stop having the wall adjacent to the depression curved and merging into said depression, and a spring-actuated retainer for holding a pile of labels in the depression and against the stop, substantially as specified.

4. A label-holder, comprising a body, having a depression in a side and having a corner portion cut away upon a bevel, and having a stop at the opposite corner adjacent to the cut-away part, and a spring-actuated retainer for holding a pile of labels in the said depression, substantially as set forth.

5. A label-holder, comprising a body, having projecting sides to prevent lateral displacement of the label and having the upper or outer edges of said sides depressed or cut away, and a spring-actuated retainer for holding a pile of labels in position, the cut-away edge portions of the said sides affording clearance for the retainer-support, substantially as described.

6. A label-holder, comprising a body, formed on one side with a longitudinally-curved depression and having a stop at one corner and the opposite adjacent corner cut away, sides projecting beyond the depressed side of the body and having their outer edges depressed and having the corner of the side adjacent the cut portion of the body shortened or cut away, and a spring-actuated retainer, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

7. In a label-holder, a body, a retainer, arm supporting the retainer and having journals at the end remote from said retainer to enter slots in the sides of the body, side pieces having portions extending over said slots to retain the arms in position, and a spring co-operating with the retainer to hold a pile of labels in position, substantially as set forth.

8. A label-holder, comprising a body, having a recess in its bottom side and open-ended slots in the side walls of the recess, side pieces applied to opposite sides of the body and having openings in register with the closed ends of the slots and formed with obliquely-disposed slits extending from the said openings, forming points which are adapted to be bent laterally, and arms journaled in the openings of the side pieces and provided with a retainer to hold a pile of labels upon the said body, substantially as set forth.

9. The herein-described label-holder, comprising a body, having a depression in its top side and a recess in its lower side and having a stop at one corner with its inner wall curved and merging into the top depression and having the adjacent corner portion beveled, side pieces applied to the body and projecting from the depressed side thereof and having their outer edges depressed or cut away, arms embracing the sides of the body and journaled at one end thereto and provided at the piv-

otal ends with a crank which is located in
the lower recess of the body, a roller attached
to the free ends of the arms, and a spring lo-
cated in the recess in the lower side of the
5 body and connecting the latter with the crank
portion of the arms, as and for the purpose
set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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