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 LABEL-HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

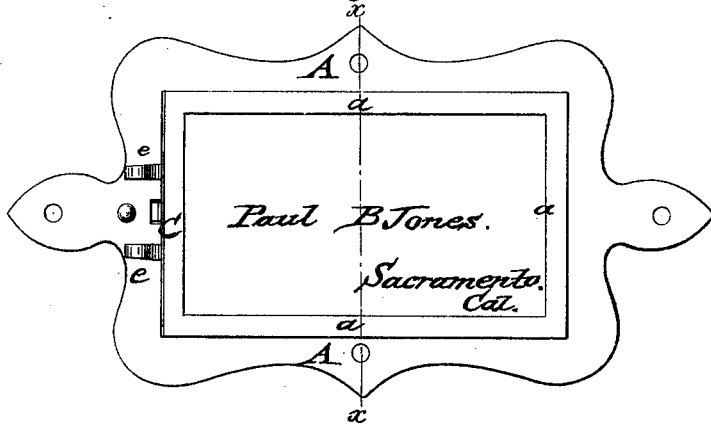


Fig. 2.

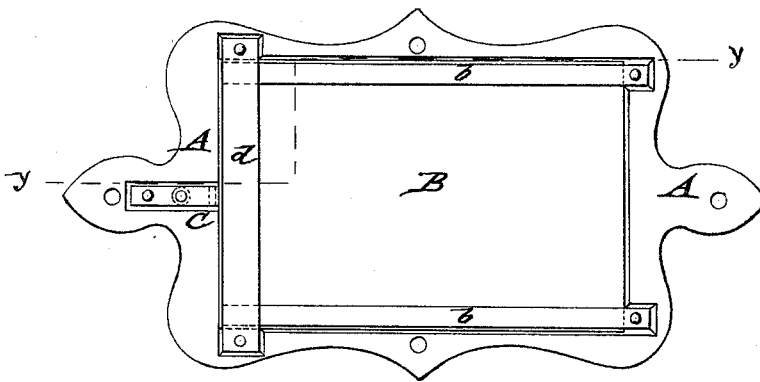
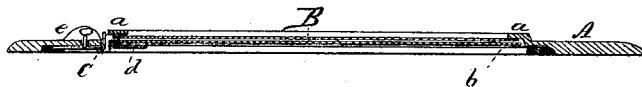


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN LABEL-HOLDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL A. HUGHES, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Card-Plate for Trunks, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a top view; Fig. 2, a bottom view; and Fig. 3 is a detail view of the back plate, in section through lines *yy* of Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention is designed to furnish an improved card-plate for trunks, carpet-bags, satchels, &c., so that the card with name, address, &c., may be readily inserted and securely retained, the inclosing-plate being strong enough to resist the strain and wear to which it is exposed in handling the trunks or other package.

The invention consists of a metal frame with raised guide-molding, open at one side for the card, which is retained by a spring-acted bottom plate, and locked by a suitable spring catch or device.

In the drawing, A represents a cast-metal frame of suitable size and ornamentation, which is attached by screws, rivets, or otherwise, to the trunk, satchel, or other package. The frame A is provided with a raised molding, *a*, that is open at one side for the introduction of the card, which is guided and retained in position by the remaining sides. A back or bottom plate, B, is arranged below the guide-molding and pressed up against the same by band-springs *b*, which run along the sides of the plate, and are attached at one end to frame A, and at the other free end to a lateral bearing-strip, *d*.

The edge of the spring-plate B is bent downward below the slot or opening of the guide-molding, to admit the ready entering of the

card and its passing along the guide-frame and back plate. The spring-plate gives somewhat when the card is inserted, and exerts a pressure of sufficient power on the same to prevent the playing out and detaching of the card from the frame.

When it is desired to secure the card in such a manner to the frame that it cannot be lost or removed by any possibility, a spring-catch, C, is arranged at the open edge of the guide-molding, which retains the card until withdrawn. The spring-catch C may be withdrawn either by pressing on a stud or button, (shown in the drawing,) or by means of a key that releases the spring from the card. Shoulders or raised studs *e* at both sides of the spring-button protect the same against being depressed, and prevent the catch from being opened accidentally by other articles placed thereon.

The card-frame is capable of resisting any shocks to which it may be exposed by the handling of trunks, &c., in traveling. It has no parts that may be broken or injured, and forms thereby a more reliable, stronger, and neater device than the card-plates heretofore in use. The device may also be applied as door-plate, sign-plate, and for similar purposes.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination of frame A, provided with raised molding *a*, open at one side, the back plate B, pressed up by band-springs *b*, and the strips *d*, all constructed and arranged as shown and described, for the purpose specified.

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