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Label Holder.

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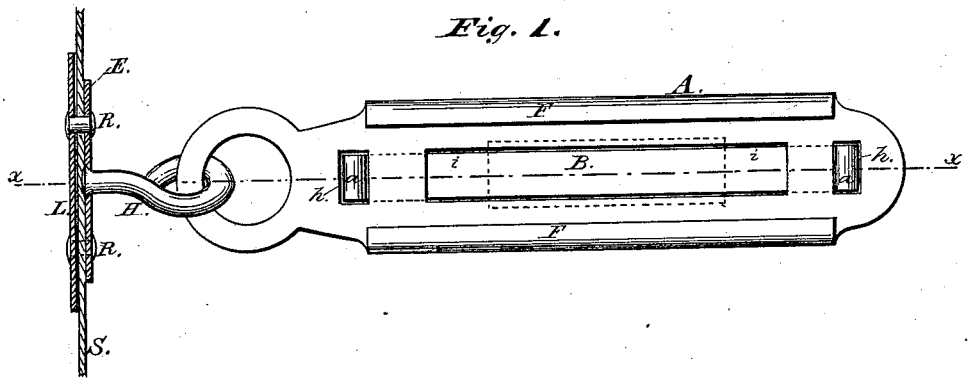

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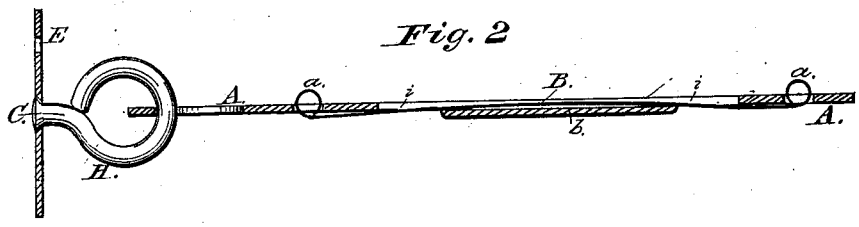

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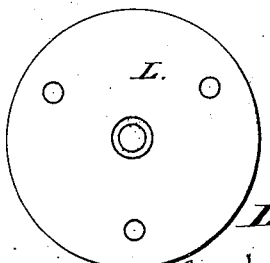

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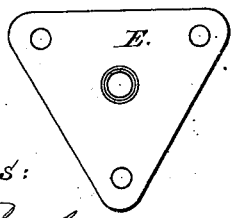

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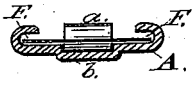

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IMPROVEMENT IN LABEL-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SYLVESTER L. LEWIS, of the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Label-Holders, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a face view of the entire holder with its attachments. Fig. 2 represents a longitudinal section on line *x x*. Fig. 3 is a face view with the label in position. Fig. 4 is a cross-section on lines *y y*. Figs. 5 and 6 are the securing plates or washers.

The object of my improvement is to secure a more convenient, speedy, and economical mode of marking mail-sacks or other matter in transit, by securing to them a label-holder, in which a label can be easily and speedily inserted and removed.

The body-plate A of the holder is constructed with flanges F F on each side, for the reception and retention of the labels, with a groove, *b*, and mortises *i i* and *h h*, for the reception and retention of the spring B, with folded ends *a a*, which pass through the mortises *i i*, the body resting in the groove *b*, and the folded ends *a a* fitting in mortises *h h*, so that they project above the plate A sufficiently to secure and hold in place the label.

The spring B is formed of straight pieces of steel or other flexible metal, with folded ends, *a a*. It is attached to the body-plate A by bending the spring in the form of a bow until the folded ends *a a* can be inserted in the mortises *i i*, so that when the spring straightens it will rest in the groove *b*, and the folded ends *a a* will fit in the mortises *h h*, and project through the plate A sufficiently to secure in position the label.

The hook H, partially open, is passed through a countersunk hole in plate or washer E until the solid head C comes in contact with the plate E. The ring of the holder is then placed within the hook H, and the hook is then closed. This mode of attachment secures a rotary or swivel movement.

To secure the holder to the sack S, the plate E is placed on the outer side, and a similar plate, L, is placed on the inner side, and opposite to plate E, and secured by means of the rivets R.

The holder may be attached to other matter in transit by securing the plate E to the object by means of screws, rivets, and nails, or their equivalent.

This mode of securing the label in position has this advantage over the old method, viz. The folded ends *a a* of the spring B, which project through the plate A, secure the label at each end, and may be pressed down even with the plate, so that the label may speedily and easily be inserted or removed at either end of the same, and the spring, when damaged, may be easily and speedily removed and another inserted, while by the old method the securing part *a* was attached by means of a spring to one end only of the plate A, and the spring, being secured to the plate A by means of rivets, &c., could not be so readily removed or replaced as by the mode above described.

What I claim as my invention, and upon which I desire to secure Letters Patent, is—

A label-holder consisting of the plate A, with flanges F F, constructed with a groove, *b*, mortises *i i* and *h h*, with spring B, resting in a groove, *b*, passing through the mortises *i i*, and under the plate A, with folded ends *a a*, fitting in the mortises *h h*, and projecting above the plate A sufficiently to secure at each end and hold in position the label, for the purposes and substantially as described in the above specification and accompanying drawing.

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