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Label-Holder.

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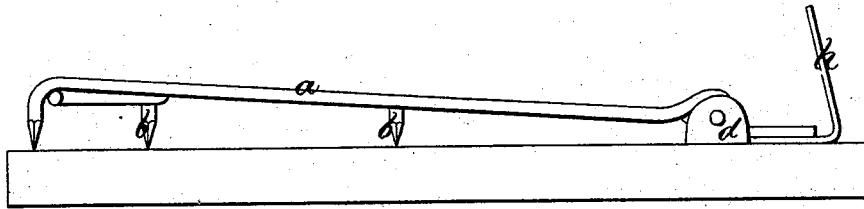


FIG. 1.

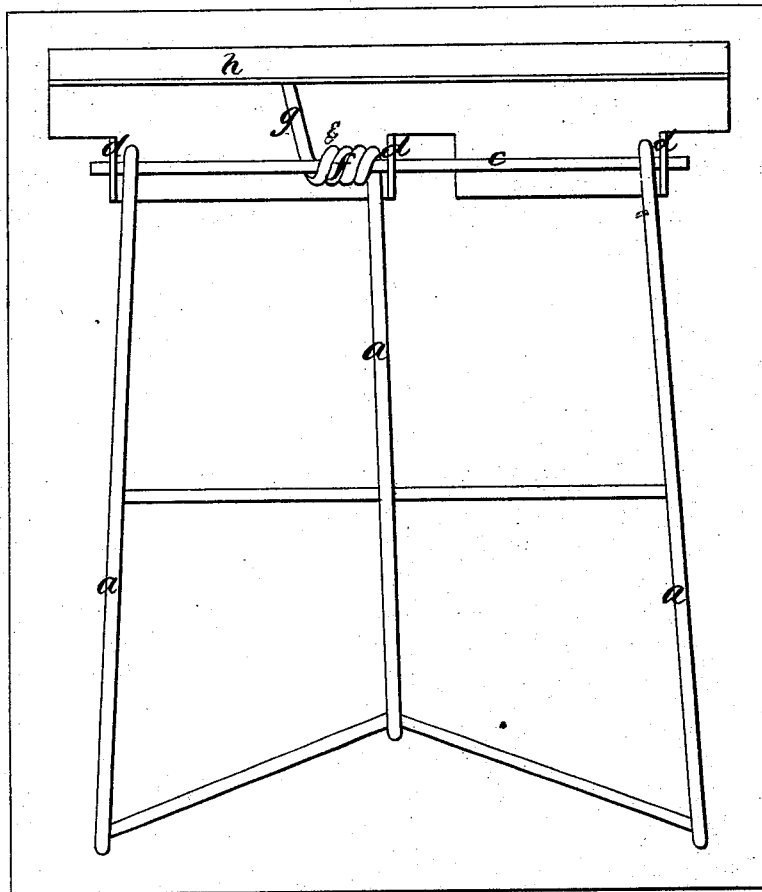


FIG. 2.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN LABEL-HOLDERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **209,071**, dated October 15, 1878; application filed August 7, 1878.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALVIN A. NOYES, of Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented certain Improvements in Freight-Car Tags, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof, Figure 1 is a side view, and Fig. 2 is a front view.

Same letters show like parts.

The purpose of my invention is to provide a device for holding tags or labels to the sides of freight-cars.

These tags contain any thing or direction necessary to the safe and correct transportation of the goods—such as number of pounds, weight, character of contents, destination, and other things. It is desirable to have these tags firmly and securely held to the car, and at the same time capable of ready and easy removal. With this view I provide the device shown in the drawings.

*a* shows the spring clamp or holder. It has points *b*, to pierce and enter the tag and hold it firmly to the car. This clamp is hung on the bar *c*, which passes through the ears *d*, attached to the side of the car. At some convenient point, as at *e*, the clamp has the spring *f*, with its coils around the bar *c*, and with the projecting end *g* resting against the side of the car to which the device is attached. The force and tendency of this spring are to keep the clamp pressed firmly against the car.

By taking hold of the spring-clamp at the lower end it can be pulled off from the side of the car at the lower parts of the device sufficiently to admit of slipping under it the tag or card. The points *b* penetrate and hold the tag in place. The hood *h* protects the tag from the weather, from rain, ice, and snow.

The holder may be made of wire, soldered so as to form the holder, or of plates of metal properly formed for the purpose; or it may be cast into the desired shape.

The ears may be made on the same plate that holds the hood, or made a part of it, and then this plate screwed to the car.

Any proper form of spring to hold the clamp to the car and hold the tag can be used—such as a tongue-spring or other well-known forms.

The clamp must, of course, be so made that the tag under and held by it can be read through it.

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

The combination of the clamp *a*, with its points *b* and spring *f*, with the bar *c*, ears *d*, and hood *h*, as and for the purposes herein described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I affix my name in the presence of two witnesses this 25th day of July, A. D. 1878.

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