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COMBINATION LABEL

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Fig. 1.

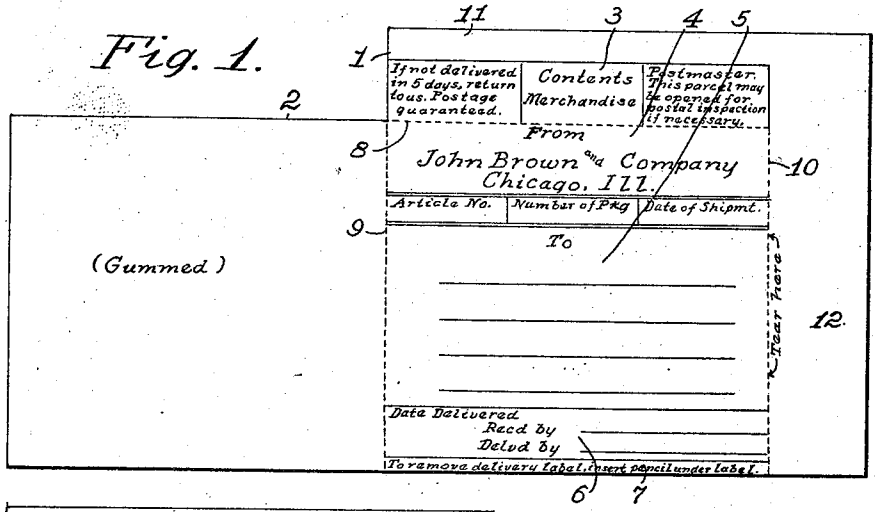


Fig. 2.

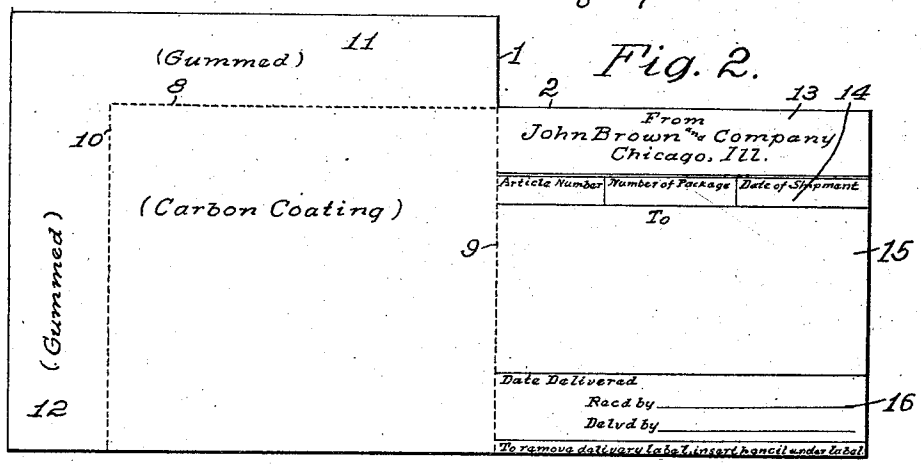
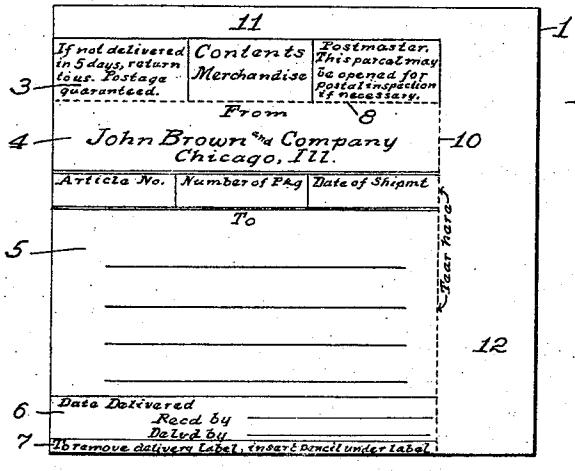


Fig. 3.



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My invention relates to improvements in combination labels, and the object of my improvement is to supply for mail packages a duplicating labeling means mounted thereon, of which one part may be removed for record purposes at a receiving station, the other part remaining upon the package for forwarding purposes, whereby in case of a loss or mislaying of the package it may be more easily traced and found.

This object I have accomplished by the means which are hereinafter described and claimed, and which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Fig. 1 is a top plan of my combination label as extended, Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same as extended, and Fig. 3 is a top view of the label as folded and in position to be fastened upon a package.

When a package of articles or merchandise exhibits thereon but a single label or address and is lost in transit to the addressee, it is usually impossible to trace it for recovery. My invention when used on parcels sent to a distant addressee will provide a duplicated address slip in the combination label, which may be detached and preserved at the receiving station before the dispatch of the parcel to the addressee by rural carrier or other person, so that the parcel may thus be traced by the addresser to that station, where it may be found in some place where hidden or overlooked, or in the possession of the carrier or lost by him but then searched for and found.

My invention consists of a paper combination label, having two parts 1 and 2. The part 1 is somewhat larger in area than the part 2, and has printed thereon upon its upper main face at 5 rulings for the insertion of the name and address of the addressee, while above this compartment is a space 4 having at the top the name and address of the addresser and between the spaces 4 and 5 blank spaces named for insertion of the number of the article or package and date of shipment. Below the space 5 is a space reserved for data as to the date of delivery of the package at the receiving station, by whom delivered and to whom delivered. Under this is printed a direction as to a method of removal of the upper label part 5 by the receiving official at the station.

The spaces 4, 5, 6 and 7 inscribed or ruled as above described are separated from the part 2 by a line of perforations 9, and from marginal portions 11 and 12 by other lines of perforations at 8 and 10 respectively. The direction data receiving spaces 3 above the space 4 are upon the marginal part 11, and the directions are those usually given for the information of the receiving officials.

Referring to Fig. 2, the back of the part 1 has its main space coated with a carbon layer while the backs of the marginal portions 11 and 12 as separated from said main space by the perforations 8 and 10 are gummed.

The upper face of the part 2 is similar to that of the top label 5, the inscribed spaces 13 and 14 being the same as the like spaces 4 and 5, but the space 15 is blank. The back of part 2 is gummed.

In use the combination label is first to be folded along the perforated line 9 as shown in Fig. 3, with the part 2 under and registering with the upper space 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the part 1. The label is then fastened to the parcel by wetting the gummed surfaces on the back of the part 2 and the marginal parts 11 and 12, and the label thus applied to the parcel. After the folding of the label, before applying to the parcel, or afterwards if found more convenient, the address and other data may be inscribed upon the part 1 by a hard point or stylus such as an indelible pencil, to cause the carbon coating on the back of part 1 to leave a permanent duplicate inscription upon the face of the part 2 beneath.

At the receiving station, the upper loose portion of the upper label 1 may be detached by tearing along the perforated lines 9, 8 and 10, and this label part preserved in the files of the receiving station for reference in case the parcel becomes mislaid or lost, and accountability thus placed for the same. The addresser may then be advised of the same, the parcel either found or accounted for, and delay avoided in either case. The gumming and carboning of parts of the label may be omitted, at the option of the user.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

A combination label of the character described, comprising a sheet foldable into upper and lower parts of which the upper

part has a margin projecting on two edges from the lower part, said margins and the said lower part having their back surfaces gummed, and the back of said upper part within said margins having a coating of duplicating pigment, said sheet being supplied with lines of perforations along their angle of folding and across said upper part between its main body and said margins for the purpose of separation of said main body by ripping along the perforated lines when desired.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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