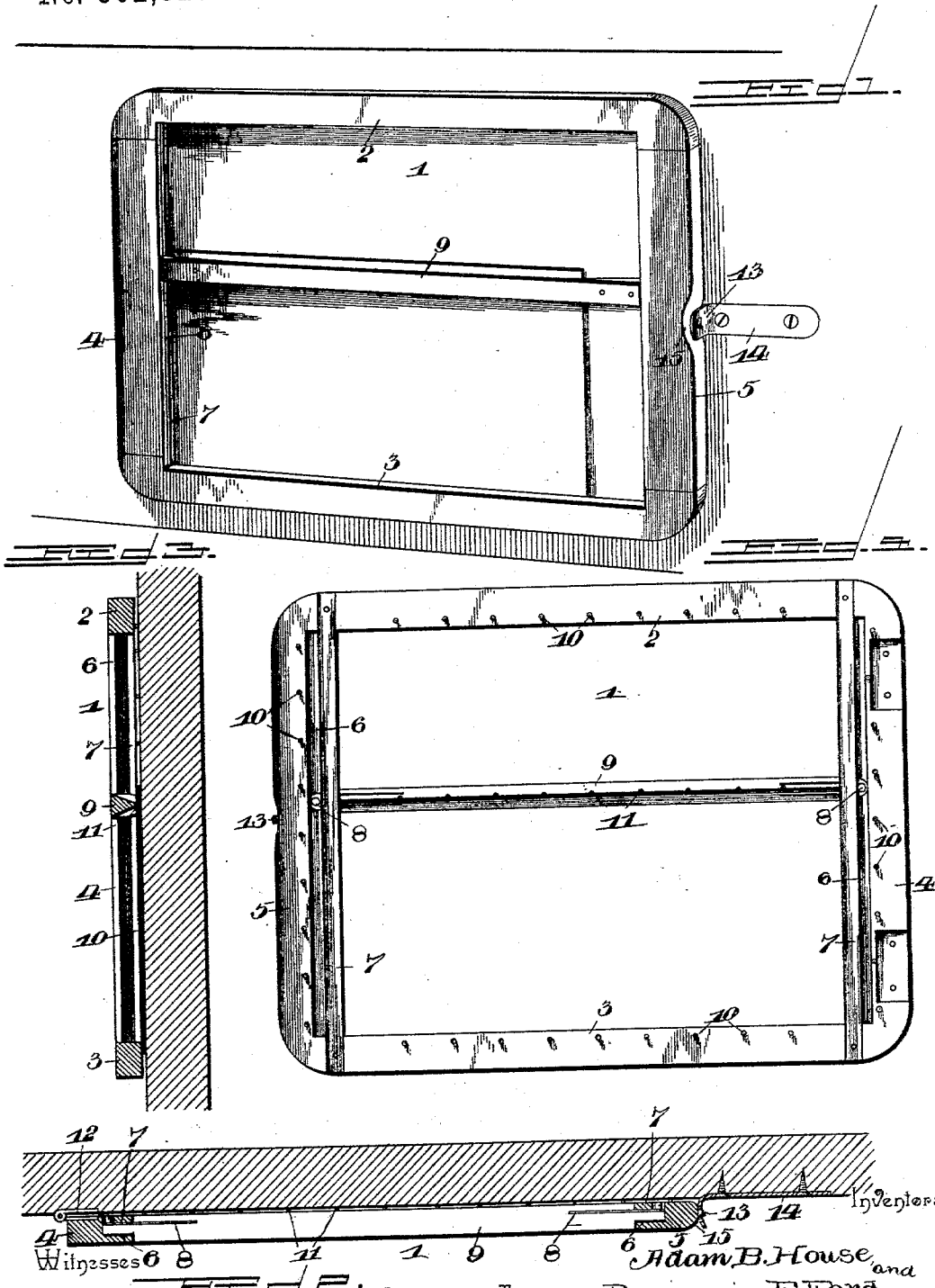


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ADAM B. HOUSE and BENJAMIN F. FORD, citizens of the United States, residing at Patterson, in the county of Greene and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Holder for Cards, Shipping-Tags, Labels, and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in holders for cards, shipping-tags, labels, notices, and the like.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient holder for cards, tags, labels, notices, and the like, adapted to be readily applied to a box, crate, or other object or support where such cards, tags, notices, or the like are desired to be secured, and capable of ready adjustment to suit the size of a tag, card, label, or the like in order to hold the same properly and securely.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder which will enable a card, tag, notice, or the like to be readily changed when desired.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a holder for cards, labels, tags, and the like constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view. Fig. 4 is a reverse plan view of the frame.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a rectangular frame, which may be constructed of any suitable material and of any desired size, and which is composed of sides 2, 3, 4, and 5. The sides 4 and 5 are rabbeted on their lower faces at their inner ends at 6, and secured to the frame adjacent to the rabbeted portion are bars 7, which have their lower faces flush with the lower face of the frame, and which are separated from the lower portions of the sides 4 and 5, and also from the rabbeted portion, whereby double ways are provided. The double ways receive

substantially L-shaped arms 8 of an adjustable bar 9, which has its ends reduced, the arms being preferably constructed of metal and having their shanks secured in suitable kerfs of the bar 9. The adjustable bar by being interlocked with the ways of the sides 4 and 5 is adapted to be moved to any position between the sides 2 and 3 to engage properly cards, tags, notices, and the like of different sizes.

The sides of the frame are provided with depending spurs or pointed projections 10 for engaging the card, tag, notice, or the like to be held, and the adjustable bar is triangular in cross-section or oppositely beveled, and is provided at its lower edge with spurs or pointed projections 11 for engaging the tag, card, or the like to be held. The spurs or projections securely hold the card, tag, or the like to be secured. Two of the outer edges of the card, tag, or label are engaged by the spurs of two of the sides of the frame, and the inner edge is engaged by the spurs or projections of the adjustable bar, and by this construction a card, tag, or label is securely held at three of its edges at least by the spurs or projections which are arranged at suitable intervals.

The frame is connected at one side with the box, crate, or other object or support, where the tag, notice, or the like is desired to be held, by hinges 12, which are let into the lower face of the side 4 and into the support, in order that the lower face of the frame may fit flush against the same, and the frame is provided at the opposite side 5 with a beveled projection 13, adapted to engage a resilient arm or spring 14. The arm or spring 14, which is substantially L-shaped, has its shank secured adjacent to the frame, and the engaging portion is provided with a perforation to receive the projection 13, and has its outer end bent at an angle to enable the projection to automatically engage the perforation as the frame is closed; but any other form of fastening device may be employed. The side 5 is provided adjacent to the projection 13 with a notch 15 to enable the spring to be readily disengaged from the projection 13 by the thumb of the operator. The adjustable bar is oppositely beveled or triangular in

cross-section in order to enable the printed or written matter of a tag, notice, or the like to be read at opposite sides of the bar 9.

It will be seen that the holder is exceedingly simple and inexpensive in construction, that it is adapted to be readily applied to crates, boxes, or other receptacles and the like, and that it is capable of adjustment to accommodate itself to the size of the card, tag, label, notice, or the like to be held. It will also be apparent that the holder may be readily opened and closed, and that as it is closed it is automatically locked.

Changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any advantages of the invention.

What we claim is—

1. A holder for cards, tags, labels and the like, comprising a rectangular frame, and an adjustable bar arranged parallel with two of the sides of the frame and having its ends slidingly connected with their sides and adapted to be moved across the frame to ac-

commodate tags, &c., of different sizes, substantially as described. 25

2. A device of the class described, comprising a rectangular frame provided at opposite sides with double ways, and an adjustable bar provided at its ends with substantially L-shaped arms for engaging the ways, substantially as described. 30

3. A device of the class described, comprising a rectangular frame rabbeted at opposite sides, bars 7 fixed to the frame and arranged adjacent to the rabbeted portions thereof and forming double ways, and the oppositely-beveled bar provided at its ends with substantially L-shaped arms arranged in said ways, substantially as described. 35

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in the presence of two witnesses. 40

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