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LABEL HOLDING CABINET.

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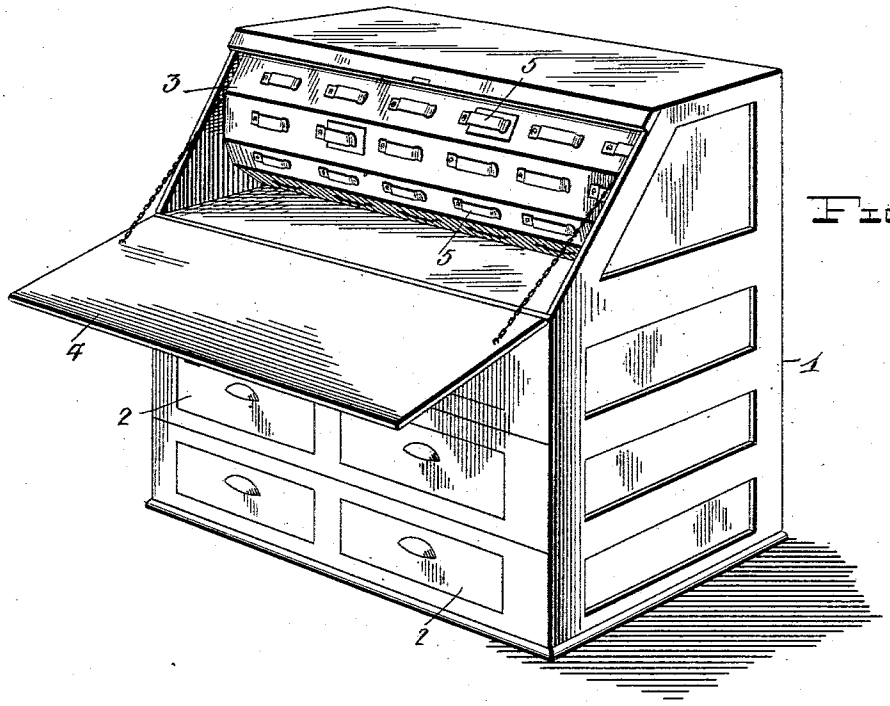


FIG. 1

FIG. 2

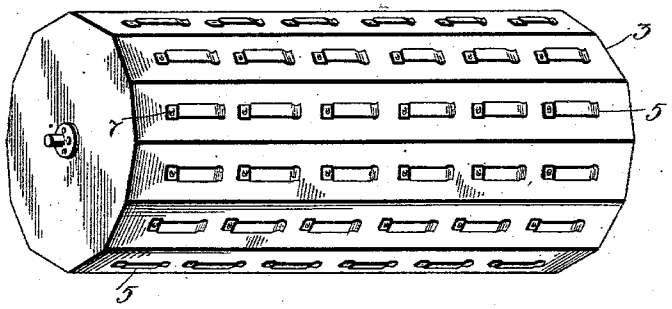


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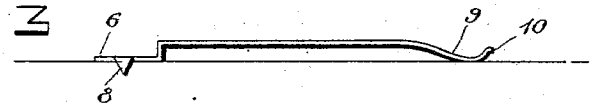
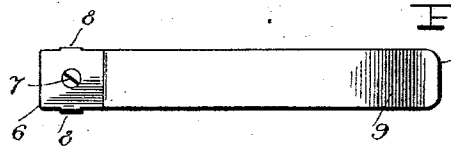


FIG. 4



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LABEL-HOLDING CABINET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANA O. COWLES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hardwick, in the county of Caledonia and State of Vermont, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Label-Holding Cabinets; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to label-holding cabinets.

The object of the invention is to provide a cabinet which shall be simple of construction, comparatively inexpensive of production and convenient of access, and wherein a cylinder or revolving surface is provided to hold the labels, which are brought into position for removal as wanted by revolving said cylinder, the labels being held upon the cylinder by spring-grippers so constructed as to prevent displacement of the labels, while permitting of ready removal one by one, as required.

With this and other objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cabinet, showing the lid let down to expose the cylinder. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the cylinder detached. Figs. 3 and 4 are detail views of a spring-gripper.

The body 1 of the cabinet may be of any preferred size and construction and is preferably provided with a series of drawers 2 to contain pill-boxes, powder-boxes, extra labels, &c. The upper portion of the body is suitably chambered to receive the label-holding cylinder 3 and is inclined at the front and provided with a lid or cover 4, adapted to be let down to serve as a desk rest or support in writing labels and in applying the labels to and removing them from the cylinder. The cylinder 3 is rotatably mounted within the cabinet and is provided with a series of longitudinal angular faces, each of which is provided with gripping devices 5 of the construction shown in Figs. 3 and 4, these gripping devices being designed to hold the labels in place upon the cylinder or for holding cards, bills, and the like in convenient form for ready removal and reference. The cylinder is so mounted that it may be readily revolved upon its axis from the front of the cabinet when the lid is let down to bring either one of the said angular faces carrying the gripping devices in position, so that any desired label may be brought into view and removed. Each gripping device consists of a spring-metal strip or plate having an offset end portion 6, perforated for the passage of a securing-screw 7 and provided upon opposite sides with downwardly-bent prongs or spurs 8, which are forced into the surface of the cylinder to hold the gripper against turning, thereby preventing the labels from being released by jars or the striking of anything against the gripper. The body portion of the gripper is elevated a suitable distance to form a space or recess for the reception of the labels, which are held thereby in the manner shown in Fig. 4, and is provided with a downwardly-bent free end 9 to bear upon the labels, said end having an upturned extremity 10, forming a finger-piece, whereby the gripper may be lifted whenever it is desired to release a label. By this construction it will be seen that the labels will be held securely in position and that the operator may readily and conveniently release and detach the outer label without disturbing any of the others.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, mode of operation, and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent, and it will be seen that by its use boxes, labels, cards, and the like may be readily and conveniently kept sorted and protected from dirt and dust. The invention is also susceptible of being employed as a card-index and for other analogous purposes.

Variations in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be made within the scope of the invention without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. A label-holder comprising a spring-plate,

offset and bent near one end to form a flat bearing portion and a spring label-engaging arm, the bearing portion being substantially parallel with the arm, having an opening for a securing-screw and having spurs eccentric of said opening, for the purpose set forth, substantially as described.

2. In combination with a flat base, a label-holder comprising a spring-plate, offset and bent near one end to form a flat bearing portion, and a spring label-engaging arm, the bearing portion being substantially parallel with the arm, bearing on the base, and having spurs embedded in the base, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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