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LABEL PROTECTOR

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Fig. 1.

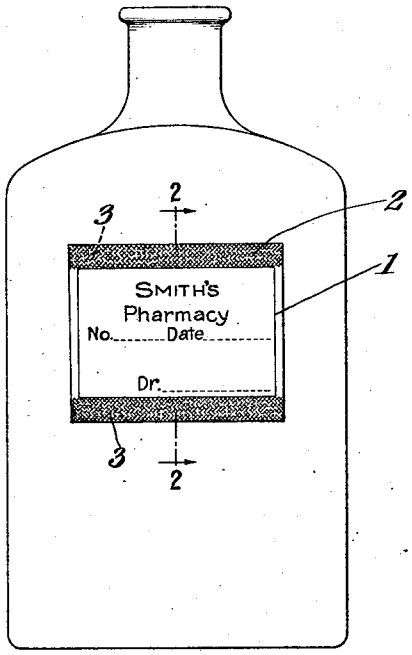


Fig. 2.

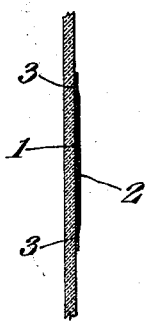


Fig. 3.

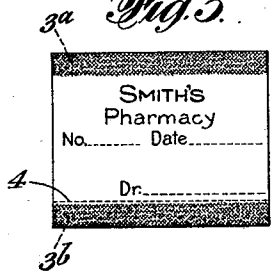
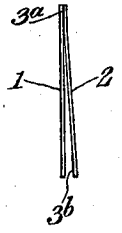


Fig. 4.



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The invention aims to provide a protector for labels, for example, such as are applied by druggists to bottles and similar containers put up on prescription, and of such a nature that the protector may be applied to the container at the time the label is pasted thereon, and readily removed thereafter when desired, leaving the data on the label visible while the protector is in place and not unduly soiled or discolored, and making it possible to decipher the data on the label by tearing off the protector even though the latter be so soiled as to make the label illegible while the protector is in place.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will be in part obvious and in part specifically pointed out in the description hereinafter contained which, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, discloses certain preferred embodiments thereof; such embodiments, however, are to be considered as merely illustrative of its principles. In the drawings—

Fig. 1 is a side view of a container having applied thereto a label and label protector in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a face view of a label having a protective sheet applied thereto in accordance with another form of the invention, and

Fig. 4 is an edge view of the structure shown in Fig. 3.

In accordance with the present invention, I provide along with the label 1, which may be of ordinary character, a label protector comprising a flexible, transparent sheet of material, such as waxed or oiled paper, or thin pyroxylin, which is substantially coextensive with the label proper and may be readily pasted on the bottle or other container at the time the label is applied thereto.

As shown in Fig. 1, the protective transparent sheet 2 is held in position by adhesive 3 at its top and bottom edges, this adhesive being either applied at the time of placing the label on the container, if an ungummed label is employed, or if desired, the adhesive 3 may be previously applied to the protective sheet 2 so that if gummed labels are employed the sheet 2 may be merely moistened at the time the label proper is moistened.

As used in connection with prescription labels, for example, a protective sheet of the above nature enables the druggist to write the data on the label proper, then prepare the label 1 and sheet 2 for application to the container by applying adhesive to the back of the label and protective sheet while the latter covers the active face of the label, or by merely moistening the label and protective sheet in case gum has been previously applied thereto, after which the label and protective sheet may be easily placed in the proper position on the container. In fact the protective sheet may be relied upon to hold the label proper in place without sticking the latter to the container. In renewing prescriptions, for example, the druggist may merely tear off the protective sheet and replace it without renewing the label proper since the latter will still present a fresh appearance.

The protective sheet will avoid soiling of the label proper and if such sheet itself becomes soiled or discolored as often happens, for example, in the case of prescription bottles when the contents run down along the side of the bottle, the protective sheet may be torn off by the druggist in renewing the prescription, whereby data on the label will still be legible.

The flexibility of the protective sheet, and the fact that it may be made substantially coextensive in size with the label, enables the protective sheet to be used in connection with any containers of different sizes and shapes. The protective sheets furthermore when supplied along with the labels may serve to prevent stacked gummed labels from sticking together.

A somewhat modified form of the invention is illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, wherein a protective sheet 2^a as above described is secured by adhesive 3^a to one edge of the label 1, whereby the druggist may lift up the sheet 2^a in putting the data upon the label, after which the protective sheet may be returned to normal position and the label applied to the container in the usual manner. With this form of the invention the protective sheet 2^a may be readily removed at any time, and if desired the lower edge of the protective sheet may be gummed as indicated at 3^b, to enable the bottom edge of the protective sheet to be secured to the label after the data has been put upon the latter. Perforations 4 may also be provided near one or more edges of the protective sheet to facilitate tearing it off when desired.

In a broader aspect of the invention, the protective sheet need not be transparent but may be opaque and the data provided both upon it and upon the inner label 1, for exam-

ple, by the use of carbon paper or otherwise. The protective sheet in this instance will still enable the data to be read unless it becomes defaced in which case the data will again be disclosed by the removal of the protective sheet as previously described.

While certain specific forms of the invention have been described, it will be obvious that changes may be made therein without departing from its essentials as set forth in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In combination a label of the paster type overlying a container, and a label protector comprising a flexible, transparent sheet substantially coextensive with and overlying the label proper, and adhesive applied adjacent one or more edge portions of the label and protector for detachably holding tne protective sheet in position thereover.

2. In combination, a label of the paster type, and a label protector comprising a flexible, transparent sheet substantially coextensive with and overlying said label, said sheet being detachably secured to the label adjacent one edge to afford access to the face of the label by lifting up the sheet, and whereby the label and protector may be jointly secured to a container and the protector readily separately removed therefrom when desired.

3. In combination a label of the paster type overlying a container, and a label protector comprising a flexible sheet substantially coextensive with and overlying the label proper, and adhesive applied adjacent one or more edge portion of the label and protector for detachably holding the protective sheet in position thereover.

4. In combination a label of the paster type, and a label protector comprising a flexible sheet substantially coextensive with and overlying said label, said sheet being detachably secured to the label adjacent one edge to afford access to the face of the label by lifting up the sheet, and whereby the label and protector may be jointly secured to a container and the protector readily separately removed therefrom when desired.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of August, 1927.

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