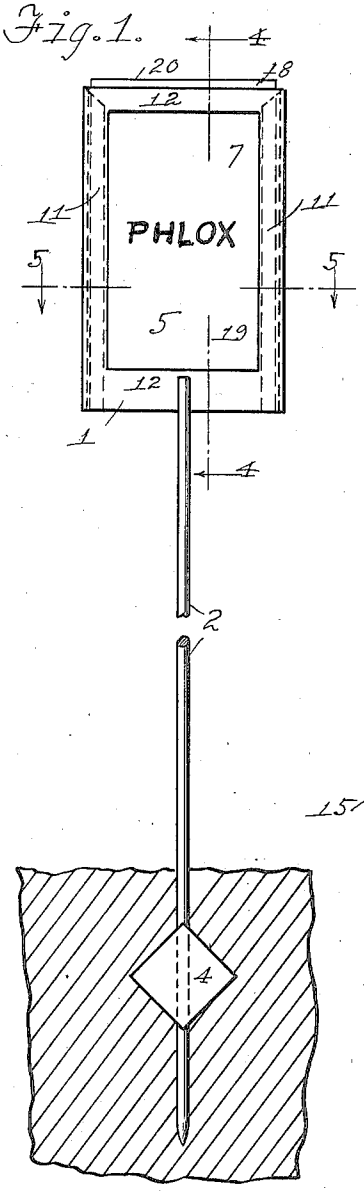
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Fig. 1.



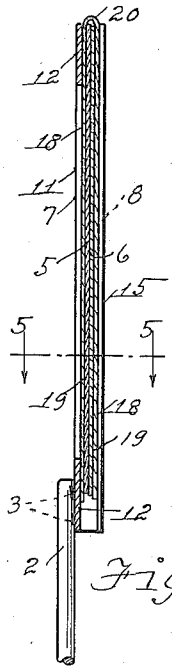


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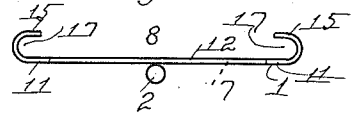
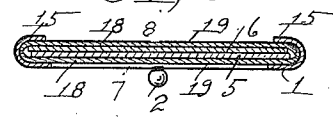


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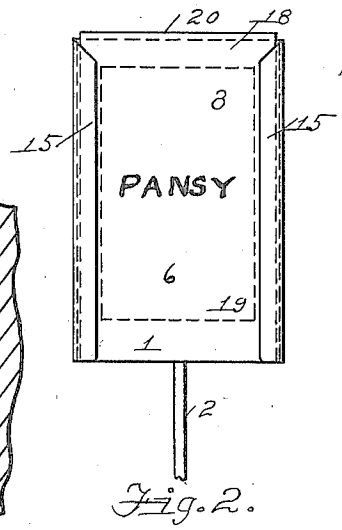


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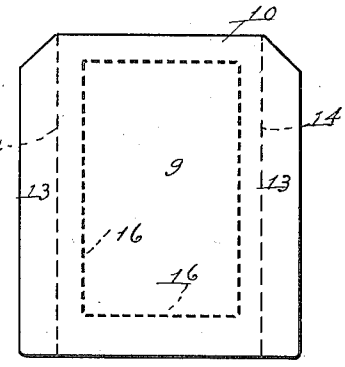


Fig. 6.

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The present invention relates to marking devices for horticultural planting and the like; and its object is to provide an improved device of that character simple and economical in construction, having means for mounting oppositely facing labeling sheets and means for protecting the same against injury.

This and any other or more specific objects hereinafter appearing are attained by, and the invention finds preferable embodiment in, the device particularly described in the body of this specification and illustrated by the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is an elevational view of my marking device thrust into the ground;

Figure 2 is an elevational view of the opposite side of the upper portion thereof, labeling sheets being shown held in the device in these views;

Figure 3 is a top view of the device (enlarged), said sheets being removed;

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view (enlarged) of the device and said sheets therein taken on line 4—4 of Figure 1;

Figure 5 is a horizontal sectional view of the same taken on line 5—5 of Figures 1 and 4; and

Figure 6 is a view of a metal plate blank from which part of the device may be formed.

The marking device illustrated by this drawing comprises a body portion or frame desirably of sheet metal and indicated generally 1, and a vertical rod or post 2 desirably of wire joined thereto for supporting the same as by spot welding indicated at 3, and adapted to be thrust into the ground as shown in Figure 1, the rod's thin plate 4 desirably of metal preventing the rod from turning in the ground.

The frame 1 is adapted to hold a pair of labeling sheets 5, 6 marked with characters indicating (as shown) the seeds or plants planted in a row in which the device is located, and where such seeds or plants are of different kinds, the sheets 5, 6 facing such kinds respectively are correspondingly marked. Said frame has a pair of open spaces or windows 7, 8 for displaying the markings on the oppositely facing sheets 5, 6 respectively, and is desirably formed by cutting out along the dotted line 16 the middle portion 9 of the sheet metal blank 10 shown in Figure 6 to form one window 7 having the vertical sides 11 and horizontal ends 12, and turning over the portions 13 of the blank along the dotted lines 14 to form the vertical sides 15 of the opposite space or window 8. The oppositely facing sheets 5, 6 are vertically slid side by side into the frame, their vertical edges sliding in the opposite bights 17 formed by the turned over portions 13 of the blank 10 which constitute the sides 15 of the window space 8.

In order to protect the labeling sheets from injury arising from wear, moisture, etc. their faces are covered by a thin transparent shield or window pane designated generally 18 of celluloid or the like inserted with the sheets into the frame. This sheet is folded transversely in its middle to provide opposite portions or flaps 19 extending outside the sheets respectively and across the windows and connected by a top bight portion 20 extending over the sheets' outer (upper) ends.

As this shield 18 thus covers the sheets at their outer ends, and covers their faces and fits snugly in the frame's bights 17, it will be seen that it adequately protects said sheets from moisture and from wear or marring of their faces.

I claim:

1. A device of the class described comprising in combination, a frame consisting of a comparatively rigid sheet having a pair of opposite window openings, one of said window openings being an aperture through the middle of the sheet, the sheet's opposite side portions being turned over toward each other into spaced apart relation, said turned over sides forming the opposite sides of said other window opening and forming parallelly disposed bight portions, a pair of labeling sheets in oppositely facing relation displayed through the window openings respectively with their opposite edges received in said bight portions, and a thin transparent sheet received and held in said bight portions and extending over the outer end of the labeling sheets and across the window openings respectively and covering the faces of the labeling sheets.

2. A device of the class described comprising in combination, a frame having a window opening in its middle and opposite side portions turned over toward each other into spaced apart relation, forming the opposite sides of a second window opening and forming parallelly disposed bight portions, a pair of labeling sheets in oppositely facing relation displayed through the window openings respectively, and a thin transparent sheet received and held in said bight portions and extending over the outer end of the labeling sheets to prevent water from entering therebetween and across the window openings and covering the face of the labeling sheets.

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