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LABEL HOLDER AND RETURN LABEL.

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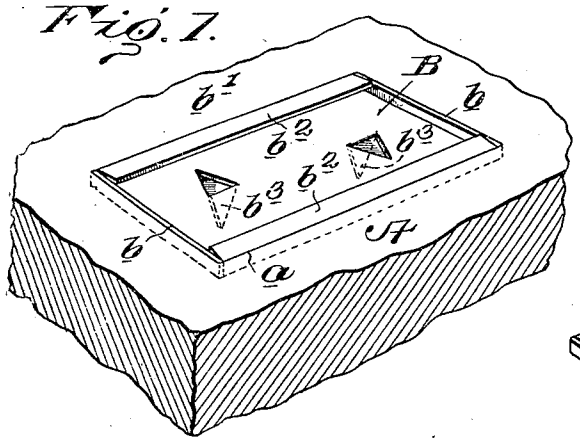


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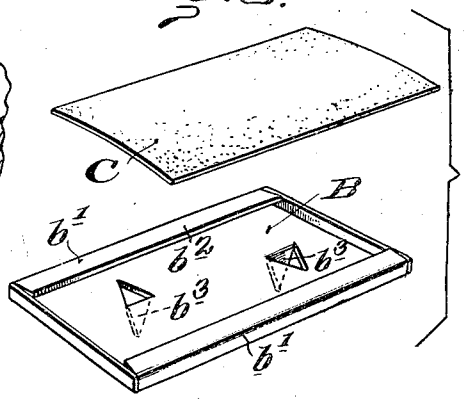
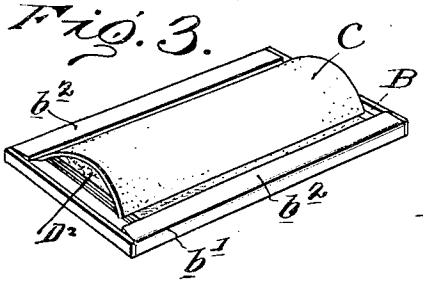


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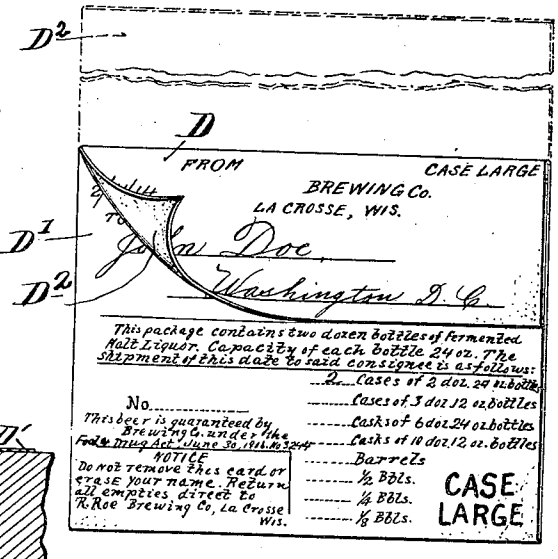


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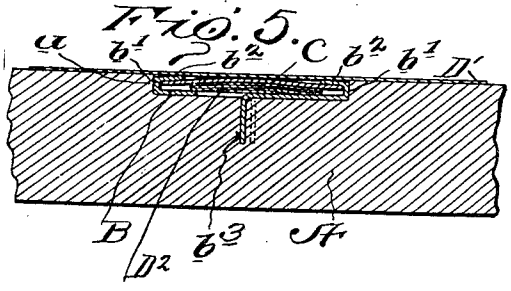
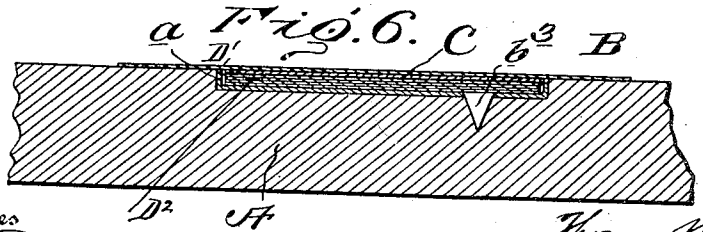


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS W. BURNS, a citizen of the United States, residing at La Crosse, in the county of La Crosse and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Label-Holders and Return-Labels, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to label holders and labels for use in the identification of returned packages.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple holder and return label for use in the identification of returned packages.

In the shipment of beer in barrels, or other packages, considerable difficulty is encountered in ascertaining from whom the package was returned, by reason of the loss of the original label bearing the consignee's name and address. In my construction the address is written in duplicate and one copy is placed in the label holder and covered by a piece of oiled cardboard or other suitable material and over this is pasted the other copy. It follows, of course, that, even though the outer label be destroyed, the other copy will be securely held within the holder so that on the return of the empty package to the brewery or other establishment there will be no difficulty in identifying it.

The above object I accomplish by the construction shown in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective of a portion of a package having a recess in which is sunk the label holder. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the holder detached and its flexible cover separated. Fig. 3 is a like view with the cover partially in place. Fig. 4 is a perspective of the duplicate label. Figs. 5 and 6 are cross sections at right angles to each other through the holder.

A designates a portion of a package, such as a beer barrel or shipping box, and *a* is a recess therein.

B designates a label holder of a size to fit in the recess *a* flush with or below the face of the package. This holder B is formed from a single sheet of metal turned up at its ends *b*, *b*, and turned up at its longitudinal edges, as at *b'*, *b'*, and thence bent inwardly, as at b^2, b^2. An open holder is thus formed closed at its ends and having overhanging flanges at its two sides.

Spurs b^3, b^3 are punched from the holder and are driven into the package to secure the holder in recess *a*.

C is a piece of flexible material, such as waterproof cardboard, light sheet metal, &c., of a size to be bent so that its longitudinal edges will spring under the flanges b^2, b^2 and form a removable cover for the holder B. This cover may be removed by simply inserting a knife blade or other instrument under one end and bending the cover outwardly, when it may be grasped by the fingers and removed.

D is the label formed with its address blank in duplicate, the body of the label having certain printed matter, as shown, suitable for use in the shipment of beer in cases, barrels and portions of barrels.

In use, the address is written in duplicate and the body of the label filled out according to the goods shipped. The short label portion D^2 bearing the consignee's name and address is placed in the holder B and the cover sprung into position. The larger label D', properly filled in with the consignee's name and address, is then pasted over the whole label holder and the package shipped.

When the package is reshipped to the consignor it is properly returned, owing to the name being burned into the wood in this class of packages.

Now, in the event of the label D' being destroyed or removed, it will only be necessary to lift off the cover C and remove the concealed label D^2 to find out who reshipped the package and so make proper credit on the books of the brewery, &c.

An immense amount of work and worry may thus be saved the owners of the packages in identifying from whom they have been returned empty. Moreover, no extra work is required, as by the use of an interposed sheet of carbon paper both label members are written upon at the same time.

What I claim is:

A label holder and return label comprising, an open top receptacle let into the package flush with the surface thereof, a flexible sheet-like cover adapted to be sprung

into the receptacle to close the open top thereof and lie within the plane thereof and duplicate labels one of which is of a size to be pasted to the package and overlie the entire label holder and the other label being adapted to be held in the holder under the cover.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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