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LABEL HOLDERS APPLICABLE TO DOCUMENTS

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Fig. 1

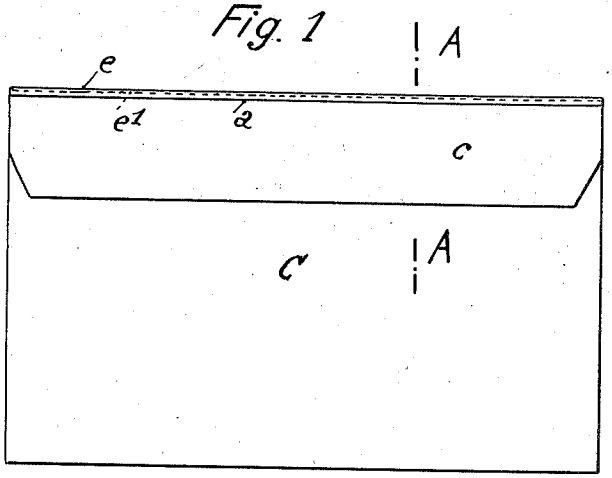


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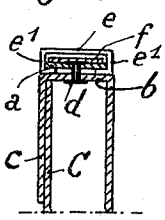


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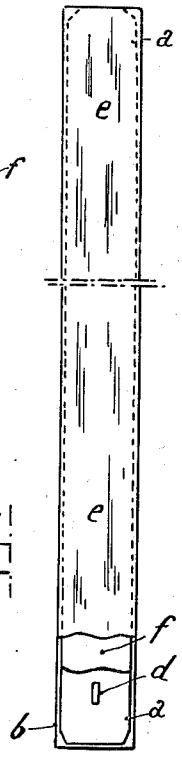


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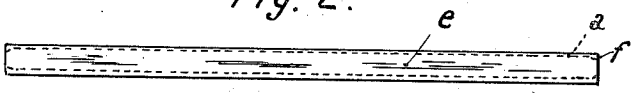
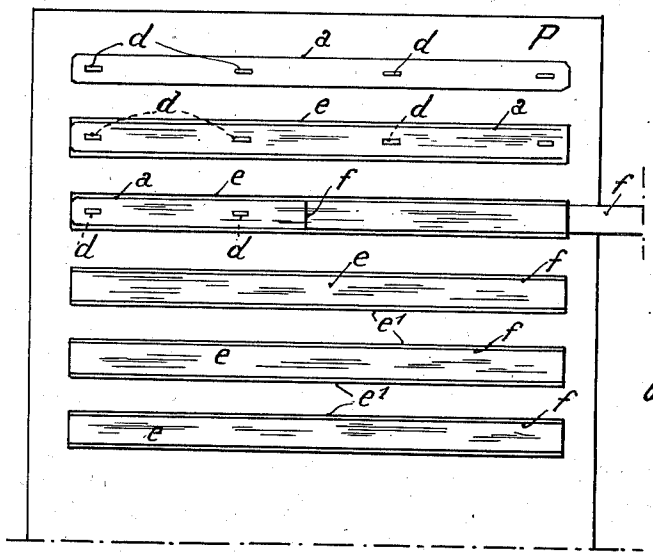


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to a device applicable, generally speaking, to all documents, files, index cards and the like, in order to provide the same with a label bearing all useful indications concerning the document to which it is attached, to ensure the protection of this label and, finally, to allow of removing it from the document for modifying, if necessary, the indications it carries or for replacing it by another one.

The device according to the invention is also applicable to the constitution of indexes and is essentially characterized by the combination:

(*a*) Of a band or strip, made of thin cardboard, which is secured flatwise on the document, so that the longitudinal edges of this strip should be free throughout their length;

(*b*) Of a sheath, made of celluloid or other transparent material, sliding over the cardboard strip and fitting on the same, so as to cover it and allow a label formed of a second thin cardboard strip to be placed between the first strip and the wall of the transparent sheath covering it. The label is thus sheltered from any external contact, remains always perfectly legible and can, if necessary, be removed from the device.

The device forming the subject-matter of the invention will now be described hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is an elevation showing a file or envelope-file for vertical filing, provided with the label-holder according to the invention.

Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof.

Fig. 3 is a cross vertical section, on an enlarged scale, made according to line A—A of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a corresponding partial plan view.

Fig. 5 illustrates the device as used for the constitution of an index shown in partial elevation.

As illustrated in the accompanying drawing, the device intended, according to the invention, to be applied to any documents in order to provide the same with a removable label and to ensure the protection of the latter, is essentially constituted by a strip a, of thin cardboard, which is secured on the document so that the longitudinal edges of said strip a should be free throughout their length.

In the embodiment illustrated by way of example in Figs. 1 to 4, the device according to the invention is shown as applied to a file or envelope-file C for vertical filing, of well known type, and the cardboard strip a, above mentioned is secured on the fold b of the flap c of said envelope-file by means of metal clips d, which are placed in position at intervals from each other in a single row according to the longitudinal axis of said strip a. This cardboard strip a, is, according to the invention, covered by a sheath e made of transparent material, such as celluloid or the like, which slides and is held in position on said strip a by engagement of the edges of the latter in folds e^1, which are formed on the corresponding edges of said sheath and guide the latter, during its placing in position on the fixed strip a.

The transparent sheath e, which is thus slipped on the strip a by causing it to slide along the latter, is so shaped as to leave between it and the cardboard strip a it covers, a certain interval adapted to receive a label constituted by another thin cardboard strip f, bearing indications concerning the document on which is fitted the device according to the invention.

This label f, enclosed between the fixed strip a and the movable sheath of transparent material e, is therefore efficiently protected by this sheath when the document is manipulated and runs no risk of being damaged or soiled, so that the indications it carries are always neat, which is indispensable for their perfect legibility.

Moreover, it is possible to conveniently grasp said label by one of its ends and to remove it from the document for modifying the information it carries, or for replacing it by another one, according to requirements.

The device described above as applied to an envelope-file or to a file with a flap for vertical filing, might of course be applied, without departing from the scope of the invention, to index cards, or to V-shaped files provided with a double fold flap and, generally speaking, to any documents.

It might conveniently be used, as in the example illustrated in Fig. 5, for the constitution of any indexes provided with multiple removable labels each arranged, as in the example shown in Figs. 1 to 4, in a sheath of transparent material, sliding on a cardboard strip secured, at the middle of its length, on a panel of suitable material and of any dimensions.

In Fig. 5, it will be seen that the index, a portion only of which is illustrated, is constituted by a panel P adapted to receive a number of superposed devices exactly similar to that described with reference to Figs. 1 to 4 and each containing a removable label f.

In the upper part of this panel P, is shown only one of the cardboard strips a secured, as described, on said panel P, by means of a row of metal clips d placed in a line according to the longitudinal axis of the strip a.

The second fixed strip *a* is provided with the sliding sheath of transparent material *e*, the label *f* being assumed to be removed.

The third fixed strip is also covered with the protecting sheath of transparent material *e*, and the removable label *f* is partly inserted between this sheath and the fixed strip *a*.

Finally, the next three following devices are each provided with their removable label *f*.

The number of label-carrying devices which the index can comprise is obviously variable; these various devices can be placed parallel to each other in a single column, as shown, or in a plurality of columns.

The above arrangements are of course given by way of example only; the forms, materials and dimensions of the constituent elements of the label-holder, as well as the details of construction can be modified without departing thereby from the scope of the invention.

Thus, for instance, the removable label *f* might be placed on the cardboard strip *a* before insertion on the latter of the sheath made of transparent material. In this case, the label might be conveniently held in position, during insertion of said sheath *e*, by causing an end folded at right angles of the label to abut against the end of the strip *a* on which this sheath is threaded.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. In combination with an article of stationery formed of paper, cardboard and the like, a label-holder comprising a strip of cardboard arranged flatwise on the article, securing means anchoring the central longitudinal portion of the strip to the article so that the longitudinal edges of said strip are free throughout their length, a sheath of transparent material for sliding engagement with the fixed cardboard strip in such manner as to leave a space between the sheath and the strip and freely open at both its ends, and a removable label in the form of a thin cardboard strip of suitable length insertable in the space between the strip and the transparent sheath, said label being covered and protected by said sheath.

2. In combination with an article of stationery formed of paper, cardboard and the like, comprising a strip of cardboard arranged flatwise on the article, metal clips anchoring the central longitudinal portion of the strip to the article so that the longitudinal edges of the strip are free throughout their length, a sheath of transparent material, the longitudinal edges thereof slidably engaging the corresponding edges of the fixed strip in such manner as to leave a space between the strip and the sheath and freely open at both its ends and a removable label in the form of a thin cardboard strip of suitable length insertable in the space between the strip and the transparent sheath, said label being covered and protected by said sheath.

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