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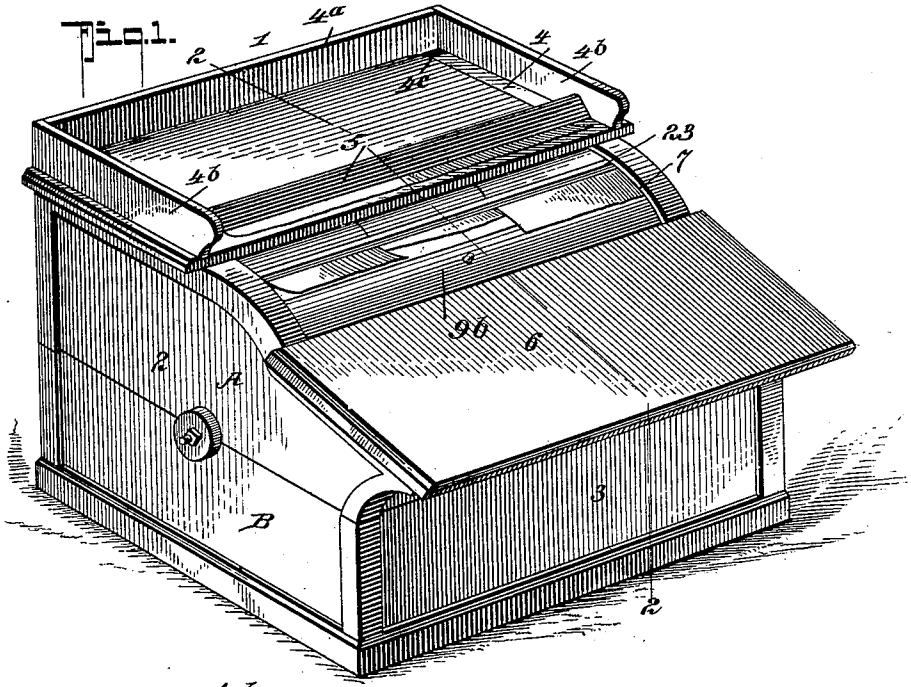
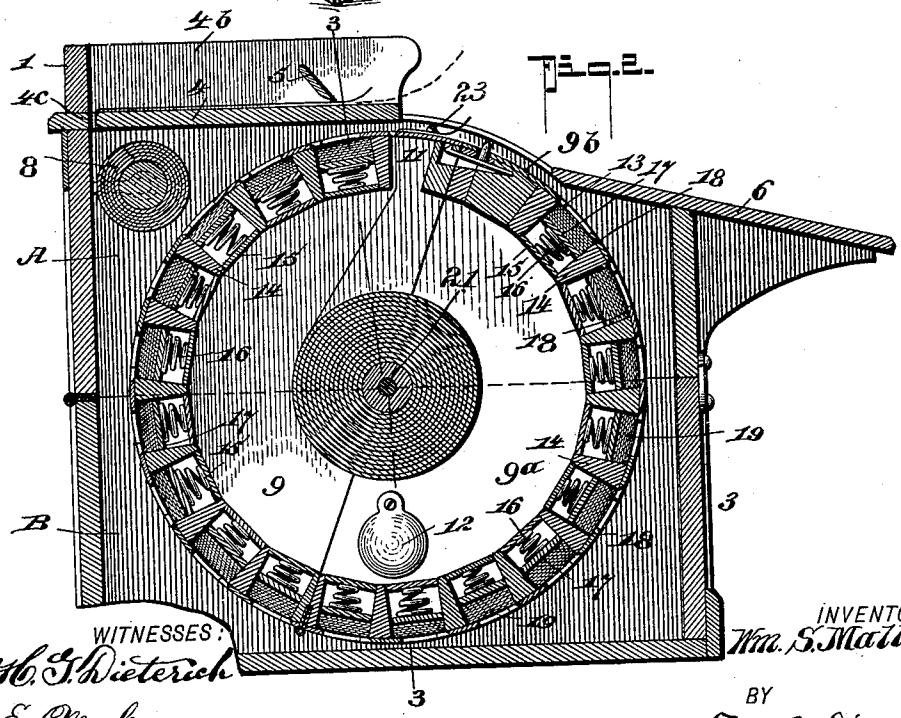


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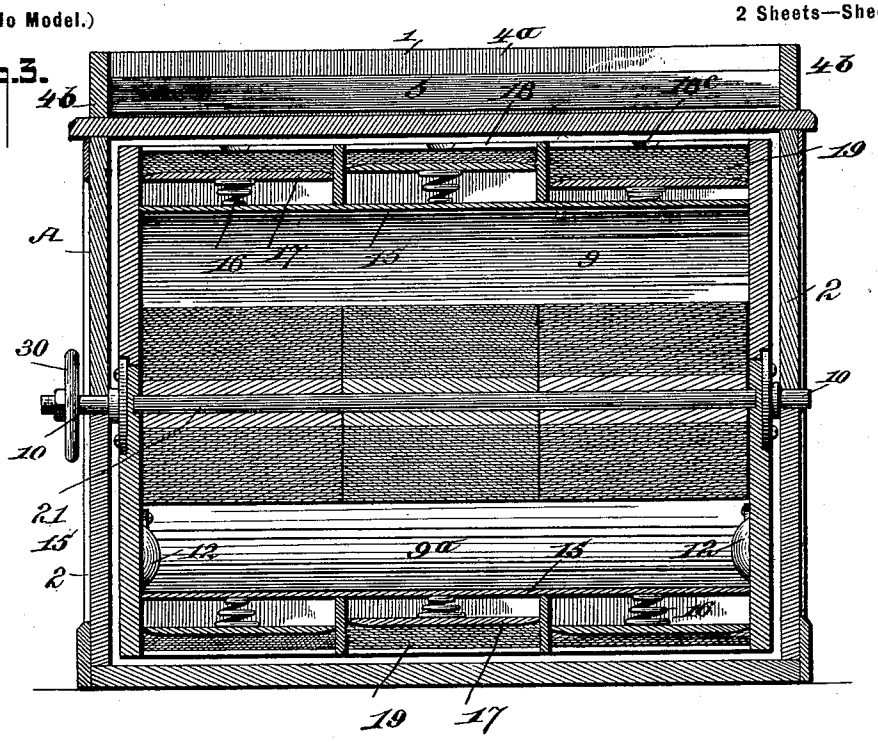


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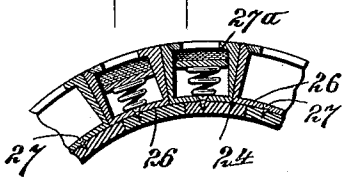


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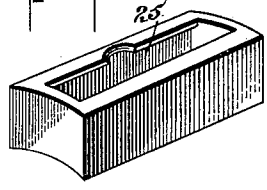


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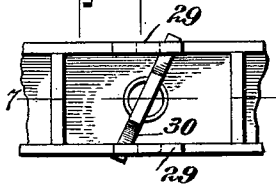


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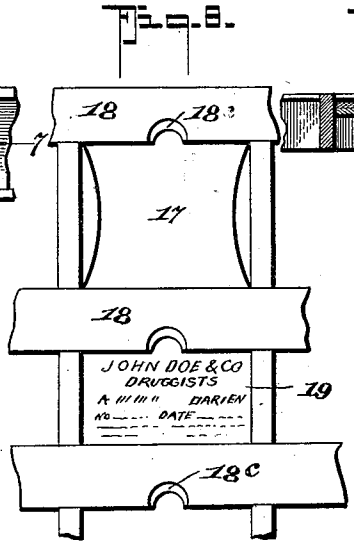
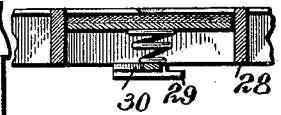


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. MALLARD, residing at Darien, in the county of McIntosh and State of Georgia, have invented a new and Improved Druggist's Label-Case, of which the following is a specification.

This invention, which in its general nature relates to improvements in druggist's store-service appliances, in its more specific form is in the nature of a portable desk or casing for carrying labels, wrapping-paper, powders, or other articles, which are arranged in uniform but compact form, and which also forms a convenient desk for pasting, wrapping, and addressing prescriptions and the like.

Primarily this invention seeks to provide an appliance of this character of a very simple, compact, and neat appearance which can be economically constructed and which will effectively serve its intended purposes.

This invention also comprehends a novel construction of casing, a label-holder held to revolve therein, and having means whereby it will automatically assume a position to normally bring the free end of the wrapping-paper always in position for use and also remove the label compartments from view during the normal set of the holder.

Another novel feature of this invention lies in the peculiar construction of the body of the holder, the label-holding pockets, and the means for detachably connecting them to the holder.

In its subordinate features this invention embodies certain details of construction and peculiar combinations of parts, such as will be first described in detail and then specifically pointed out in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement. Fig. 2 is a vertical section thereof on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section taken practically on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail view of a modified construction hereinafter specifically referred to. Fig. 5 is a detail view of one of the removable label-holders detached. Figs. 6 and 7 are views illustrating a modified means for locking the label-holders in place, and Fig. 8 is a detail face view of a portion of the label-holder.

In its practical construction my improvement embodies an outer casing or desk-like portion consisting of the high back 1, the ends 2, the front 3, and the top, which comprises an upper flat or rest portion 4, having at its back and ends vertical flanges 4^a 4^b and at its front end a longitudinally-extended cutter-blade 5, the lower edges of which rise above the portion 4 for a purpose presently explained, and an inclined rest or writing-board 6, disposed at a plane below the top 4 and separated therefrom, whereby a longitudinal open way 7 is formed in the top to admit of ready access to the internal parts.

To facilitate the entire removal of the internal parts, the casing 1 is horizontally divided about centrally to form an upper and lower section A B, the upper being hinged at the back to open outward and provided with a suitable hook to engage the catch on the bottom section, as clearly shown in Fig. 2.

8 indicates a paper-roll disposed at the upper rear corner of the casing, mounted in suitable brackets and having the end of its roll passed up through a slit 4^c in the top, whereby to project it above the same and admit of such end being freely fitted under the cutter 5, as shown in Fig. 2.

By providing a paper holder, a guide therefor, and a cutter, as described, it is manifest the paper sheet can be readily pulled out over the top 4 and protect the same from being soiled when the labels or other like materials are laid on such top for pasting, it being clear that when the outer end of such protecting paper becomes thoroughly soaked or smeared with the paste such end can be readily torn off by pulling it out, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 2, and tearing it off by the lower edge of the cutter 5.

The label-holder proper comprises a hollow cylinder forming an interior compartment, and having a peripherally-arranged series of pockets for holding the labels, and formed of two half-sections 9 9^a, and having a spring-latch for holding the two parts together, the

lower section having end trunnions 10, fitting seats in the end members of the outer casing, as clearly shown in Fig. 3.

In the practical construction the label-pockets consist of a series, preferably three, four, or more, in longitudinal direction, and as many in transverse direction as the size of the holder 9 may admit of, the pocket extending almost entirely around the holder, being separated by a solid portion 9^b and an open way 11, the area of which, together with the solid portion 11, is as large or larger than the space between the two top portions of the outer casing, the purpose of which is to bring the opening 11 always in front of the front edge of the top 4 and the solid portion to close the remaining part of the space in the outer casing, so that when the holder is at its normal position (to which it is held by the gravity-weights 12) the labels will be held out of sight.

The several compartments or label-holding pockets may be of different lengths and of different widths to suit the different sizes of labels, such as are used in the drug trade; but in the preferred construction, such as is shown in Fig. 2, the said pockets are formed by providing the holder 9 with a series of longitudinal ways 13, separated by the longitudinal division members 14 and having their lower ends closed by fixedly-held longitudinal strips 15, which form the seats for the follower-operating springs 16, against which the followers 17 seat.

18 indicates longitudinal strips secured to the division members 14 and are of a slightly-greater width than such members, whereby to form overhanging lips 18^a, which serve as detents or stops against which the label-pack 19 is held pressed, as shown.

In practice a pack of labels is seated on the followers 17, and such follower and pack is slipped into a pocket by pressing one end under one of the edges 18^a and slipping the other edge in place. The several strips 18 have finger-grooves 18^c to facilitate the stripping of the uppermost label of the pack, such operation being also facilitated by making the upper face of the follower slightly rounded. (See Fig. 8.)

One of the stub-shafts supporting the rotary label-holder is projected and provided with a finger-disk, whereby the said holder can be manipulated.

So far as described it will be readily seen that by turning the holder to bring the desired label-pocket in line with the opening of the outer casing the operator by holding the finger-disk 30 from turning after having properly adjusted the label-carrier can readily slip out the label desired, and by then releasing the disk 30 the carrier or holder 9 will assume its normal position—that is, with its open way and solid portion in line with the opening of the top of the outer casing. The operator after removing the desired label can readily place the same upon the paper-covered top portion and gum, it being understood that if necessary to write upon or otherwise mark the label he can readily do so by laying it upon the incline or portion of the top of the outer casing.

21 indicates a shaft journaled in any suitable manner within the hollow label-holding casing, upon which is mounted one or more rolls of wrapping-paper, the ends of which extend up through the opening or slit 11 in the rotary holder and pass under a longitudinally-held cutter-blade 23, fitted to turn with the rotary holder or carrier.

By providing a rotary holder formed of horizontal sections and equipping one of the sections with a shaft for supporting the paper rolls 21 it is obvious the druggist will at all times have within convenient reach a number of rolls of wrapping-paper from which the desired amount can be readily detached without effecting the proper adjustment of the label-holding device.

Instead of making the pockets as shown in Fig. 2 the same may be in the nature of a series of detachable boxes, such as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, by reference to which it will be observed the inner wall 24 of the hollow holder or casing consists of a series of longitudinal strips held in close relation, and each pocket or label-holding compartment consists of a trough-like box 25, having a closed bottom 26, which is adapted to be made fast to strips 24 by screws 27, its upper end having inwardly-projecting flanges 27^a, as shown. In this construction the labels and the followers, together with the springs, are fitted in place and inserted, as in the construction heretofore described and illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5, to admit of different sizes of label-holding pockets being made secure to the rotary carrier and any number thereof fitted in place.

In Figs. 6 and 7 I have shown a further modification of the label-holding pockets in which the parts are arranged to admit of the follower and the label-packs being inserted in place from inside the cylinder. In this form the inner edge 28 of the cylinder has oppositely-disposed key projections 29. In this form the pack of labels, together with the followers and the spring, are slid in from the inside. A lock-brace 30, which forms the support for the spring, is interlocked with the members 29.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it is thought the complete operation and advantages of my improvement will be readily apparent. It is observed that the same provides a convenient desk for the druggist, as well as a portable holder for writing on the labels, as he may find necessary to use.

By constructing the holder in the manner

shown and providing a peculiarly-arranged outer casing therefor it is obvious that when the parts are in their ordinary position the entire appliance has more the appearance of an ordinary desk than that of a label-holder. Furthermore, the peculiar arrangement of the holder provides a simple and conveniently-operated wrapping-paper-holding means.

Changes in the detail construction of the several parts and modifications thereof might be readily made without departing from the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An appliance for the purpose described; comprising an outer casing having a longitudinal opening in its top; a label-holder held to rotate within the casing, having a series of independent label-holding pockets, adapted to be brought into register with the opening in the top; a shaft adapted to carry a roll of paper supported on the said holder, the said holder having a longitudinal slit for the free end of the paper-roll-carrying shaft and means for automatically bringing the label-holder into position, whereby the paper may be taken from the same opening in the casing from which the label is taken.

2. An appliance for the purposes described, comprising an outer desk-like casing, having its top formed with a rest portion, and an inclined portion separated from the rest portion, whereby an intervening longitudinal space is provided; a combined guide and cutter member fitting over the rest portion, said rest portion having a longitudinal slit near its rear end; a shaft adapted to carry a roll of paper fitted within the casing, having its end adapted to project through the aforesaid slit and under the combined guide and cutter; and a label-holder held within the casing, having pockets adapted to be brought into line with the longitudinal space in the casing-top, for the purposes specified.

3. An appliance for the purposes described, comprising an outer casing having a longitudinal opening in its top; label-carrier held to rotate within the said casing, having a series of peripheral label-holding pockets, and a solid portion and means for normally holding the said holder with its solid peripheral portion in alinement with the longitudinal opening in the casing-top, as specified.

4 An appliance for the purposes described, comprising a casing; a label-carrier mounted therein having label-holding pockets, said casing having a top formed with an upper pasting portion, a lower writing portion, and with an opening separating such portions, whereby access is had to the label-pockets of the carrier, as specified.

5. In an appliance as described, comprising an outer casing, provided with a top having a longitudinal opening; a sectional hollow label-carrier detachably held to rotate within the casing, and having a series of independent peripherally-disposed label-pockets adapted to be brought opposite said opening; a shaft adapted to carry a roll of paper held within the said carrier, such carrier having a slit for the passage of the free end of such paper, the latter being adapted to be drawn through the opening of the casing, all being arranged substantially as shown and described.

6. The combination with the outer casing having a longitudinal slot in its top; of the hollow sectional rotary carrier detachably held within the casing, said carrier having a series of peripherally-disposed independent label-holding pockets, and a non-pocketed portion having a longitudinal slit; and a cutter-blade mounted on the carrier; a shaft adapted to carry a roll of paper held within the said carrier, having the ends adapted to pass through the slit and under the cutter and means for normally gravitating the carrier to rest with its non-pocketed portion in line with the casing-opening, as specified.

7. In an appliance as described, the combination of a casing having an opening, and a hollow rotary carrier mounted within the casing and forming an interior compartment and having an opening communicating with the same, said casing being provided with a series of label-pockets, a weight mounted on the carrier for normally holding its opening opposite the opening of the casing, and means for rotating the carrier, substantially as described.

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