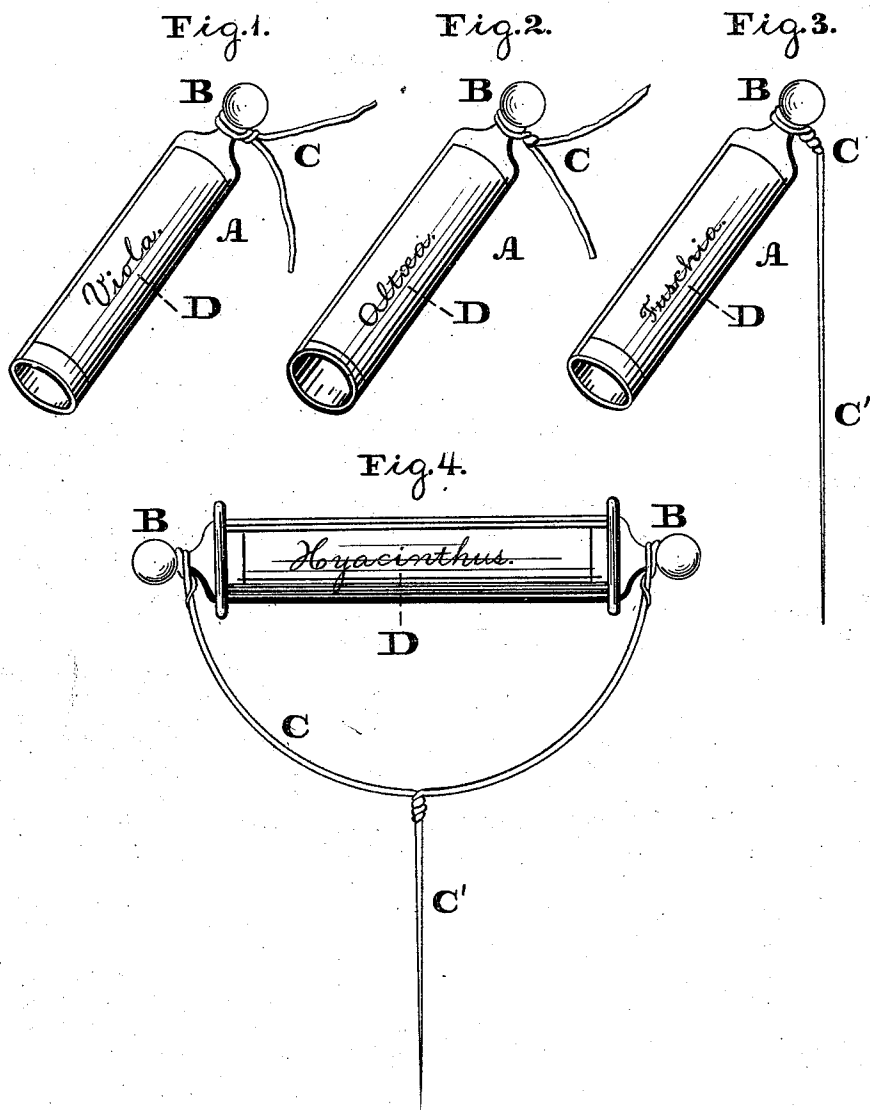


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. HEPINEUZE, of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Label-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a clear and exact description of the nature thereof, sufficient to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to fully understand, make, and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making part of this specification, in which—

Figures 1, 2, and 3 are perspective views of the device embodying my invention. Fig. 4 is a side view of the holder closed at both ends.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention relates to a label-holder for plants, flowers, &c.; and it consists of a transparent tube, in which is fitted the label which will be exhibited without being exposed to dust, dirt, rain, &c. It also consists of an expansible cord for connecting the holder to the article to be marked, and preventing injury to the article at the place of connection during its growth or development. It also consists in means for closing the end of the holder.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a glass tube, at one or each end of which is a neck, B, around which is twisted, or otherwise secured, a piece, C, of wire, whereby the tube may be attached to a plant, flower, tree, or other article, and stand in vertical or horizontal positions; or, when desired, it may be set in the ground, in which case a prong or tooth, C, will be employed.

Within the transparent tube A there is placed a label, D, whose printed face or characteristics will be adjacent to the inner face

of the tube, so that the label may be read from the outside of the tube.

It will be perceived that the label will be readily seen and indicate the name or character of the article to be marked, and it will be protected from dirt, dust, rain, and other injurious effects.

The cord C will be of an expansible nature, preferably lead, so that as the plant, flower, or other article grows or is developed, the cord will be distended or give at the portion of the article around which it is wound or affixed, owing to the pressure occasioned by the increase in size of the article; consequently said portion will not be injured or retarded in its growth.

In order to close the end of the holder, I employ two tubes, the diameter of one of which is smaller than the other, and fit the tubes at their open ends into each other telescopically, so that a holder entirely closed is the result.

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

1. The transparent tube A and label D, combined and operating substantially as and for the purpose set forth.
2. The transparent tube A, with attaching-neck and label D, in combination with the expansible attaching-cord C, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.
3. The two transparent tubes, formed with attaching-necks, and fitting one within the other at their open ends, in combination with the inclosed label, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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