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METALLIC LABEL.

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FIG. 1

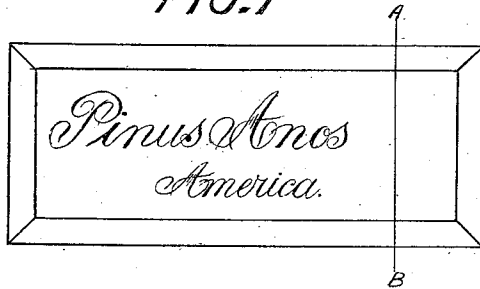


FIG. 2

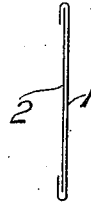


FIG. 3

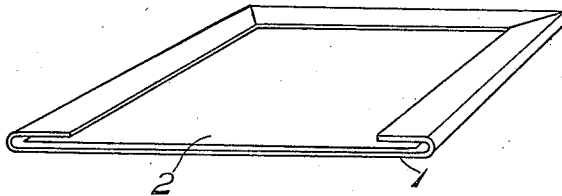


FIG. 4

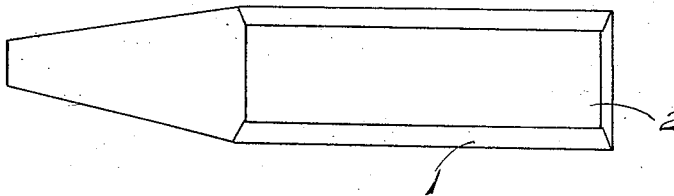
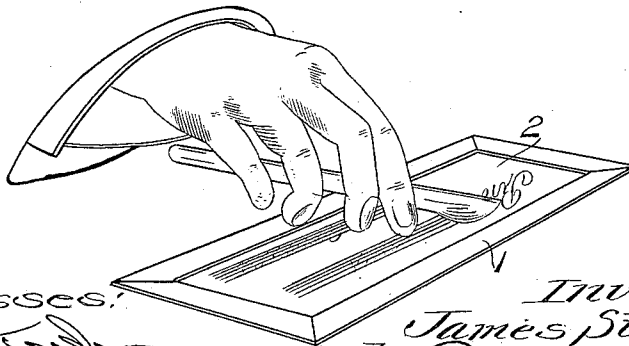


FIG. 5



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES STEWART, plumber, a subject of King George V of Great Britain, residing at 3 Dowling street, Dunedin, in the Dominion of New Zealand, have invented new and useful Improvements in Metallic Labels, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in labels used for marking plants or any other article to which a label may be applied.

The object of the invention is to provide a metal label upon which a mark or name written or printed is not liable to become obliterated or wear out quickly as in the case of wood or cardboard labels.

Another object is to provide an imperishable label which can be used to mark or name different articles without destroying part or renewing the insert.

The accompanying drawings illustrate the invention.

Figure 1 represents an ordinary label adapted to be tied on to the article desired to be marked. Fig. 2 is a transverse section on the line A—B of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a label cut away to more clearly show the insert of sheet lead and the method of securing it. Fig. 4 is a view showing a plant label. Fig. 5 is a view indicating the mark or name being rubbed out, preparing the label for use on another article.

The invention consists in the provision of a piece of sheet lead, preferably of fine gage, partially incased and removably held in a frame of zinc or the like metal, or in any suitable material that forms a backing

for the lead, the latter permitting the name or mark to be written with a pencil or stylus, or with any suitable marker. Owing to the soft nature of the lead the pencil or stylus indents or embosses so that the writing is rendered legible and lasting. To obtain a deeper impression a piece of paper may be inserted between the sheet lead and the backing.

It is obvious that the invention can be made in any size or shape to be applied to any article to which a label may be attached.

When it is desired to use the label for a fresh purpose such as, for instance, a change of names from one flower to another, the existing name may be erased by rubbing the lead surface with any hard instrument, as a knife handle.

Referring to the numerals on the drawing; 1, represents the backing of firm material, preferably zinc and 2, the sheet lead insert.

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

A label or tag comprising a finger gage sheet lead writing surface and a frame of firm material wherein said writing surface is permanently held and by which it is partially incased, said frame providing a backing for said writing surface.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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