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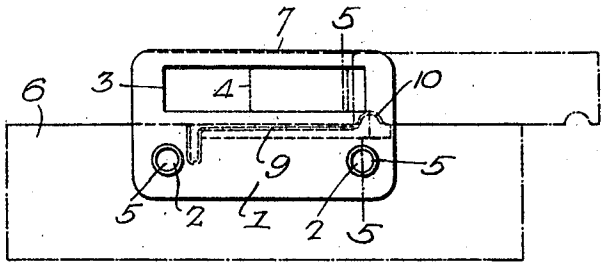

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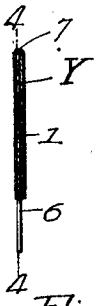

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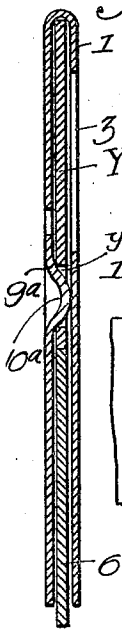

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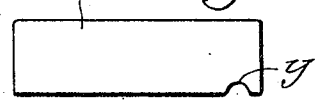

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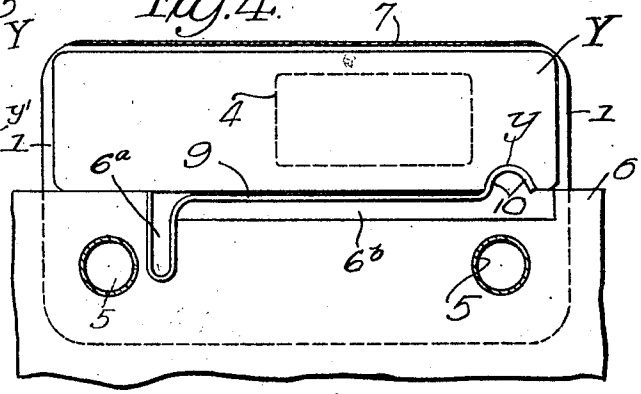

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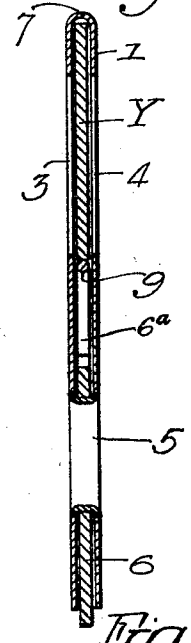

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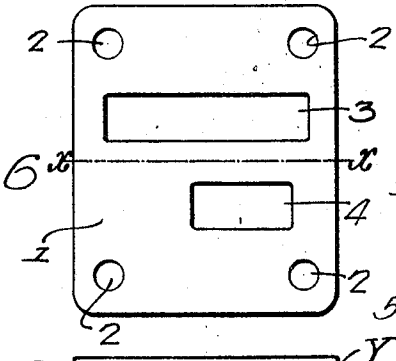

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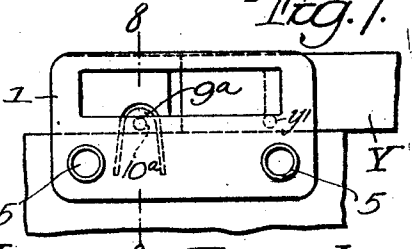

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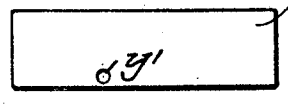

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. WRIGHT, a citizen of the United States, residing in Riverton, New Jersey, have invented Label Holders, of which the following is a specification.

One object of this invention is to provide a relatively simple, inexpensive and neat form of holder particularly adapted for mounting upon cards, drawers, boxes and other forms of supporting structures and designed to removably retain a label or insert so that a portion of its surface is displayed to view;—the invention especially contemplating novel means for preventing the accidental dislodgement of the label from said holder.

It is further desired to provide a label having a novel form particularly adapted to cooperate with a spring retaining device associated with a suitable label holder.

I also desire to provide a label holder with a novel form of spring for normally locking a label immovably within it, the arrangement being such as to permit of the ready insertion or removal of the label at will.

These objects and other advantageous ends I attain as hereinafter set forth, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which,

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a label holder, embodying one form of my invention;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the holder illustrated in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is an elevation of the label forming part of my invention;

Fig. 4 is a vertical section on the line 4—4, Fig. 2 and on an enlarged scale;

Fig. 5 is a transverse vertical section on the line 5—5, Fig. 1 and on a still larger scale than Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a plan of the sheet-metal stamping forming the body of the label holder shown in Figs. 1 to 5 inclusive;

Fig. 7 is an elevation of a modified form of my invention;

Fig. 8 is an enlarged fragmentary vertical section on the line 8—8, Fig. 7; and

Fig. 9 is an elevation of the label or insert used in the holder illustrated in Figs. 7 and 8.

In Figs. 1 to 6 of the above drawings, 1 represents a sheet metal or celluloid stamping preferably although not necessarily, of generally rectangular outline and having formed in it two elongated openings in the form of slots 3 and 4, both preferably of the same width and at equal distances on opposite sides of the transverse center line of the blank 1,—the opening 4 being usually though not necessarily, shorter in length than the opening 3. Adjacent the four corners of the blank are provided holes 2 and said blank is designed to be folded on its transverse center line x—x so that its two parts will lie parallel and immediately adjacent each other.

These parts are rigidly connected together and caused to clamp between them a card or piece 6 of sheet material by means of eyelets 5—5 riveted in their holes 2—2, and the upper edge of said card is preferably spaced away from the upper or closed edge of the holder as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, while the holes or openings 3 and 4 are in register.

There is thus provided a flat elongated chamber between the upper edge of the card or supporting member 6 and the closed top edge 7 of the holder which is designed for the reception of a label Y (Fig. 3) in the form of an elongated card or plate of generally rectangular outline having formed in one of its long edges, preferably adjacent its right hand end, a notch y or opening. The width of the label is substantially equal to the height of the receiving chamber in the holder and its length is substantially equal to the length of said holder so that any printed or written matter upon it is visible through the larger opening 3.

For retaining the card Y from accidental displacement I provide the holder with a suitable spring retaining device designed to removably enter the notch or recess y, and in the case illustrated in Figs. 1–4, I mount a spring wire 9 between the two parts of the folded blank 1 immediately adjacent the top edge of the card 6. This wire is extended into a recess 6^a in the card 6 from which it projects longitudinally of the holder below but parallel with the lower edge of the larger opening 3, its free end terminating in or including a struck-up portion 10 forming a shoulder positioned to enter the notch y of the label when this has been fully inserted in the holder and occupies the desired position therein. The adjacent edge of the card or plate 6 is either cut as indicated at 6^b or spaced away from the shouldered end 10 of the locking wire 9 which is of such dimen-

sions as to be free to move toward and from the bottom of the label between the folded sides of the holder.

With the above described arrangement of parts, when the label is inserted in the chamber provided in the upper part of the holder, its advancing end engages and swings downwardly the shouldered end of the locking spring 9, holding this in the depressed position until when said label has been fully entered in the holder, said end 10 of the spring is free to move upwardly into the notch y. The label is thus held firmly in the holder and is effectually held from accidental dislodgment, although if for any reason it is desired to remove the label, this may be easily accomplished by pressing on the portion thereof exposed to the opening 3 and thereafter moving it longitudinally out of the holder, for which purpose the retaining spring 9 yields to permit its shouldered end 10 to move out of the notch y of the label.

In place of the retaining spring 9, I may so cut the rear portion of the body of the holder 1 as to form a spring tongue 9^a (Figs. 7 and 8) having its free end preferably convex or formed with a boss or shoulder 10^a. Said end of the tongue is free to move toward or from the plane of the label, which may be notched as in Fig. 3 or formed with a perforation y^1 as shown in Fig. 9. In any case the notch or recess is so placed as to be invisible when the label or insert has been placed in the holder. As before, said label is firmly locked in the holder by the boss or shoulder of the spring element 9^a but may be forcibly disengaged therefrom when it is desired to remove it.

It is to be noted that in its broader sense my invention contemplates the provision of a label holder having yielding or resilient retaining means for a label regardless of whether or not the latter is formed with a notch or recess for the reception of said means, since while it is preferable to use labels formed as illustrated and described they would be frictionally held from accidental dislodgment by the action of the parts 10 or 10^a upon a straight edge or plane face as the case might be.

I claim:

1. A label holder consisting of a pair of parallel bodies of sheet material spaced to provide a chamber for the reception of a label; a card extending between and fastened to said bodies of sheet material; and a spring member mounted in a recess of said body and projecting into said chamber in position to engage and yieldingly hold a label therein.

2. The combination of a label holder having a label-receiving chamber and including a resilient tongue enclosed within the holder and having a shoulder extending into said chamber in position to fit into a recess in a label in said chamber.

3. The combination of a label holder consisting of a body of folded sheet material having an opening therein; and means for spacing the folded parts of said holder to provide a label-receiving chamber; with a spring tongue extending into the chamber and formed to removably engage a label in the chamber to retain the same therein.

4. The combination of a folded body of sheet metal having an opening; a card extending between the folds of said body; eyelets holding the two folds of said body of sheet metal to said card; a spring tongue mounted on the body and having its end formed with a projection; and a label having a recess for the reception of said projection and removably held thereby between the folded parts of the holder with a portion of its surface displayed through the opening thereof.

5. The combination of a card; a label holder engaging opposite sides of and fixed to said card, having openings for the introduction and display of a label; with a spring member mounted to project into the hollow of said holder to removably engage and normally retain a label in the same.

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