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Fig. 2.

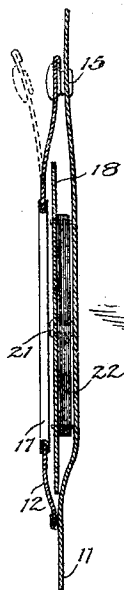


Fig. 1.

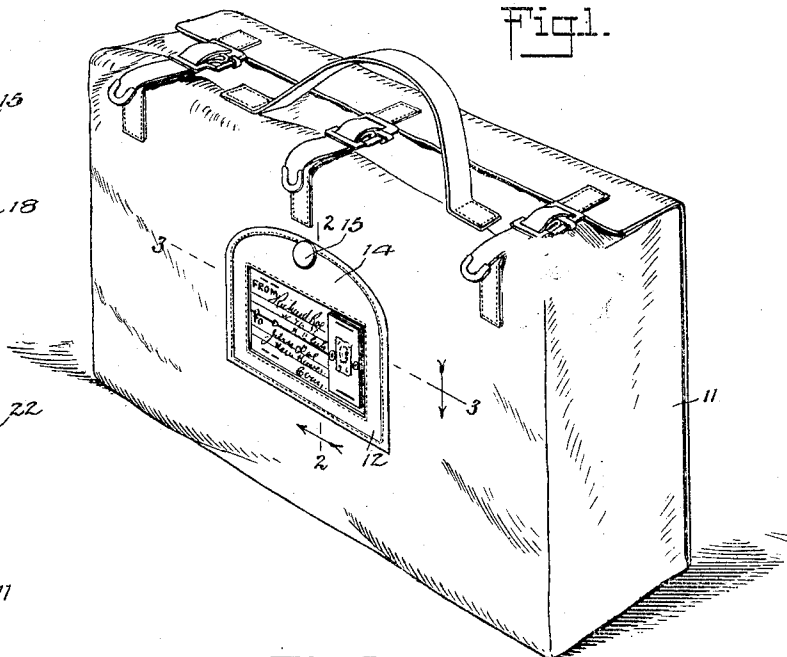


Fig. 3.

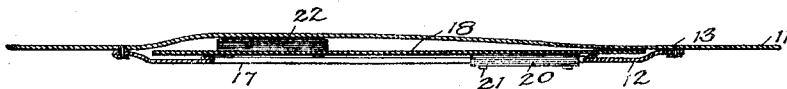


Fig. 4.

PORTO LAUNDRYCASE	
FROM	John Doe New Haven Conn.
TO	Richard Roe 1176 St N. Y. City

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Fig. 5.

PORTO LAUNDRYCASE	
FROM	Richard Roe 1176 St N. Y. City
TO	John Doe New Haven Conn.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOWARD E. PLIMPTON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Norwood, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Returnable Label, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to labels for mail matter or other packages which are to be delivered and particularly to mail matter or packages which are to be sent back and forth between two parties.

The object of the invention is to provide a label and holder which may be used a number of times without change.

Another object of the invention is to provide a label arranged to disclose certain facts on one side and the reverse of said facts on the opposite side so as to act both as a sending and return bag.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a label or bag which may be sent a large number of times through the mail without presenting superimposed postage stamps.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a case with a label and holder embodying the invention applied thereto.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary sectional view on an enlarged scale through Figure 1 approximately on line 2—2.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary sectional view on an enlarged scale through Figure 1 approximately on line 3—3.

Figure 4 is a front view of the label shown in Figure 1, the same being on an enlarged scale.

Figure 5 is a rear view of the structure shown in Figure 4.

Referring to the accompanying drawing by numerals, 11 indicates a laundry case or other enclosure of any desired kind to which a pocket or label holder 12 is secured. Preferably the pocket 12 is made from cloth or other flexible material and is held in place by suitable stitching 13. A flap 14 is provided for the pocket 12 held closed by any suitable fastening means, as for instance, a snap fastener 15. The top edge of the pocket 12 is open when the snap fastener 15 is unfastened as indicated in Figure 2 whereby the label 16 may be readily removed or inserted.

It will be noted that the pocket 12 is provided with an opening or window 17 through which almost all of the label 16 may be seen. The label 16 consists of a card 18 which may be of paper, leather, metal or other material, said card having the words "From" and "To" printed thereon on each face with a black line 19 arranged therebetween. Adjacent the words "From" and "To" are suitable lines for the addresses of different parties. On one face of the card 18 beneath the word "From" will be found the name "John Doe" while on the opposite side of the card the name "Richard Roe" will be found under the legend "From." Opposite the legend "To" on the front of the card will be found the name "Richard Roe" so that the front of the card will indicate that the package is from "John Doe" and is going to "Richard Roe" while the rear face of the card indicates that the package is going from "Richard Roe" to "John Doe."

A package or series of sheets of paper 20 is secured to the front of the card as indicated in Figure 4 by any suitable fastening means 21 while a similar package 22 is secured by suitable fastening means to the right end of the rear face of the card. It will thus be seen that the obverse and reverse faces of the card look identical except for the arrangement of the names. The respective packages 20 and 22 are intended as means for receiving stamps so that the case 11 may be shipped by parcel post. For instance, if "John Doe" desires to ship the package to "Richard Roe" the card 18 is placed in the pocket 12 so that the front will face outwardly as indicated in Figure 4. A stamp of a suitable denomination will be affixed to the package 20. When the package reaches its destination and "Richard Roe" desires to return the package he will remove the card, reverse the same and re-insert it into the pocket 12 so that the card will disclose the names as arranged in Figure 5. After applying the proper stamp on package 22 the package 11 may be mailed.

In case "John Doe" should wish to again mail the package 11 he will remove the card 18, reverse the same and re-insert. The top sheet of package 20 is then torn off and a new stamp applied. The package 11 is then in condition for re-mailing. Each time that the package 11 is mailed it will be necessary to remove one of the sheets of the respective

packages 20 and 22 in order to provide a clean space for the new stamp. When all of the sheets of the respective packages 20 and 22 have been removed, it will be necessary
5 either to supply a new set of sheets or to discard the entire card 18 and use a new one.

What I claim is:—

1. A returnable label, having each of its faces provided with indicia indicating spaces
10 for the name and address of both the addresser and addressee, and with a series of small superimposed detachable sheets adapted to receive postage stamps.

2. A returnable label having each of its
15 faces provided with indicia indicating spaces for the name and address of both the addresser and addressee, and with a series of

superimposed detachable rectangular sheets, said sheets being at opposite ends of the label and adapted to receive postage stamps. 20

3. A returnable label, comprising a card having on each face two defined spaces arranged one above the other, one for the name and address of the addresser, and having the word "From" produced thereon, and
25 the other for the name and address of the addressee and having the word "To" produced thereon, and a series of superimposed detachable sheets on each face of the label adjacent one end thereof, the sheets being at
30 opposite ends and adapted to receive postage stamps.

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