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Card Holder.

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Fig 1

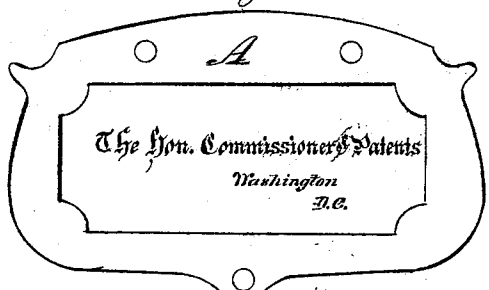


Fig 2.

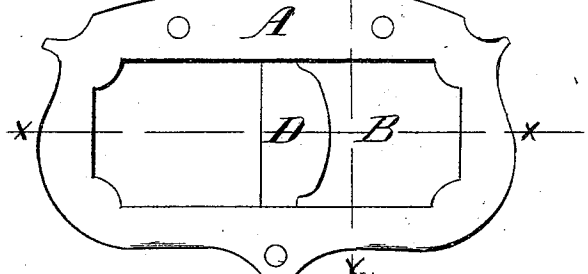


Fig 4



Fig 3

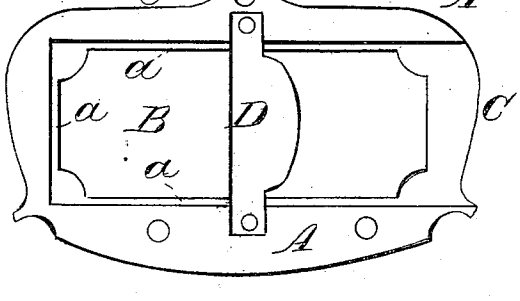
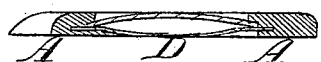


Fig 5



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IMPROVEMENT IN LABEL-HOLDERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHAUNCEY A. DICKERMAN, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Direction-Label; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in

Figure 1, a front view, with the direction-card inserted;

Figure 2, the same view with the card removed;

Figure 3, a rear under-side view;

Figure 4, a section on line *x x;* and in

Figure 5, a transverse section on line *y y.*

This invention is designed for attachment to trunks, boxes, &c., for the purpose of inserting a card, upon which the direction is made, and so that the card may be withdrawn and another inserted, without the detachment of the frame from the trunk; and consists in the construction of the frame for the insertion of the card, and the peculiar arrangement and combination therewith for securing the card in the frame.

To enable others to construct my improvement, I will proceed to describe the same, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

A is the frame, formed from any suitable metal, having a panel-shaped opening, B, through its surface, and upon its under side a rabbet, *a*, is formed around the panel-opening, through the end at C; as seen in figs. 3, 4, and 5, so that a card may be inserted through the end, C, of larger dimensions than the opening B through the front.

Centrally across the back of the frame, I arrange a plate, D; its forward end depressed, so as to bear upon the surface of the trunk, and its rear edge raised in the centre, as seen in figs. 4 and 5, so as to crown the card inserted.

This completes its construction, and so constructed, is secured to the box, trunk, or whatever it may be, in any convenient manner or position.

Then a card, of common pasteboard or suitable material, is formed, of proper size for insertion beneath the plate.

When the direction has been made on the card, insert the end of the card through the opening in the end, C, of the plate. It passes freely along to the cross-bar D, guided by the edges *a*, then passes up over the cross-bar D, and on to the end, as seen in figs. 1, 4, and 5.

The cross-bar crowns the card, both longitudinally and laterally, as seen in figs. 4 and 5, which crowning serves to secure the card within the frame, but yet allows its easy withdrawal; but it cannot be accidentally removed.

The surface of the frame is sufficiently high above the surface of the card to protect the card from injury.

Thus a single card, having the direction upon one side to one destination, and upon the other side for the return, the card may be changed, and a single card serve the direction between two points and return for a long time, which adapts this article to many uses.

I have represented the cross-bar as attached to the frame. I wish to be understood by this as claiming the introduction of a raised point near the centre of the label, and so combined with the frame, when in position, as to cause the crowning of the card in the manner described.

I do not wish to be understood as broadly claiming a frame in which may be inserted the direction-label, as such is not new, as may be seen in the patent granted to J. Dudley, May 18, 1858.

Having thus fully described my invention,

What I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The frame A, through which is formed an opening, B, and upon the under surface, upon three sides of the opening, a rabbet, *a*, is formed, and so as to leave an opening through the end, C, for the insertion of the card, and having combined therewith a convex plate, D, the whole constructed and arranged so as to be applied and operate in the manner set forth.

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