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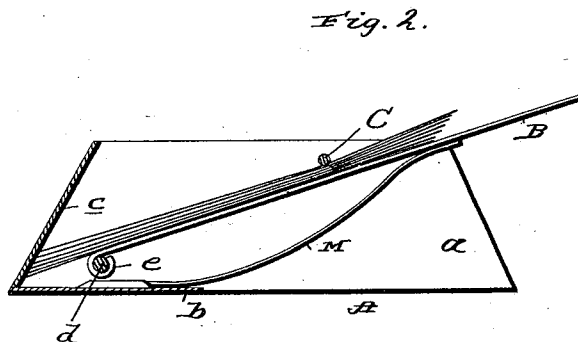
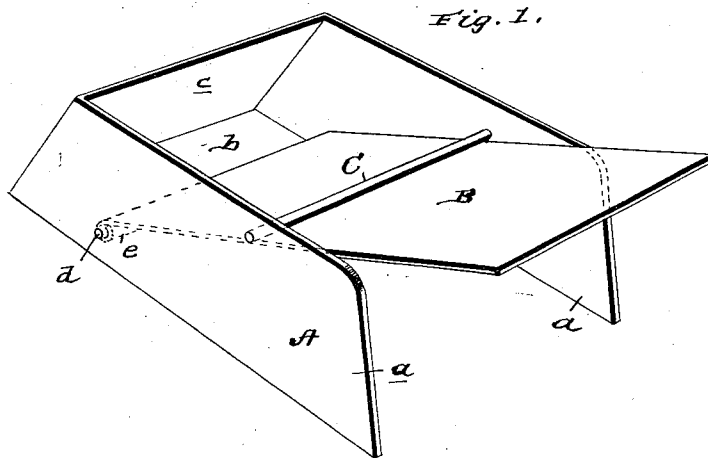
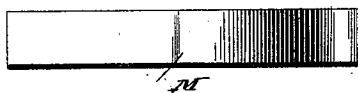


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE J. WARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Clair, in the county of St. Clair and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Label or Card Holders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has relation to improvements in devices for holding labels, cards, and the like, and it has for its general object to provide a holder of a cheap, simple, and durable construction, adapted to securely hold a number of labels or cards in a compact bundle and in such a manner that the printing or inscription upon the labels or cards, will always be in plain view.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder of such construction that the top or uppermost label or card will be caused to project beyond the free end of the card below it, and so on, whereby the free end of the top label may be readily separated from the others, and may be grasped and withdrawn from the holder without disturbing or displacing the other labels or cards.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a holder embodying such a construction that a person desiring to withdraw a label may remove the pressure on such label with the same hand that is employed to withdraw it, so that the label may be easily withdrawn from the holder without disturbing the remaining labels.

The invention will be understood from the following description and claim when taken in connection with the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1, is a perspective view of my improved device; the labels or cards being removed therefrom. Fig. 2, is a vertical longitudinal section of the same, with the labels or cards in position, and Fig. 3, is an inverted plan view of the spring for pressing the pivoted supporting plate against the keeper bar.

Referring by letter to said drawings: A, indicates the box or casing of my improved device which is preferably of a general rectangular form, as shown, and comprises the side

walls *a*, the bottom wall *b*, and the rear wall *c*, which rear wall is inclined forwardly and upwardly, as shown for a purpose presently described.

For the sake of cheapness in the manufacture of my improved device, I design having the bottom wall *b*, extend but a slight distance in advance of the rear wall *c*, as shown, but I do not desire to be confined to such construction, as the said wall might, if desired, extend the full length of the side walls.

B, indicates the supporting plate for the labels or cards, which is preferably of the proportional length illustrated and has one of its ends pivotally connected to the box or casing A, so as to allow its free end to move up and down for a purpose presently set forth. The pivot connection of the plate B, to the box A, is preferably effected by mounting a transverse bar *d*, in the box and forming the end of the plate into a barrel *e*, to receive the bar *d*, as shown, but as is obvious such connection of the plate and box, may be effected in any ordinary or approved manner, and I therefore do not desire to confine myself to the construction shown.

Mounted in the side walls *a*, of the box or casing, at a point adjacent to the forward ends and upper edges of the same, is a transverse keeper bar C, between which and the plate, the labels or cards are securely held by reason of the spring M, pressing against the under side of the plate B. This spring M, which is connected to the bottom wall *b*, in any approved manner, is preferably bowed or curved as shown, so as to exert a strong upward pressure upon the plate B, and thereby securely hold the cards or labels between the said plate and the keeper bar, as better shown in Fig. 2, of the drawings.

By the construction described it will be readily perceived that the labels or cards will be securely held in a compact bundle, and in such a manner that the printed or inscribed face of the uppermost label or card, will be fully exposed to view, which is very desirable; and by reason of the rear wall *c*, being inclined or pitched forwardly as described, it will be seen that each label or card will extend farther forward than the label or card below it, so that the end of the uppermost la-

bel or card may be readily separated from the others and may be grasped between the thumb and forefinger and withdrawn without disturbing or displacing the other labels or cards.

5 By reason of the spring M, being arranged below the plate B, or on the opposite side of said plate with respect to the keeper bar C, it will be perceived that a person desiring to remove the top label from the holder, may
10 grasp such label with the forefinger and thumb of one hand and may with the other fingers of the same hand press the other labels and the plate away from the keeper bar so as to remove the pressure and allow the
15 desired label to be readily withdrawn without disturbing the other labels.

When my improved device is employed for holding gummed labels which have a tendency to curl, it will be seen that the said labels
20 will be held in such a manner that curling of the same will be effectually prevented.

Although I have described my improved device as especially adapted for holding labels, cards, or the like, it may be employed to advantage for holding envelopes, letter heads,
25 and similar stationery.

In practice my improved device may be employed singly, as illustrated, or it may be

mounted upon a suitable base, and employed in sets as is most desirable.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

In a device for holding labels, cards, and the like, the combination with a box or casing having its rear wall inclined forwardly
35 and upwardly and having its upper side and forward end open, and a fixed keeper bar arranged transversely in said box adjacent to the upper edges of the side walls thereof; of
40 a plate pivotally connected at one end to the box or casing at a point adjacent to the rear end thereof and in a plane below the plane of the keeper bar, and extending beneath and beyond the said keeper bar, and a spring connected at one end to the bottom of the box
45 or casing and bearing at its upper end against the pivoted plate so as to press the same against the keeper bar, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in
50 presence of two witnesses.

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