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Fig. 2.

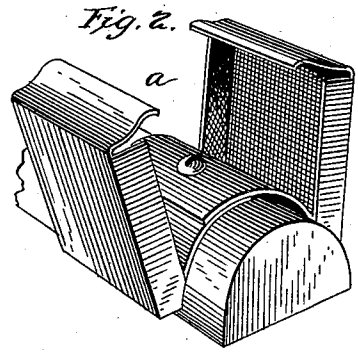
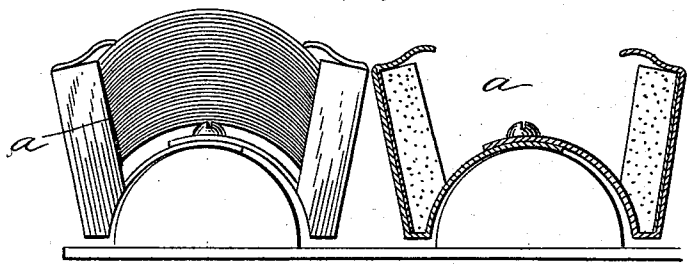


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUGO THUM, of Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Holders for Labels, Checks, and the Like; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to holders for labels, checks, and the like, and is designed to provide a receptacle for containing the slips of papers in which they are kept separate from adjoining compartments containing different papers, and from which they may be removed without difficulty when required for use.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a pair of holders with labels in one of the compartments, the other being empty to show the interior construction. Fig. 2 represents a holder detached and of a modified form.

These holders may be arranged in series, as shown in Fig. 1, or used independently, as in Fig. 2. It is desirable to hold these labels with the printed side down, so that they may be easily removed either by applying the moistened finger to the gummed back or by the use of a paste-brush if the labels are not gummed, and for this reason it is necessary that the labels should be so held as to be independent of each other and to be capable of removal, one at a time, without the disturbance of any of the others. I have also provided means by which as fast as one label is removed the label beneath takes its place, thus keeping the upper label at the top of the receptacle, where it may be easily removed. I have also provided means by which the holders may be adjusted to receive and hold labels of different sizes.

In the drawings, A represents a series of holders arranged in compact form, the several compartments being indicated at *a*. In this manner four compartments are provided, each with a protecting or covering flange at its end. The labels, or, rather, strips of paper, are larger than the compartment in which they are placed, (or wider if the strips are held by their sides,) and this causes them to bulge in the center, thus practically forming a spring out of each label, the tension of the center being exerted against the end walls, the tension being sufficient to hold the labels in place. As ancillary to this, each compartment also has a curved bottom plate, 2, and the labels are placed with their printed sides down upon this curved bottom plate, the said labels being held by their own tension. It will thus be seen that the labels are held in a curved position, bulging in the center, with the inner ends held by frictional contact with the end walls. The flanges of these end walls curve inwardly with a compound curve, their inner ends flaring either downwardly or upwardly, which thus permits of the easy removal of the labels. These curved flanges extend above the top of the side walls, as in Fig. 2, which thus permits of the removal of the labels laterally instead of from the top, if this is desired. As fast as the labels are removed from the top of the labels beneath, another is immediately caused to take the place of the one removed, and thus the labels in the box are always in position to be easily removed until the last one is taken out, when the compartments may be refilled. Instead of holding the labels by their ends and having them curved lengthwise, as shown, it will be readily seen that the compartments may have the flanges upon the sides and the labels held by their side edges instead of their ends. The form described is, however, preferred.

In Fig. 2 I have shown a single compartment, and more in detail than in Fig. 1. The end walls, against which the labels are held by friction, I prefer to roughen on their interior surfaces, to aid in holding the edges of the labels. As shown in this figure, I may make the receptacle in two parts, as at *d*, providing each with a slot and uniting them by a screw, so that the distance of the end walls apart may be adjusted in order to allow for the use of labels of greater or less length. By securing the two parts in the center a spring action is also given by the walls, which thus aids to hold the labels securely in place. The labels in this form may likewise be removed from the open space in the top of the holder or from the side.

It will be understood that the holder is designed for labels, notes, checks, and like slips of paper where many different kinds are in use.

I claim—

1. A holder for labels, checks, and the like, consisting of holding-walls of less extent than the labels to be held, the outer edges of the

labels bearing against said walls and held by frictional contact therewith, substantially as described.

2. A holder for labels, checks, and the like, consisting of holding-walls of less extent than the labels to be held, said walls having a roughened surface, the ends of the labels bearing against said walls, their central portion being curved and exerting a pressure on the ends to keep them in place, substantially as described.

3. A holder for labels, checks, and the like, having side walls and end walls with flanges curved inwardly and upwardly, substantially as described.

4. A holder for labels, checks, and the like, having side and end walls with inwardly and upwardly extending flanges, combined with a bottom plate having a curved surface, substantially as described.

5. A holder for labels, checks, and the like, consisting of a base-plate and holding-walls forming a part thereof, arranged a distance apart a little less than the length of the labels to be held, whereby the said labels are held in by the friction of their ends against the said walls, substantially as described.

6. A holder for labels, checks, and the like, consisting of a base-plate having spring holding-walls connected to or forming a part thereof, said walls being placed a distance apart a little less than the length of the labels to be held, substantially as described.

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

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