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LABEL CASE.

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FIG. 1.

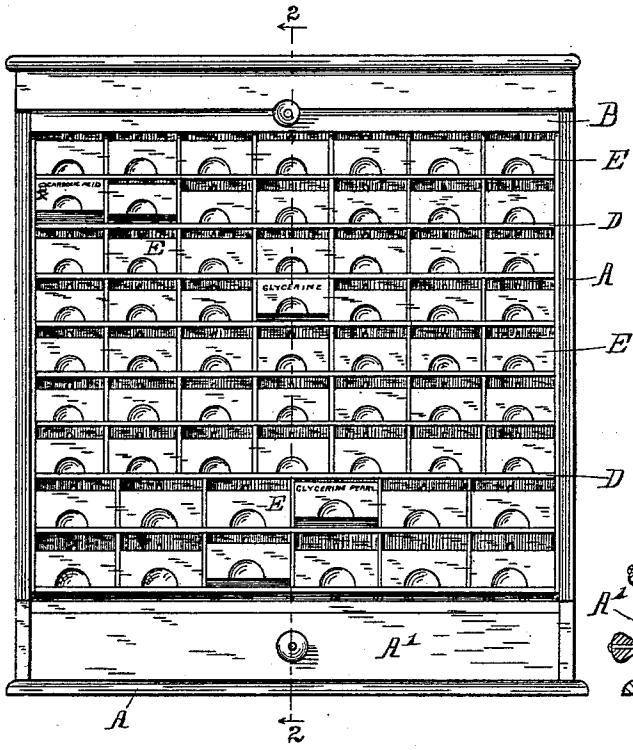


FIG. 2.

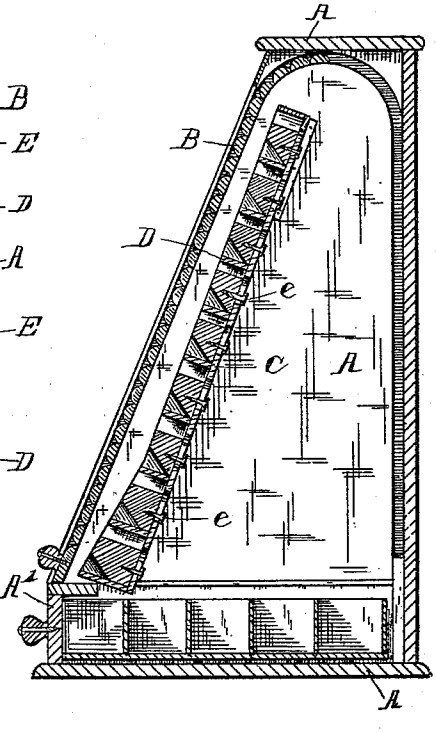


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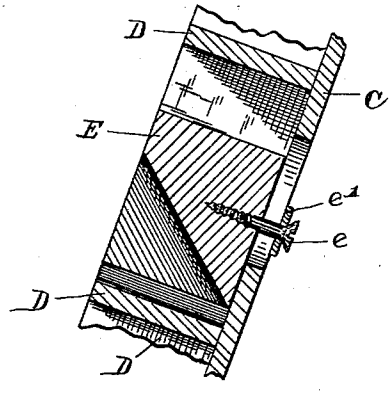
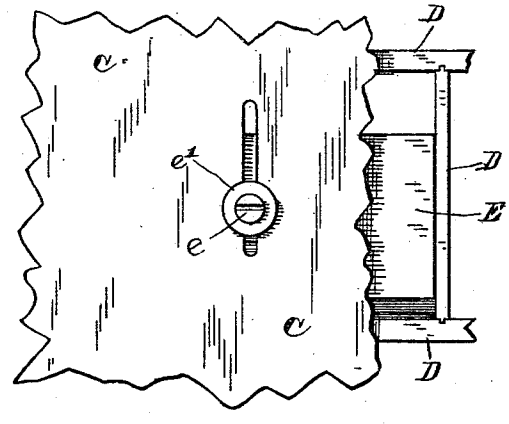


FIG. 4.



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LABEL-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD M. FLOYD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Shelbyville, in the county of Shelby and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Label-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my said invention is to provide a case or holder for labels, such as are used by druggists and others, which shall hold the labels flat at all times and in convenient condition to be taken out one by one for use.

Said invention will be first fully described, and then pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part hereof, and on which similar letters of reference indicate similar parts, Figure 1 is a front elevation, with the cover open, of a label-case embodying my said invention; Fig. 2, a central section thereof looking toward the left from the dotted line 2 2 in Fig. 1, the cover being closed; Fig. 3, a detail sectional view of one compartment or section separately on an enlarged scale; and Fig. 4 a rear elevation of Fig. 3, also on an enlarged scale.

In said drawings, the portions marked A represent the outside casing or frame-work of the structure; B, the cover; C, an inclined partition forming the backs to the label-receptacles; D, the partitions forming the sides of said receptacles and dividing them from each other, and E sliding blocks or followers arranged within the label-receptacles and adapted to rest upon the labels contained therein.

The inclosing-case A may be of any ordinary or desired construction. Its cover B is preferably a slatted flexible cover of an ordinary and well-known form. In the bottom of the case may be, and preferably is, a drawer A′, which drawer may contain a large quantity of labels, from which the supply in the compartments may be replenished from time to time, or it may be used for other purposes, as desired.

The inclined partition C extends down substantially parallel with the front of the case and forms the backs for all the compartments for holding the labels. At points central to the several compartments are vertical slots cut through this inclined partition, through which a guide and holding pin for the followers may pass, as will be presently described.

The partitions D are arranged the proper distance apart to form the sides of the compartments which hold the labels. They are so spaced as to make said compartments of the desired size, and they may be varied so as to provide different-sized compartments. In the case illustrated by the drawings forming part hereof two sizes of such compartments are shown. Obviously a greater number might be used.

The followers E are preferably substantially rectangular blocks of wood recessed in the lower front side to admit of the insertion of the finger of the user, thus making it convenient to withdraw the top label of the number held by said follower in the compartment by simply inserting the finger in such recess, there being sufficient adhesion between one's fingers and the gummed side of the label (which is designed to be up) to facilitate this operation. Extending through the slots in the inclined partition C into the back sides of these followers are guiding and holding pins *e*, which have enlarged heads *e′*, extending over the surfaces adjacent to said slots. These guiding and holding pins are most conveniently formed by using common screws with common washers to form the enlarged heads. The necks of the pins between the heads and the followers are of such a size as to slide easily in the slots.

The operation is to place a supply of labels in each of the compartments underneath and with the followers resting thereon. The weight of the followers will hold the labels flat and the recesses permit the convenient removal of said labels one by one, as desired and as already been stated. The guiding and holding pins prevent the followers from being pulled out of place. Each follower may have pasted or otherwise inscribed on its front surface, above or around the recess, the name or designation of the form of label contained within the compartment. A few of the followers are shown as thus inscribed in the drawings, but most of the compartments in the illustration given are shown as empty. The pressure of the followers on the contents

of the compartments is the same at all times, whether said compartments are partly or wholly filled. Said pressure is sufficient to keep the labels from curling up, but is not so great as to cause them to stick together, which they would be apt to do if the pressure were too great, especially in damp weather.

The use of this invention is not confined to gummed labels, but it is equally applicable to ungummed labels, cards, and such like articles.

Having thus fully described my said invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A label-case including one or more compartments with a block-shaped follower therein recessed in its lower front portion.

2. A label-case including one or more compartments, followers in said compartments, and holding-pins passing through slots in the backs of said compartments and thus holding said blocks in place.

3. A label-case including one or more compartments for holding the labels, an inclined partition forming the backs of said compartments, slots through said partitions central to said compartments, block-shaped followers in said compartments having recesses in their lower front sides, and holding-pins having enlarged heads extending through said slots into said followers, whereby they are held in place.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Shelbyville, Indiana, this 11th day of May, A. D. 1891.

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