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PASTER.

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Fig. 1.

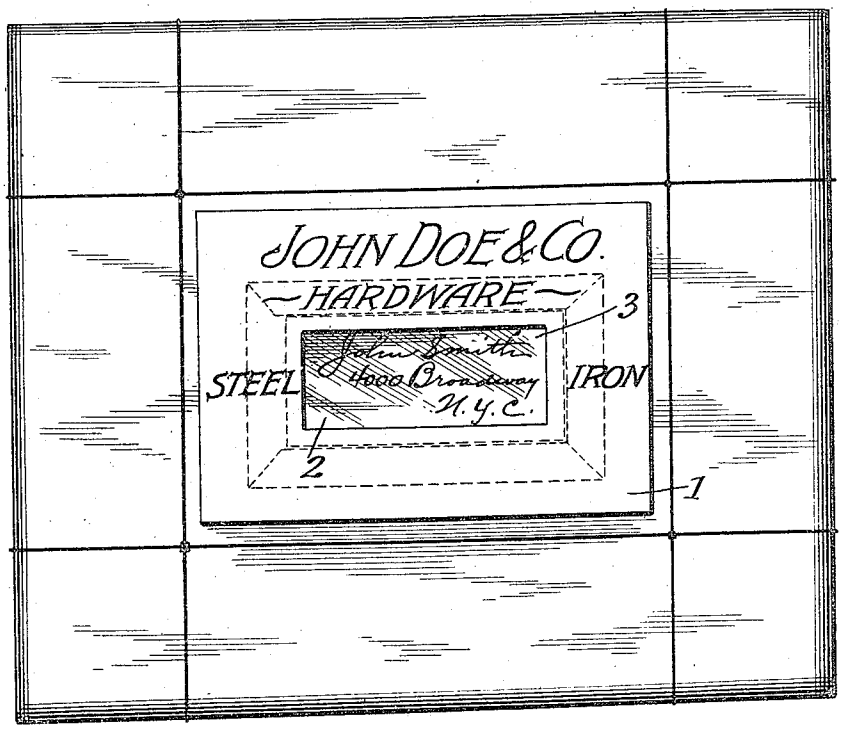


Fig. 2.

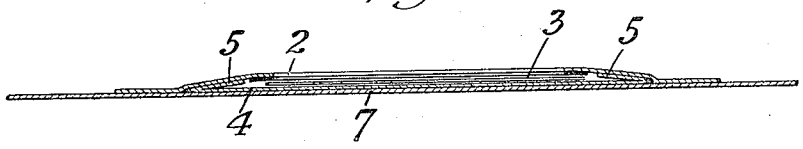
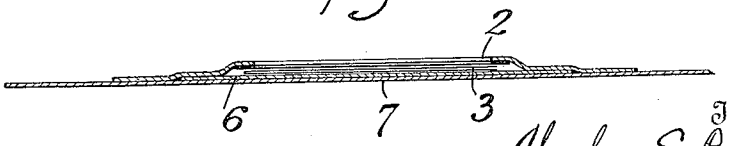


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM S. PHILLIPS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pasters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in pasters of the combined label and bill container type, which are designed to be applied to packages of merchandise to indicate the address to which the package is to be delivered, and at the same time to provide a receptacle for the bill, check or invoice which accompanies the goods.

One object of the invention is to provide a device of this character in which the address on the bill or other contained paper is visible from the outside, so that the labor of separately addressing the package and the liability of mistake in transcribing the address are eliminated.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character in which the bill or other paper is entirely inclosed within the label or paster so that the application of the paster to the package seals up the bill in a manner which makes its accidental loss impossible.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character of cheap construction which may be made in large quantities at small cost, and without expensive machinery, and which may be easily applied to the packages without further operations than necessary in applying an ordinary single sheet paster.

A further object of the invention will be apparent from the following description, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein I have illustrated two different embodiments of my invention, it being of course understood that my invention is not limited to the details disclosed, except in so far as recited in the appended claims.

In the said drawings,

Figure 1 is a plan view of one form of my improved paster showing the bill inclosed therein;

Fig. 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1, showing also the wrapper sheet to which the paster is applied;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but showing a slightly modified form of paster.

Referring to the drawings, and particularly to Figs. 1 and 2, 1 indicates the outer or main sheet comprising the body of the paster and on which is usually printed the name and address of the merchant and such other legends in the way of advertising or directions, as may seem desirable. The sheet 1 is of ordinary opaque paper and is provided with a rectangular opening 2 which may be located anywhere within the margin of the paster as may be convenient for the arrangement of the printed matter. Attached to the back of the paster to cover the opening is a transparent sheet 3 having its marginal edges cemented or otherwise secured to the edges of the paster surrounding the opening after the manner of the so-called "outlook" envelops now on the market.

Back of the transparent sheet 3 there is provided an envelop or pocket 4 which, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, is formed of a sheet of paper somewhat larger than the transparent patch, and having its marginal edges on three sides infolded, as shown more particularly in Fig. 2, to form flaps 5 which are cemented or otherwise attached to the back of the paster to thereby form a pocket back of the transparent portion of the paster, and open at one edge for the reception of the bill or invoice to be sent with the goods.

The entire back of the paster, including the back of the pocket, may be supplied with a suitable adhesive to be moistened when the paster is to be attached to the package or the paster sheet only may be supplied with the adhesive, or, if preferred, the pasters may be furnished without adhesive, to be supplied with paste when applied to the package.

The bill or invoice is of course folded so that when placed in the pocket the address of the purchaser will be visible through the transparent portion of the paster. The paster is then applied in the ordinary manner by moistening the adhesive, or applying adhesive, as the case may be, and sticking it to the package. As the main sheet 1 of the paster completely surrounds the bill containing pocket on all sides, the pocket will be effectively sealed by the application of the paster to the package so that the bill can be removed only by tearing off the paster or cutting through the transparent pocket.

In Fig. 3, I have shown a modified form

of paster which may be made up entirely of flat sheets of paper without the infolded flaps 5 of the paster shown in Figs. 1 and 2. This paster may be very cheaply made, and lends itself particularly to manufacture in quantity by automatic machinery.

The main sheet 1 is the same as in the first described paster, and is supplied with the patch 3 completely covering the opening. The pocket 6 is formed of a third flat sheet of smaller dimensions than the main sheet 1, but preferably larger than the patch 3, so as to be secured directly to the sheet 1. The sheet forming the pocket is attached to the main sheet 1 along three margins only, leaving an opening on one side to receive the bill 7.

The under side of the main sheet and the pocket, or just the marginal edges of the main sheet, may be supplied with adhesive or not, as desired, and the paster applied in the manner previously described.

The pocket sheet and the transparent patch may of course be co-extensive in area, or the pocket sheet may be even smaller than the transparent patch. It is advisable, however, that the pocket sheet be larger than the opening, as otherwise it would be secured only by the fragile transparent sheet.

While I have described my improved paster as made up of a separate transparent patch covering the opening, it is obvious that a portion of the main sheet 1 may instead be rendered transparent in the same manner as some forms of outlook envelops now on the market.

I am aware that pasters provided with bill containing envelops have been proposed, such envelops having an opening through the face of the paster and having a separate closing flap to prevent loss or removal of the bill. Such devices are open to the objection that hurried or careless operators will apply the paster without closing the flap, rendering the bill liable to loss. They are also open to the objection that when properly applied a double operation is required, involving practically twice the labor of applying the paster in addition to the extra labor required to separately address the label and bill.

I claim:

1. In a label or paster comprising a main sheet having a transparent portion lying entirely within the edge of the sheet, a pocket forming part attached to one side of said main sheet back of said transparent portion and also lying entirely within the outer edge of said main sheet so that the exposed margin of the main sheet may receive an adhesive, whereby said main sheet may be cemented to the article to which it is to be attached entirely around said pocket.

2. In a label or paster comprising a main sheet, a pocket forming sheet attached to one side of said main sheet, said main sheet being imperforate throughout its entire area, with the edge of the pocket forming sheet entirely within the edges of the main sheet so that the exposed margin of the main sheet may receive an adhesive, whereby said paster may be cemented to the article to which it is to be attached throughout its entire margin and thereby completely seal said pocket.

3. In a label or paster comprising a main sheet having a transparent portion, a pocket forming sheet attached to said main sheet at said transparent portion with the edge of the pocket forming sheet entirely within the edges of the main sheet, said main sheet being imperforate throughout its entire area and having an exposed margin adapted to receive an adhesive, whereby said paster may be cemented to the article to which it is to be attached throughout its entire margin and thereby completely seal said pocket.

4. In a label or paster comprising a main sheet having a transparent portion, a pocket forming sheet attached to said main sheet at said transparent portion with the edge of the pocket forming sheet entirely within the edges of the main sheet, said main sheet being imperforate throughout its entire area and having its surface entirely surrounding said pocket coated with adhesive whereby when it is attached the said pocket will be completely sealed.

Signed at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 13th day of October, 1916.

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