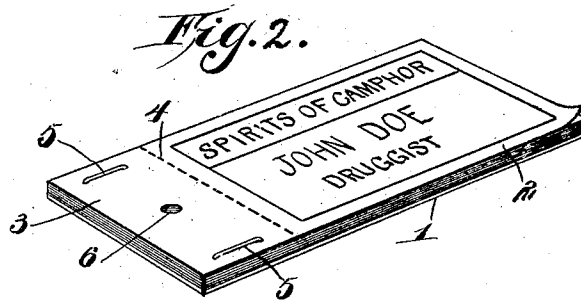
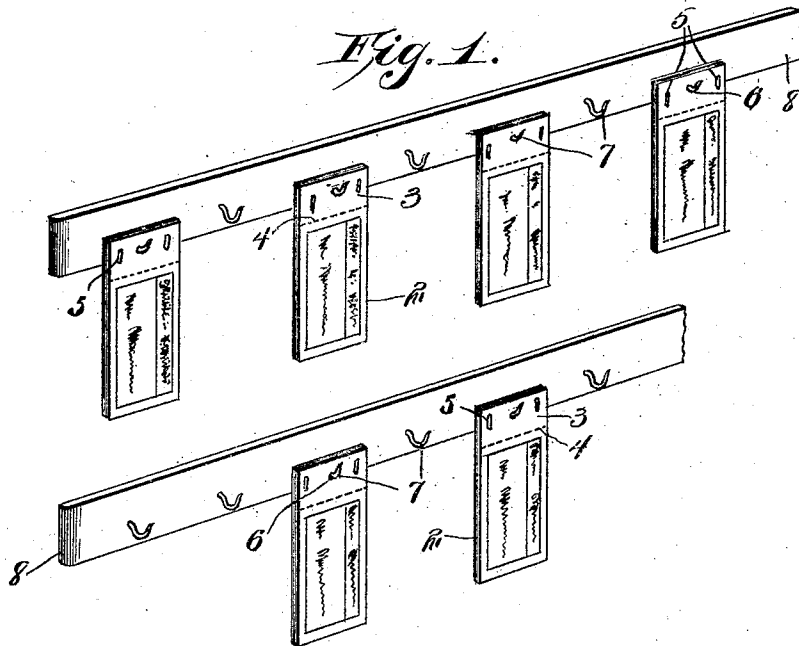


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE PATRICK SHILEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Missouri Valley, in the county of Harrison and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Label-Packet, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tablets or packets of labels for packages of merchandise, and is intended more especially for the use of druggists who find it necessary to keep on hand large quantities of printed labels of many different kinds, which are ordinarily provided on the back with a coating of dry adhesive by means of which the labels may be attached to bottles, boxes, or packages of other kinds.

The object of the invention, stated in general terms, is to provide improved means for holding the labels of each kind together in order that they may be more conveniently separated from the stock for use than when kept in the ordinary manner and to provide such means for holding the labels of each kind together that little or no adhesion of one label to another will result from the action of moist or warm air upon the labels.

It is well known to all druggists and others who find it necessary to keep large quantities of labels of different kinds that the ordinary method of keeping each kind of label separate from the others is far from satisfactory. The most common method of keeping the labels of different kinds separate is to keep the labels in bunches which are held together by means of bands of rubber slipped around the bunches. Another common means of keeping the labels separate is to have one or more drawers divided by light partitions into small compartments each of which is used to contain a label of one kind only. Both of these methods of keeping labels separate are objectionable. The use of rubber bands to hold the labels together in bunches leads to the loss of many labels whenever the air becomes moist or warm, because the pressure of the rubber band which serves to hold the labels together is sufficient to cause moistened or warmed mucilage to adhere to any adjacent surface. This method of keeping labels is also objectionable, because it is impossible to remove a single label from a bunch quickly without the use of both hands—one to hold the bunch and one to remove a single label therefrom—and even when both hands are used it is not

always easy to remove a label from the bunch, as the band surrounding the bunch often interferes to a considerable extent with the removal of labels from the bunch. In addition to the disadvantages already mentioned the use of rubber bands is objectionable, because the rubber of the bands deteriorates quite rapidly and breakage of the bands with consequent mixing of labels of different kinds is of frequent occurrence if the bands are not replaced from time to time with fresh ones.

The use of drawers divided into separate compartments for keeping labels of different kinds is by no means satisfactory, because it is extremely difficult to determine in advance the proper size to make the compartments in order to use the drawer-space economically, and when the compartments in the drawers are filled with labels the greatest care must be exercised in opening and closing the drawer and in removing labels therefrom to prevent mixing of the labels by accidental shifting from one compartment to another.

The present invention consists in a tablet or packet of labels in which a plurality of labels are secured together, so that a single label may be instantly detached when desired, so that there will be no pressure upon the labels to cause the adhesive thereon to adhere to adjacent labels, and so that any desired number of packets may be conveniently suspended from a rack in such position that any label desired may be instantly secured.

In describing the invention reference will be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the portion of the rack having the improved packets of labels suspended therefrom. Fig. 2 is a detail view in perspective of a single packet of labels.

Referring to the drawings, in which corresponding parts are designated by similar characters of reference, 1 designates the back of the packet of labels, which consists, preferably, of a piece of cardboard of suitable size and thickness. The labels 2 are formed integral with stubs 3 and are separated from the stubs by lines of perforations 4. Each packet of labels consists of a back and any suitable number of combined labels and stubs—say fifty. The combined labels and stubs are secured to the back of the packet by

means of staples 5, each passing through the stubs and through the back of the packet, as shown. In order to facilitate the suspension of the several packets, each is provided with an opening 6 through the stub portion, which is of sufficient size to permit a wire hook 7 or other suitable suspension device to be passed therethrough.

The preferred mode of suspending the packets for the convenient removal of labels therefrom is shown in Fig. 1, in which the packets are shown as suspended from hooks 7 on the transverse bars 8 of the rack, which may be of any preferred dimensions. The arrangement of the packets of labels on the rack may of course be determined by the user to suit his fancy; but in most instances an alphabetical arrangement of the label-packets will be found most convenient and will effect a saving of time in the removal of labels from the packets suspended in the rack.

With labels secured together in the manner described, by means of fastening devices passing through stubs formed integral with the labels and separated therefrom by lines of perforations, all pressure upon the gummed portions of the labels is done away with and the tendency of the labels to stick together, and so become unfit for use, is entirely obviated. The possibility of the labels becoming mixed by breakage of rubber bands or by being shifted from their proper compartments is also avoided, and the removal of a single label of any kind from its packet is made easier and more convenient than when the labels are kept in either of the old ways described.

The staples 5 are located one on each side of the support receiving perforations 6

and in the vicinity of the edges of the stubs. Said staples have their legs located on opposite sides of the lateral axis of the packet drawn through said perforation. The advantage arising from this specific arrangement of the staples is that the label may be readily detached with one hand when the packet is hung up.

Having thus described the nature and use of my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A label-packet comprising a backing of stiff material and a plurality of superposed leaves normally disconnected from each other and from the packing, each of the leaves consisting of a single stub and a single label portion, staples forming the only means for securing the stub portions of the series of leaves to the backing, the backing and the stub portions being perforated to provide means for suspending the device, said perforation being located in the longitudinal axis of the packet, the staples at the stub portions being located one on each side of said perforation and in the vicinity of the edges of the stubs, the said staples having legs located on opposite sides of the lateral axis of the packet drawn through said perforation, each label portion being separated from the stub portion by a weakened line and provided under its entire rear surface with a coating of dry adhesive, the stub portion being void of said adhesive.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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