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Label-Holders.

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Fig. 1.

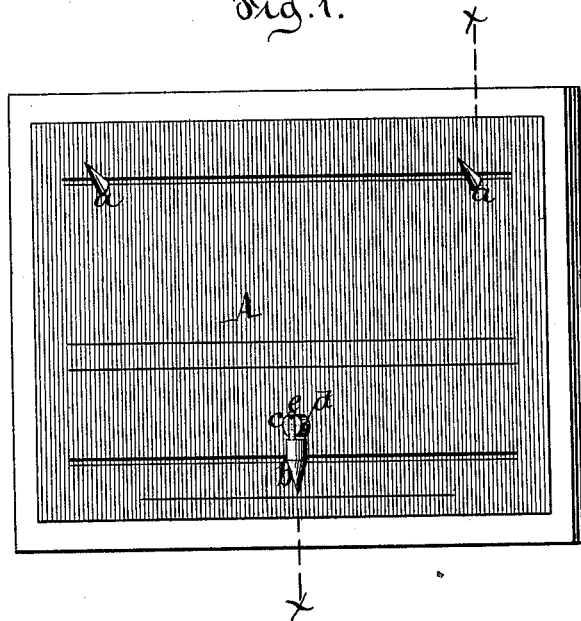


Fig. 2.

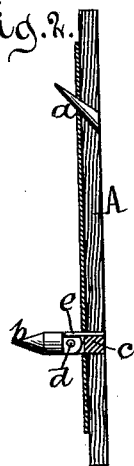


Fig. 3.

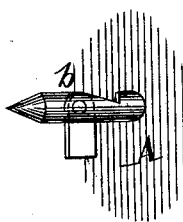
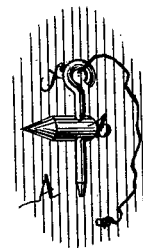


Fig. 4.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN LABEL-HOLDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WARNER G. MORTON, of Pittsfield, in the county of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Label-Holders, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a vertical section in the plane  $xx$ , Fig. 1. The remaining figures are modifications, which will be referred to in the description.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to an improved label-holder, which consists in a base-plate provided with inclined prickers and a supplemental pricker provided with a locking device, all constructed and operating as will be hereinafter described; also, in a label-holder consisting of a base-plate provided with prickers, said prickers being provided with suitable locking devices for retaining the tags, as will be hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings, the letter A designates the base-plate, to which are fastened inclined prickers  $a$ , over which the label is passed. The free end of the label is then pressed onto the supplemental pricker  $b$ . This pricker, as shown in the drawings, Fig. 1, is constructed of two parts—the pointed end  $b$  and the firm end  $c$ . The pointed end turns on a pivot,  $d$ , and is held in position by a spring,  $e$ , like the blade of a pocket-knife. When the label has been pressed flat against the base-plate A the pointed end  $b$  is turned down, as shown in Fig. 1, thus holding the label in place.

Of course, instead of the holding device shown in Figs. 1 and 2, any other form of locking device may be applied to the pricker  $b$ —as, for

example, in Fig. 3, where the label is held by an arm swinging in a slot in the pricker  $b$ , which recedes into the slot when the label is being pressed in against the base-plate A, but falls out by its gravity as soon as the label has passed far enough in, thus holding the label in place.

Fig. 4 shows another modification in which the label is held by a pin,  $f$ , passing through a hole in the pricker  $b$ .

In the example shown in the drawings, the prickers  $a$  are inclined, by which means one end of the label is held in place; but, if desired, I can also provide these prickers with locking devices similar to those on the pricker  $b$ .

My label-holder will be found very useful in fastening car-labels onto the sides of freight-cars; but I do not limit myself to this use alone, since it can also be used in offices for filing papers, or for any other desired object.

In some cases the prickers  $a$   $b$  are fastened to the side of a car, and in that case the side of the car constitutes the base-plate A.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A label-holder consisting of a base or supporting plate provided with inclined prickers  $a$  and a supplemental pricker,  $b$ , said supplemental pricker being provided with a suitable locking device, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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