

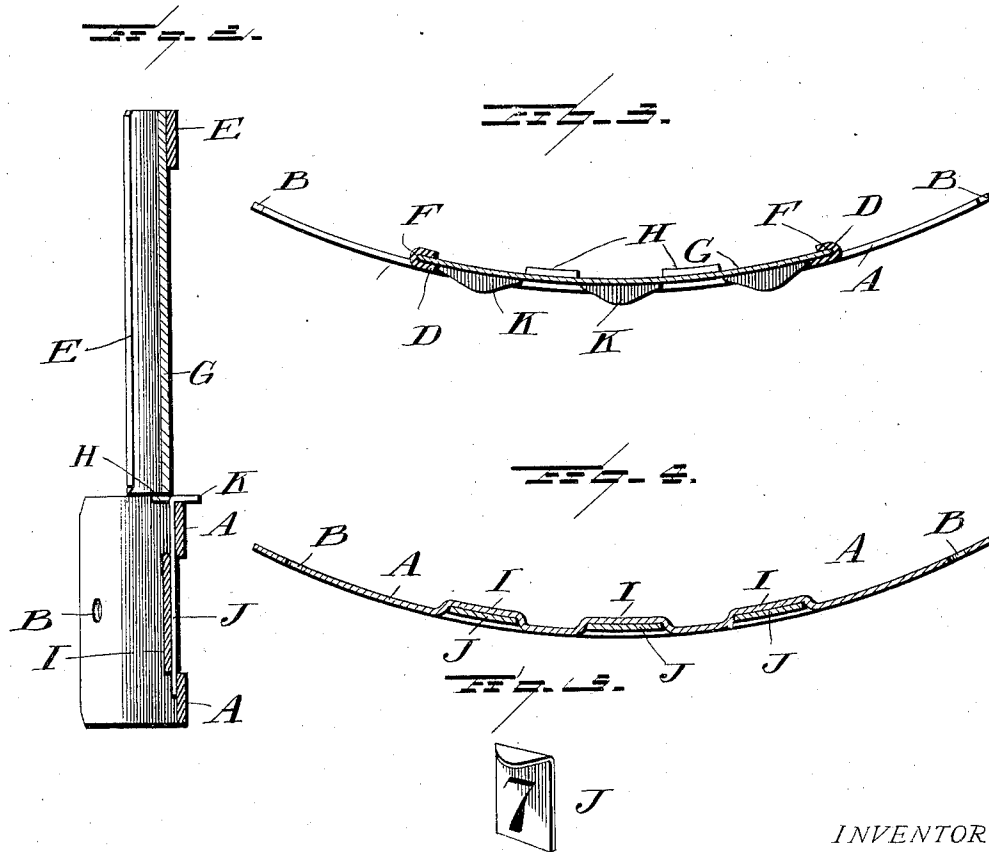
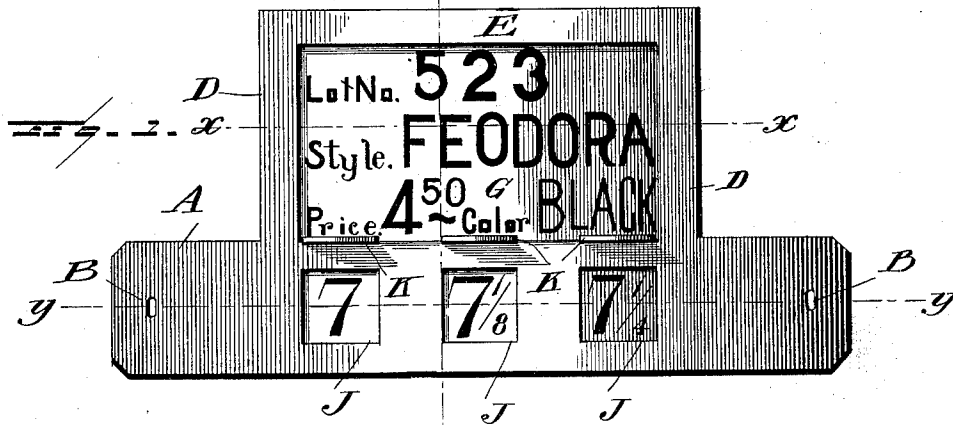
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS WEIGEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Helena, in the county of Lewis and Clarke and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Labels and Label-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and efficient device for registering the number and sizes of hats contained in stock-boxes; and it consists in certain peculiar features of construction and combination of parts, as will be hereinafter first fully described and then particularly pointed out in the claims.

Hats are usually kept in retail stores in boxes, each containing a number of hats, generally three, although six are sometimes put in a box in the cheaper grades. In order to be apprised at all times of the condition of the stock, the storekeeper marks upon the outside of the box the sizes of the hats contained therein and when a hat is sold marks over the figure or figures denoting the size of the sold hat. The numbers or figures remaining on the box not marked over will of course show what hats remain unsold. This method of keeping a record of stock is objectionable, because it necessarily destroys the printed label which is pasted to the box and removes the neat and sightly appearance of the boxes on the shelves of the store. Furthermore, it not infrequently happens that owing to the hurry or lack of care on the part of the salesman a hole is punched in the box or the obliterating marks are so imperfectly applied as to create a doubt whether a certain size has been sold from the box, consequently causing a loss of time in making the next sale and defeating the purpose of the register. My invention overcomes these objections by providing a register which is removably attached to the front of the hat-box and which comprises a holder having a pocket adapted to receive a card containing a statement of the style, price, color, and lot of hats contained in the box and below such pocket carrying a series of labels or tags corresponding in number to the number of hats within the box and bearing numerals denoting the sizes

of the hats. Such a device is illustrated in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a register embodying the features of my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section on the line xx of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section on the line yy of Fig. 1, and Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of one of the labels or tags.

In carrying out my invention I take a strip of any suitable material, such as tin, (denoted by the letter A in the drawings,) and form in the ends of the strip perforations or openings B, through which and the hat-box suitable fastening devices C are inserted to secure the holder to the box. Forming an integral part of the strip and rising from the upper edge of the same are the side bars D, connected at their upper ends by a cross-bar E, so as to present a loop or open frame through which the card held therein may be read. The outer edges of the side bars are turned backward on themselves, so as to form the vertical grooves F, adapted to receive a card G, as shown and as will be readily understood. The upper edge of the strip A is turned backward, so as to form the short lips or flanges H, upon which the card G rests when in position. In the body of the strip, below the frame just described, I form pockets I by striking back portions of the strip, as clearly shown in Fig. 4. In these pockets are placed the tags or labels J, which are prevented from dropping through the same by having their upper ends turned over to form lips K, which engage and rest upon the upper edge of the strip A. Each of these tags bears a number corresponding with the size of one hat within the box.

It is thought the use and advantages of the device will be readily understood. The pockets I will correspond in number to the number of hats contained in the box, and each, as stated, will bear the size of one hat. When a hat is sold, the tag of that size will be removed and the pocket left empty, so that a slight glance at the box will tell the salesman whether any of the hats have been sold and just how many and what sizes of hats are left in the box. Should a hat be removed from the box and not sold, (as a part of a window

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display, for instance,) a tag of a different color may be substituted for the one usually designating that hat, so as to show where it is. The large card describing the hats is slipped down in the grooves F and rests on the lips or flanges H. When the holder is removed after all the hats are sold, this card may be removed and a card describing another lot substituted when the holder is applied to a new box. It will thus be seen that I have provided a cheap, simple, and durable device for keeping a visual record of stock which is necessarily clear and accurate.

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

1. A device for the purpose set forth comprising a holder having an open frame and a series of pockets below said frame, a card

held in the open frame, and a series of tags removably inserted in the pockets below the frame.

2. A label-holder consisting of a strip having a series of pockets formed therein and an open frame rising from the strip, the said frame having vertical grooves at its side edges and rearwardly-projecting lips or flanges in its lower portion.

3. A label-holder consisting of a strip having portions struck back to form pockets and an open card-holding frame rising from the upper edge of the strip.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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