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## IMPROVEMENT IN LABEL-CARDS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES SHARP, of Roxbury, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Manufacture of Label-Cards to be Fastened to any Kind of Goods; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

In my business of merchandise I have experienced a practical evil, slight in any one instance, but great in its constant occurrence—to wit, the loss of label cards or tickets from any kind of goods to which they had been fastened by string or otherwise in consequence of the cards tearing for want of sufficient strength. I remedy this evil by making my cards or tickets so strong as not to be easily torn. I manufacture them as follows: Take a sheet of any kind of card-paper or pasteboard of the desired thickness and spread upon one side of it a coat of glue or paste or gum, or any like sticky substance. Then apply thereto a covering-piece of canvas or brown holland or any kind of cloth or similar fabric of the required strength, and thereupon apply another

sheet of card-paper or pasteboard prepared with glue or other sticky substance like the first. Then firmly press the whole together till dry. Then cut or stamp out the cards or tickets of any required form and size, and they are ready to be printed or written upon and to be fastened by a hole and string in the usual way for use to any kind of goods. The card will thus consist of two pieces of paper inclosing a piece of cloth or other similar fabric stuck and pressed together. By varying the thickness and strength of the paper and cloth any necessary strength may be given to the card, according to the purpose for which it is wanted, as shown in the specimens accompanying my application for a patent.

I claim—

The manufacture of label cards or tickets of cloth and paper stuck and pressed together, substantially as above described.

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