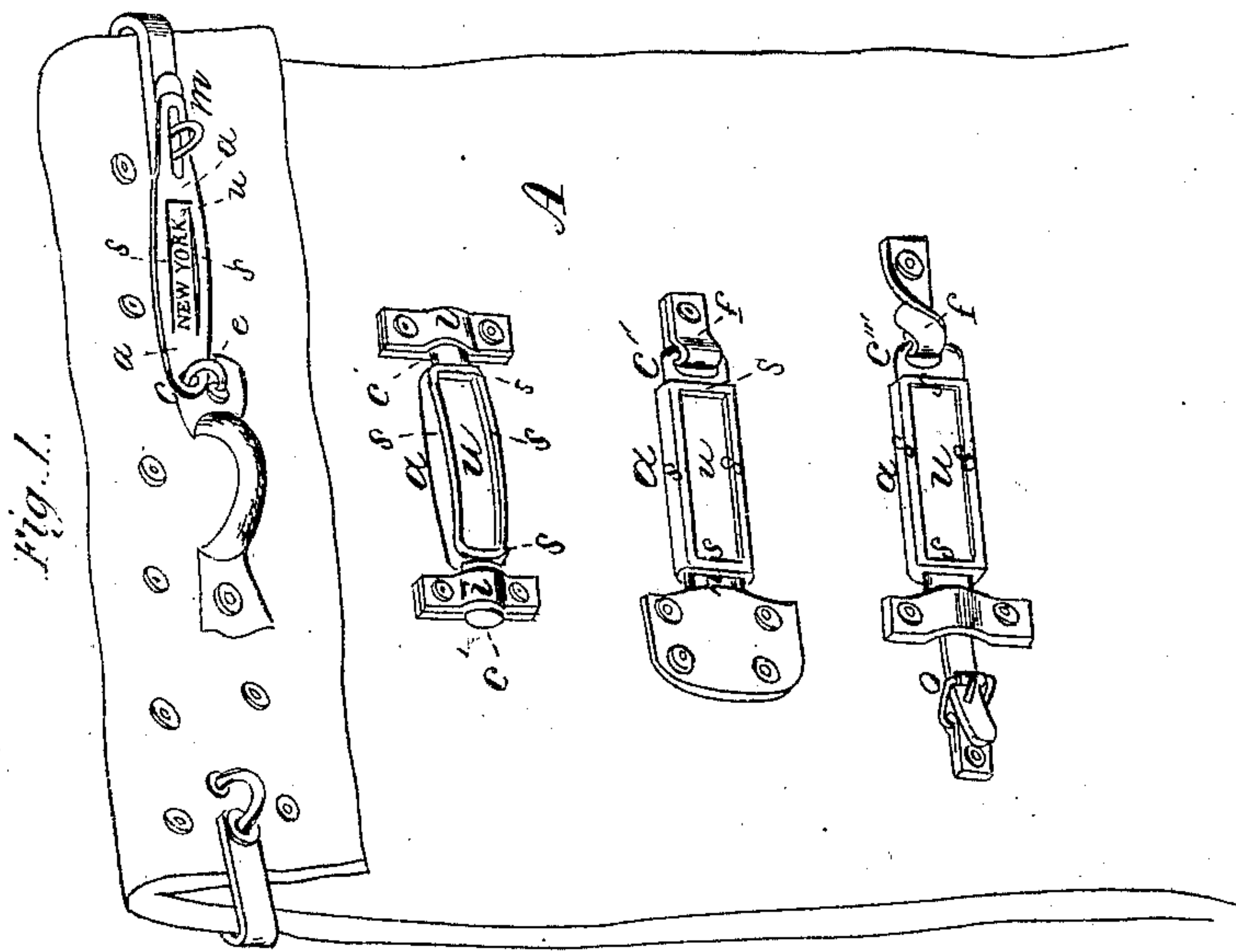
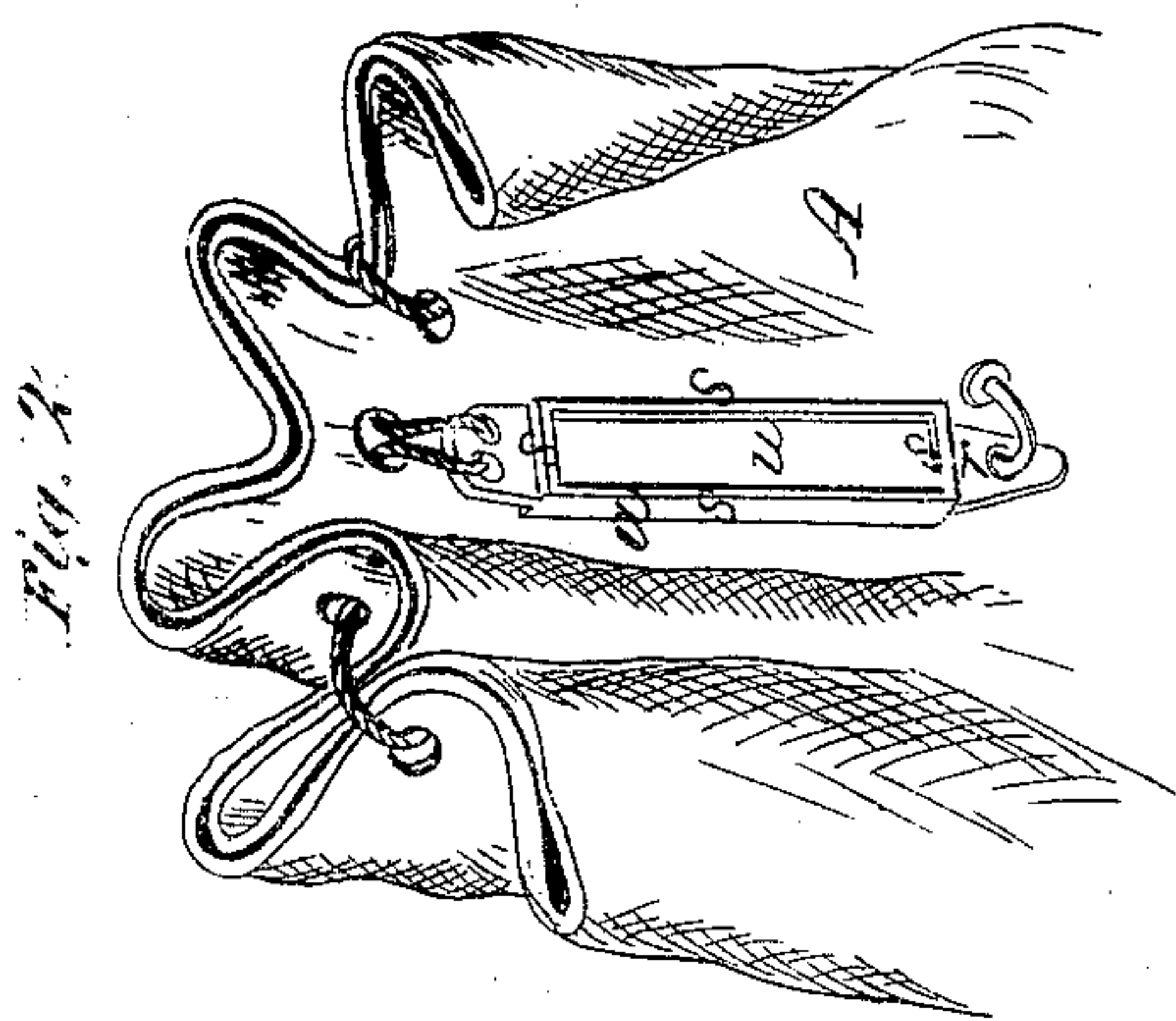


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LABEL FOR MAIL-BAGS, &c.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS P. TROTT, of the city and county of Washington and District of Columbia, have invented a certain  
5 new and Improved Method of Labeling Mail and other Bags, Packages, Bundles, Bales, Parcels, Boxes, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and  
10 mode of applying and using the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents in perspective, a portion of a mail bag or pouch, with several  
15 modifications of my general plan of labeling, shown upon it. Fig. 2 represents in perspective a portion of a newspaper or other bag, with a plan of uniting the label  
20 in question thereto.

I am aware that removable, and reversible labels have been heretofore used. These I do not claim.

The nature of my invention consists in a  
25 label plate, having a shield or shields upon or in it—one end of said plate being permanently attached to the bag, box, or package, but so that it may be turned over on said fastening—while the opposite end may be  
30 locked, sealed, buckled, tied, or in any safe manner fastened to said bag, box, or package, so that it may be loosened or detached, when it becomes necessary to turn it. And my invention further consists in using in  
35 connection with such a label-plate, a printed, stamped, or marked card, paper, or parchment—or any other suitably flexible material, as cloth, leather, &c., that indicates on it, the name or place where it is designed  
40 to be sent, or the name or place from whence it has been sent, or both.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the same with reference to the drawings.  
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*a*, represents a label plate. It may be cast of any metal—and if of iron, may be annealed to prevent it from breaking. Or, this plate may be struck up of one, or more  
50 pieces, of plate or sheet metal of any kind. One end of this label plate, as at *c*, *c'*, *c''*, *c'''*, may have a dead eye, or opening in it, to receive a staple (*e*), or a staple (*f*), by which that end of it is permanently fastened to the bag A. Or, as at *c'*—the label-

plate, may have two flat-shanks that will admit of being turned in their supports or bearings *i*, *i*, the bearings being permanently attached to the bag, and the label plate reversible in said bearings, but not removable  
60 therefrom. The other ends of the label-plates, may be secured, by hasp, staple, and lock, as at *m*; by a flat shank and catch piece as at *n*, or by a buckle and strap as at *o*. All these modifications of my general plan,  
65 makes the label plate permanent on or with the bag, but so that said plate may be turned over on such fastening—while the other end of the plate may be detached, or turned over also. 70

In Fig. 2, I have shown the application of this label to newspaper bags. Its turning end *r*, may be fastened by a staple, or by any other of the plans shown in Fig. 1, and its upper end may have one, two, or  
75 more holes, through which, the lacing cord, chain, or strap that fastens the mouth of the bag, may pass, to hold it, and prevent it from turning of itself. With these several modifications of the mode of applying these  
80 label-plates to bags it will be readily seen how they may be applied to packages, boxes, or bundles of any or every kind. One or both of the faces of this plate *a*, has a fillet, flange, or projection *s*, formed upon it, which  
85 leaves a recess or panel *u*, into which the printed, stamped or otherwise marked label is placed or pasted—the flanges or projections perfectly protecting said label from abrasion or defacement—or, from being ac-  
90 cidentally removed.

The label plate represented at *c*, has one of the printed labels represented as applied to it. These labels, I propose to make of any suitable fibrous or textile substance, that  
95 can be conveniently fastened into the panels or recesses of the label plate, and be removed therefrom when it becomes necessary, to replace them by others. A simple, cheap, and effectual label may be made of paper having  
100 the name, place, or destination upon it either printed or otherwise; and if printed or written, to make it enduring, and not easily effected by the weather the printed or marked face, may be varnished over, with  
105 any weather proof varnish. And the back of the label may be furnished with some adhesive gum, paste, or matter, that will make it adhere to the plate. In any event the label should be so applied to the plate 110



as to be removable therefrom, or to admit of another placed over it, otherwise one plate could only serve for two names or places, while my object is to make the plates  
5 available anywhere, or for any name or place.

As I have represented the label plate—its panel or recess is a part of the metal of which the plate itself is composed. Now,  
10 it is obvious that the label itself, or the back to which it may be attached may form that panel—the plate in this case being in skeleton. Such, and many other, obvious modifications of my general plan, will suggest  
15 themselves to any skilful person, and I do not therefore mention them in detail, as the leading characteristics of my invention will fully show its nature, extent, and application.

20 Having thus fully described the nature and object of my invention, what I claim as

new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. A label plate so fastened by one or both of its ends to a mail or other bag, package, 25 box, or other thing, as that while it is permanently attached thereto, it may nevertheless be turned thereon, substantially as herein described, when said plate is furnished with a shield, panel, or raised fillet, flange, 30 or projection, as set forth.

2. And I claim in combination with such a label plate that is permanently attached to the bag, package, or box, and is furnished with such a shield or panel, the attachable 35 and removable labels such as herein described and represented.

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