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IMPROVEMENT IN LABELS INTENDED FOR SECOND USE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY LOEWENBERG, of No. 400 Fourth street, in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Adhesive Labels; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description of the same.

The subject of my said invention is a label formed of paper, cloth, or analogous materials, embossed, printed, or blank, which, by means of a peculiar mode of preparation, hereinafter described, is adapted to be attached by means of a suitable material to any desired object and removed from and replaced upon the same or any other object as often as desired without injury.

In order that others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains may be enabled to understand the same, I will proceed to describe the manner of carrying it into effect.

I apply to the back side of the label, or that side which is to be attached to any object, a preparation of wax or resinous matter or other suitable material which will prevent the direct contact of the adhesive material with the substance of the label. For this purpose I have used with good effect white wax, sperm, and a resinous gum or equivalent materials, or either of them, applied in solution to the paper and allowed to dry. Gum-arabic or other suitable adhesive material is then spread on the prepared surface, and a label so produced may be applied by moistening and slight pressure to a bottle, a card, a package of merchandise, or other object, and will remain firmly attached thereto until it is desired to remove it; but owing to the fact that the body of the label is not penetrated by the adhesive substance, and the latter is only mechanically united with the prepared glossy surface of the label, the latter

can be readily removed without injury by detaching an edge, and by this drawing it from the surface to which it is attached.

Among other purposes for which this improved label is valuable, I may name the following, to wit: first, merchandise labels to be used repeatedly or retained for evidence or entries after shipment of goods; second, receipts or coupons to be placed, one over another, upon the face of notes, bonds, certificates, or other documents, and as the interest they represent is paid detached one by one, exposing the coupon or receipt next in order; third, railroad-tickets, which in like manner may be attached together in successive layers, each over the face of the other, and detached as required, whereby a series of tickets for an extended through route may be formed into a card of convenient size; and, fourth, calendars, time-tables, and like documents requiring periodical or occasional alteration, which may be effected by the removal or attachment of sheets covering a part or the whole of the surface.

Having thus described my invention, I wish it distinctly understood that I do not limit myself to the precise details herein laid down, nor to the use of the materials specified; but

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

An adhesive label formed of paper or cloth prepared in the manner described, to prevent the penetration of the adhesive substance by which the label is to be attached, and thus adapt the said label to be applied and removed as often as desired without destroying it.

HENRY LOEWENBERG.

Witnesses:

OCTAVIUS KNIGHT,
CHARLES DU BOIS.