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Combined Labels and Seals for Locks.

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FIG. 1.

A		B	
PHILA. TO STATION	N	Day	21
1 20	E	1 11	22
2 30	W	2 12	23
3 40		3 13	24
4 50		4 14	25
5 60		5 15	26
6 70		6 16	27
7 80		7 17	28
8 90		8 18	29
9 100		9 19	30
10 200		10 20	31

D

C

Empire.
Transport. Co.

No. of Seal
350

Year Month

FIG. 2.

A		B	
From	To	Day	21
1 20	1 20	1 11	22
2 30	2 30	2 12	23
3 40	3 40	3 13	24
4 50	4 50	4 14	25
5 60	5 60	5 15	26
6 70	6 70	6 16	27
7 80	7 80	7 17	28
8 90	8 90	8 18	29
9 100	9 100	9 19	30
10 200	10 200	10 20	31

D

C

Empire
Transport. Co.

No. of Seal
444

Year Month

FIG. 3.

TIME		
1872	1	17
1873	2	18
1874	3	19
	4	20
1	5	21
2	6	22
3	7	23
4	8	24
5	9	25
6	10	26
7	11	27
8	12	28
9	13	29
10	14	30
11	15	31

D

C

U. S. MAIL

Washington City
TO
New York City.

N. S. E. W.

7 47

No.

FIG. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED LABELS AND SEALS FOR LOCKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD J. BROOKS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Combined Label and Seal for Locks, of which the following is a specification:

My improved seal is made in sheet form, of paper or other material, with an aperture to receive the hasp of the lock to be sealed, and with printed or other marks or characters on its face, so arranged that a punch may be used in connection with the said marks or characters to indicate the date on which the seal is used, as well as the point of shipment or destination of goods shipped, or any other desired particulars. The aperture is surrounded with metal, cloth, or other material to strengthen it.

In the accompanying drawings, Figures 1, 2, and 3 are front views of different seals, illustrating my invention. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section on the line *x x*, illustrating the mode of applying the strengthening material.

The seal illustrated in Fig. 1 is specially adapted for sealing railway freight-cars.

The double column marked A contains in units, tens, and hundreds, numbers which, with the use of a punch, are employed to indicate the number of the station for which the goods are destined. The column may be headed by the name of a terminal or other principal station, as in the present illustration, for all stamps to be used in shipping freight from such principal stations. For transporting goods between way stations, two similar sets of numbered columns are used, headed by the words "from" and "to," as represented in Fig. 2.

Fig. 3 is an illustration of a seal made on the same principle, to be used for mail purposes, and having the names of the offices of departure and destination printed upon it. For way mails numbers may be used on the same principle as the numbers of the railway stations.

The columns B, for dates, may be the same on all the seals, such columns consisting of figures for any desired number of years, figures from 1 to 12 for the month, and from 1 to 31 for the day of the month. The seals may also be marked with the initials N, S, E, W, either of which being punched indicates that the transit is northward, southward, eastward, or westward, as the case may be. C represents the aperture to receive the shackle or hasp of a lock, or any other article to be protected. D is the strengthening-rim, which may be advantageously formed of a plate of metal with its central part cut diagonally and turned back upon the rim over the edge of the paper. Sufficient strengthening for most purposes may be obtained by cementing a re-enforce of cloth or other material on the back of the seal.

The manner of using my improved seal, when made in either form, will be readily understood. The punching shown in Fig. 1 indicates that the seal was applied on the 17th day of 12th month, (December,) 1872, to a car going west from Philadelphia to Station No. 146. In Fig. 2 the punching indicates, in a similar way, that the car is going east from Station 87 to Station 4. The mail seal shown in Fig. 3 shows that the bag to which it is supposed to have been applied was shipped north from Washington to New York on the 16th of December, 1872.

I claim as new—

The label seal herein described, formed with an aperture for applying it to a lock or other object to be secured and printed or otherwise marked with numbers or other characters to indicate, by the use of a punch, the date of application and the destination or direction of transit of the property protected.

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