

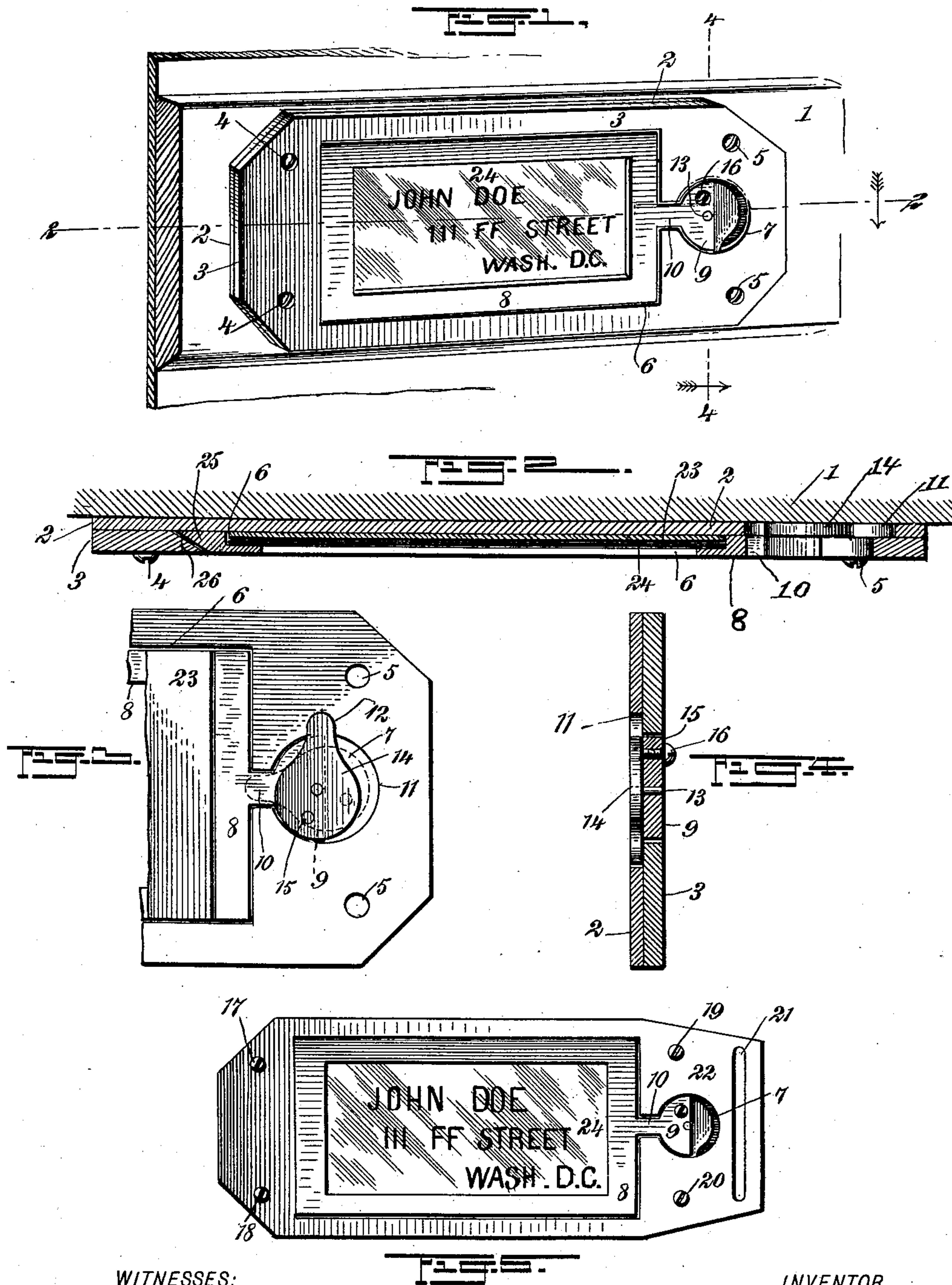
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID ELMER WERTS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Grants Pass, in the county of Josephine and State of Oregon, have invented a new and Improved Changeable-Address Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a changeable-address holder for trunks, valises, and other kinds of baggage.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my device as applied to a trunk. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section upon the line 2-2 of Fig. 1 looking downward. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary inverted plan view showing certain details of the locking mechanism. Fig. 4 is a section through the line 4-4 of Fig. 1 looking in direction of the arrow, and Fig. 5 is an elevation showing a slight modification in the form of plate used.

Upon the frame 1 of a trunk, valise, or similar article to be identified are mounted plates 2, 3, which may be secured thereon by screws 4, 5. The plate 3 is provided with a large aperture 6 of any desired form, but preferably rectangular, and with a smaller aperture 7, preferably of circular form, the two apertures communicating with each other, as shown. An interchangeable check 8 is provided with a semicircular head 9, connected thereto by means of a neck 10, the arrangement being such that the main body of the check engages the larger rectangular aperture, while the semicircular head engages the circular aperture 7. A circular aperture 11 is provided in the plate 2, as shown more particularly in Figs. 3 and 4. Mounted upon the semicircular head 9 by means of a central pivot 13 is an eccentric disk 14, provided with an integral tongue 12, which serves as a latch, which may be caused to register with the neck 10 by merely turning the cam upon the pivot. The semicircular head 9 is pro-

vided with a screw-hole 15, which is engaged by a screw 16. This screw normally binds rigidly upon the eccentric disk, so as to hold the same in a predetermined position. When the disk is rocked, its edge is free to move under the edges of the aperture 7, thus preventing the removal of the semicircular head 9 from the circular opening. The action is shown to better advantage in Fig. 3, in which the normal or locked position of the cam is indicated in full lines and the abnormal or unlocked position is indicated in dotted lines. As the semicircular head 9 occupies only about one-half of the aperture 7, the eccentric disk may be operated by the fingers when the screw 16 is loosened for the purpose.

In the modification of the plate shown in Fig. 5 the screws 17 and 18, 19 and 20 are used for securing the plate in position, and the slot 21 is employed for engaging a strap, so that the device may be suspended instead of being secured by screws. In other words, the traveler may use his election whether to secure the device upon the article to be identified either by suspending it from the strap or by the use of screws. The modified form of plate necessary for this purpose and shown in Fig. 5 is numbered 22.

The address is placed upon the label 23 and covered by an isinglass or mica plate 24. The beveled end 25 of the plate 3 engages the beveled undercut 26 of said plate.

My invention admits of a great variety of modified forms and different uses and may be employed in a great diversity of relations, which will readily suggest themselves to persons skilled in the art.

It will be observed that the inner plate 2 and the outer plate 3 when secured together constitute a single member provided with an undercut edge to be engaged by the latch 12 of the cam, as indicated in Fig. 3, and with an undercut edge 26, to be engaged by the beveled edge 25.

To remove the check 8, the screw 16 is loosened, and the semicircular head 9 is raised by the finger-nail. The check thereupon easily comes out.

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

1. A changeable-address holder comprising

a plate provided with apertures communicating with each other and each provided with an undercut, a check for engaging said apertures and provided with members for engaging said undercuts, and means controllable at will for changing the position of one of said members relatively to said plate.

2. A changeable-address holder, comprising a longitudinal plate provided with a large aperture disposed substantially in the middle thereof and provided with a relatively small aperture disposed adjacent to said large aperture and communicating with the same, a check provided with members for engaging both of said apertures, and means controllable at will for locking said members within said apertures.

3. A changeable-address holder, comprising a plate provided with a large aperture of any desired form and also provided with a relatively small aperture of circular form, each of said apertures having an undercut edge, a check provided with a member for engaging said undercut edge of the larger of said apertures and also provided with a semicircular head for engaging said aperture of circular

form, and an eccentric cam mounted upon said semicircular head and provided with a tongue for engaging the said undercut edge of said aperture.

4. A changeable-address holder, comprising a plate provided with a large aperture of any desired form and also provided with a relatively small aperture of circular form, each of said apertures being provided with an undercut recess, a check provided with a member for engaging the larger of said apertures and also provided with a member for engaging said aperture of circular form, a cam eccentrically pivoted upon said last-mentioned member and provided with a tongue for engaging the undercut recess of said circular aperture, and means controllable at will for locking said eccentric cam rigidly in a predetermined position.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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