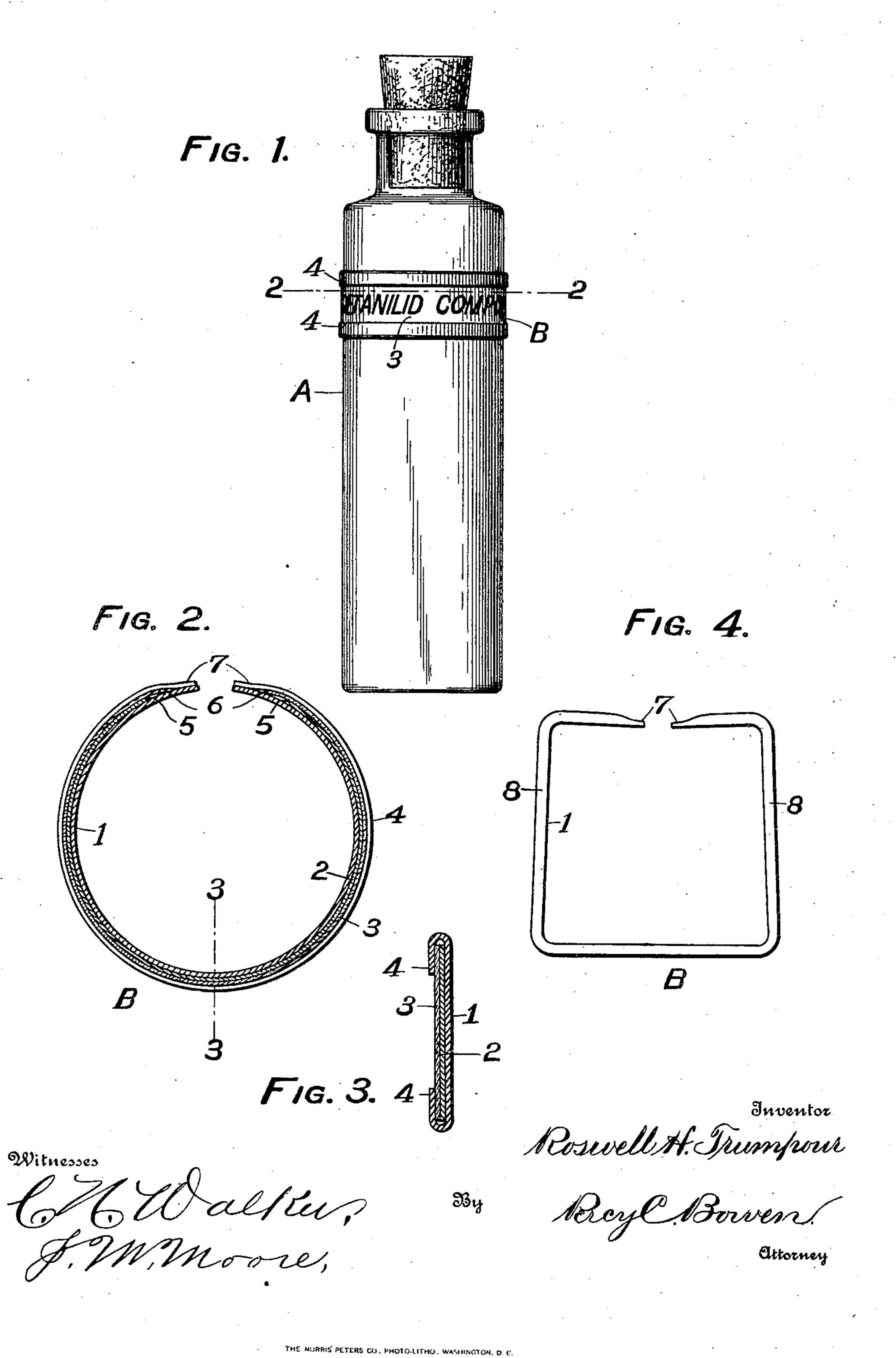
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Roswell H. Trumpour, a citizen of the United States, residing at Springbluff, in the county of Franklin and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders and Protectors for Labels; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in holders and protectors for labels, the object being to provide means for holding a label securely in place upon a bottle or other object and for protecting the label from moisture or other damaging influences, thus lengthening the life of the label and obviating the necessity of continually renewing the same, as is the case with the ordinary paper label when used upon bottles which are in constant use, in which case the labels quickly become soiled or torn.

Another object of this invention is to provide a label which can be easily placed upon a bottle and readily detached therefrom or changed from one bottle to another when necessary, but which will be held securely in place while on the bottle.

• These objects I attain by forming the label in the manner to be hereinafter described and claimed.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which the same parts are designated by the same numerals of reference throughout the several views.

Figure 1 represents an elevation of a bottle, showing my improved label applied thereto. Fig. 2 represents, on an enlarged scale, a horizontal section of the label, taken along the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents, on a still larger scale, a vertical section of the label, taken along the line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 shows in plan view a modified form of label for use upon square or rectangular bottles.

In carrying my invention into practice I use a thin strip of resilient material 1, which may be of brass, aluminium, or any other suit5° able material, and upon this strip 1 place an

ordinary paper label 2, which may be printed or written in the usual manner, and over this paper label 2 place a strip of celluloid or other transparent waterproof material 3, so that the printing or writing upon the label can be 55 plainly seen through this outer strip. The paper label and celluloid strip are made narrower than the backing-strip 1, so that the edges of the latter can be turned over upon the celluloid strip, as shown at 4, thus holding it 60 firmly upon the label and holding both it and the label firmly against the backing-strip 1. The paper label 2 is made shorter than the backing-strip 1, so that it terminates a short distance from the ends of the backing-strip, as 65 shown at 5 in Fig. 2, and the celluloid strip is made long enough to extend over the ends of the paper label, as shown at 6. The ends 7 of the overturned edges of the backingstrip 1 are pressed firmly upon the ends of 70 the celluloid strip, thus holding them firmly against the backing-strip and effectively protecting the inclosed paper label from moisture or other damaging influences.

The label B, formed as hereinbefore de-75 scribed, is bent to correspond to the shape of the bottle upon which it is to be used. Thus in Figs. 1 and 2 I have shown a label bent in the form of a ring adapted to encircle the round bottle A. The label is bent slightly 80 smaller than the bottle, so that it will have to be sprung open when placed thereon and will close tightly upon the bottle when in place, thus holding it securely in position. While the resiliency of the label is sufficient 85 to hold it against accidental displacement, it is not held so tightly but that it can be readily removed should its removal be necessary.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a label bent in the form of a rectangle for use upon square or 90 rectangular bottles. In this form of label the rear ends of the sides 8 are bent closer together than where they join the front of the label, thus causing the label to cling closely to the bottle when in place.

It will be understood that labels made in accordance with my invention may be bent to fit any shape of bottle and still remain within the scope of the invention.

Among the many advantages possessed by 100

labels made in accordance with my invention may be mentioned the following: The paper and printing or writing being protected from moisture and other damaging influences, the 5 labels are very durable and will last for an indefinite time. They are easily removed or changed from one bottle to another when necessary and are not liable to be accidentally displaced. Should they become soiled, they ro may be cleansed with a damp cloth without injury to the label, thus keeping them always clean and legible and reducing the liability to mistakes in dispensing the contents of the bottles and also producing a neat and clean ap-15 pearance either in a physician's case or upon the shelves.

It will be understood that I do not wish to limit myself to the precise details of construction or the exact form of the device as herein shown and described, as many slight modifications might be made therein without de-

parting from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent 25

of the United States, is—

In a device of the character described a resilient backing-strip having its edges turned over, a label, and a transparent strip for covering said label held beneath the overturned 30 edges of said backing-strip, said covering-strip being longer than said label and having its ends held closely against said backing-strip by the ends of the overturned edges thereof, the whole being bent to suitable form for re- 35 taining its position upon a bottle.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature

in presence of two witnesses.

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