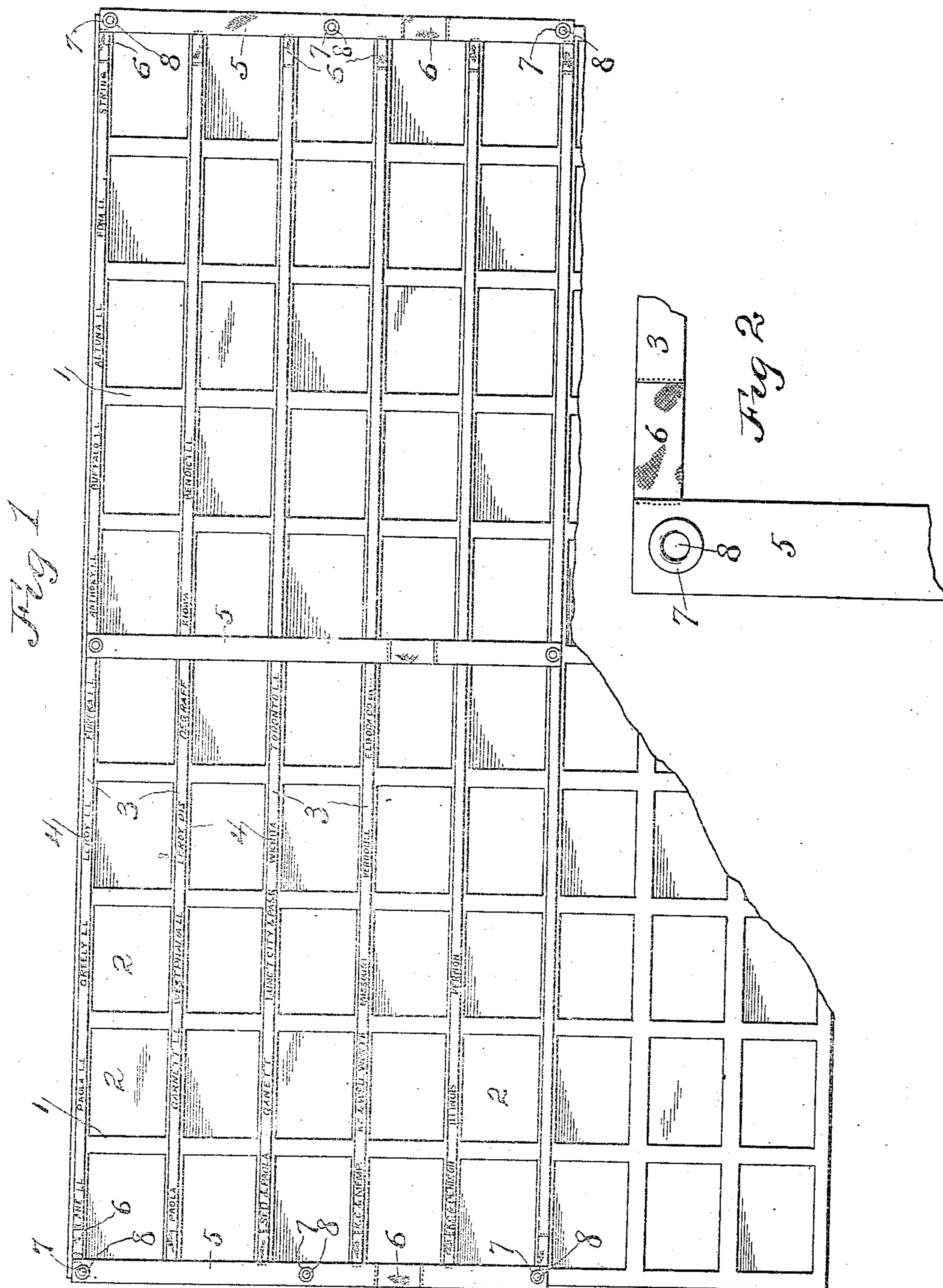


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ISAIAH W. LIGGETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Labeling Devices for Mailing or Similar Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in labeling devices for mailing or similar cases.

The object of my invention is to provide a labeling device which may be readily applied to or detached from a mailing or similar case.

Ordinarily the names or characters for designating the pigeon holes of the mailing case are pasted or printed or otherwise permanently mounted on the mailing case. In such devices, the labels sometimes fall off or become obliterated.

With the use of my invention interchangeable labeling devices may be employed so that the cases may be readily employed for use in sorting mail intended for different routes.

Furthermore my invention is particularly adapted for the use of mailing clerks operating on mail cars. In such use the clerk can affix the labeling device to the case at the beginning of the run and detach it therefrom at the end of the run, retaining the labeling device in his possession when he completes his run.

The novel features of my invention are hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a portion of an ordinary mailing case having secured to it a labeling device of my invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view of a corner of the labeling device.

Similar characters of reference denote similar parts.

1 denotes an ordinary mailing case having a series of pigeon holes disposed in horizontal and vertical alinement, the pigeon holes being designated by 2.

The labeling device comprises a plurality of horizontal tapes 3 each having inscribed thereon a series of names or characters 4 for designating the pigeon holes. Transverse vertical tapes 5 connect the horizontal parallel tapes 3. The tapes 3 and 5 are preferably each longitudinally extensible and contractible, and for this purpose each strip or tape 3 and 5 is provided with an

elastic portion 6. The tapes are provided adjacent their ends with eyelets 7 for receiving pins 8 secured to the forward side of the case 1.

In applying the labeling device to a case the pins 8 are inserted in the eyelets 7 with the horizontal tapes 3 disposed parallel with and in front of the horizontal divisions of the case 1. The arrangement of the names or characters 4 on the tapes 3 is such that a name or character will appear above or below each pigeon hole. The elastic portions 6 are provided so that the tapes will always be stretched, and so that the labeling device may be accommodated to cases which may vary somewhat in dimensions.

Modifications of my invention, within the scope of the appended claims, may be made without departing from its spirit.

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

1. A device for labeling the pigeon holes of mailing or similar cases comprising a plurality of parallel tapes each having inscribed thereon a series of names or characters for designating the pigeon holes, transverse tapes connecting said parallel tapes, and means for detachably securing said tapes to a mailing or similar case.

2. A device for labeling the pigeon holes of a mailing or similar case comprising a plurality of parallel tapes each having inscribed thereon a series of names or characters for designating the pigeon holes, each tape having a longitudinally elastic portion intermediate its places of support, and transverse tapes connecting said parallel tapes.

3. A device for labeling the pigeon holes of mailing or similar cases comprising a plurality of parallel tapes each having inscribed thereon a series of names or characters for designating the pigeon holes, each tape having a longitudinally elastic portion intermediate its places of support, transverse tapes connecting said parallel tapes, and means for detachably securing said tapes to a mailing or similar case.

4. A device for labeling the pigeon holes of mailing or similar cases comprising a plurality of parallel tapes each having inscribed thereon a series of names or characters designating the pigeon holes, and transverse tapes connecting said parallel tapes, said tapes having adjacent to their ends eyelets



adapted to receive supporting devices, said tapes being longitudinally extensible and contractible.

5. A device for labeling pigeon holes of mailing or similar cases comprising a plurality of parallel tapes each having a longitudinally elastic portion and having each a series of names or characters inscribed thereon for designating the pigeon holes, and transverse tapes connecting said parallel tapes and having each a longitudinally elastic portion intermediate its places of support, the parallel and transverse tapes each having eyelets adjacent its ends.

6. The combination with a mailing or similar case having a series of rows of pigeon holes disposed in vertical and horizontal alinement with each other, of a plurality of horizontal parallel tapes each having inscribed thereon a series of names or characters for designating the pigeon holes, a plurality of vertical tapes connecting the hori-

zontal tapes, and means for releasably securing said tapes to said case.

7. The combination with a mailing or similar case having a plurality of pigeon holes disposed in horizontal and vertical rows, of securing devices on said case, a plurality of horizontal tapes each having inscribed thereon a series of names or characters for designating said pigeon holes, and transverse tapes connecting the horizontal tapes, the transverse and horizontal tapes each having a longitudinally elastic portion intermediate its places of support, some of said tapes having eyelets for receiving said securing devices.

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

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