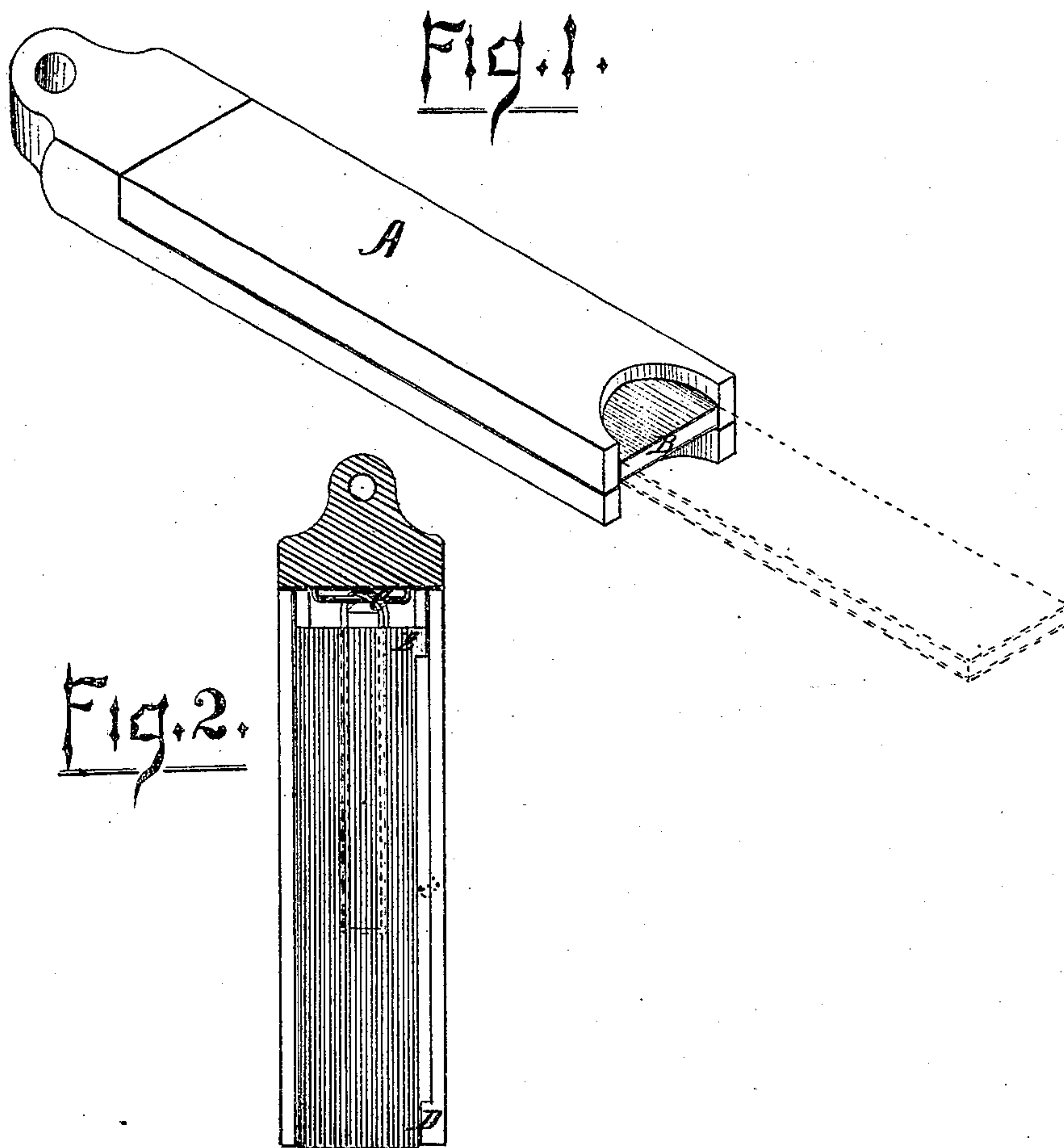


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IMPROVEMENT IN TAG-LABELS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, DENNIS D. FOLEY, of the city of Washington, District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Erasing-Tags; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the tag and case.

Figure 2 is a sectional view of the same.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing a tag which may be written on by a pencil, and erased by the application of moisture, without subjecting the tag to the danger of having the writing thereon removed by accident.

This tag is adapted to general usage, but more particularly to mail-bag service, for, after it is once fastened to the bag, it need not be removed or displaced, but may be continually used, and the mark thereon erased at pleasure any number of times, and remarked again without mutilating or displacing the tag, thereby obviating the trouble, loss of time, and expense incurred in detaching the tag from the bag, and subjecting the service to the substitution of another every time the bag is used.

That others skilled in the art may understand the construction and operation of my invention, I will describe it more particularly.

A is the case which contains the tag and protects it from accident.

B is the tag, coated on each side with a silicated surface, from which a pencil-mark may be removed at pleasure by drawing a moist finger over the surface.

C is the rubber spring, attached inside the case to its head by a hook, or any other convenient way, and also to the tag. This rubber spring retains the tag in its position.

D is the projection in the inside of the case that prevents the tag from being drawn out beyond a corresponding projection, E, on the tag.

The case may be made of any suitable material.

Instead of connecting the case and tag with a rubber spring, a spiral or main spring may be used with more lasting effect, but this will be by far more expensive than the rubber.

It may be convenient to hold the tag in position when drawn out for erasure or marking. In that case I would suggest that another projection near the head of the tag would hold the tag in the required place for marking or erasure.

Having described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The tag B, case A, and spring C, combined and arranged substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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