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Tag.

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Fig 1.

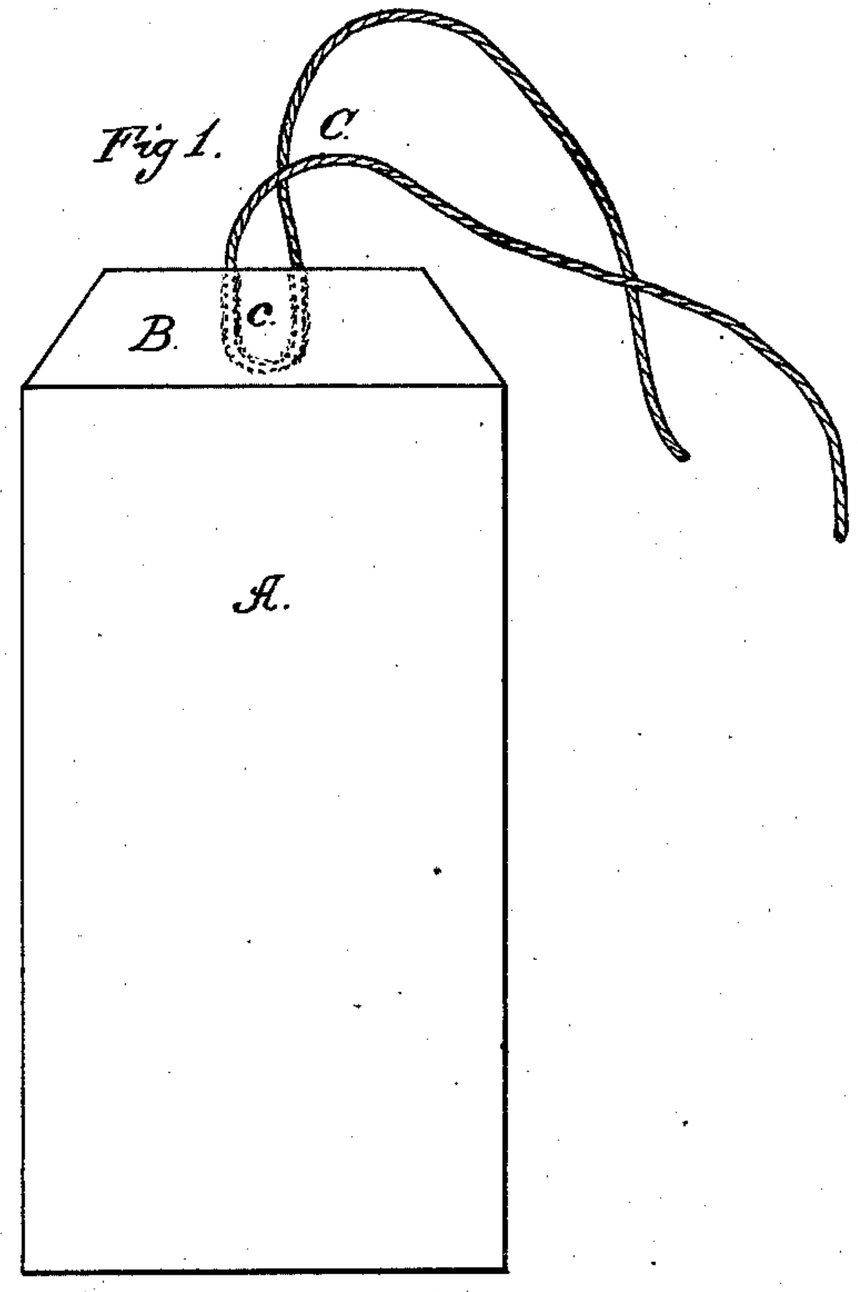
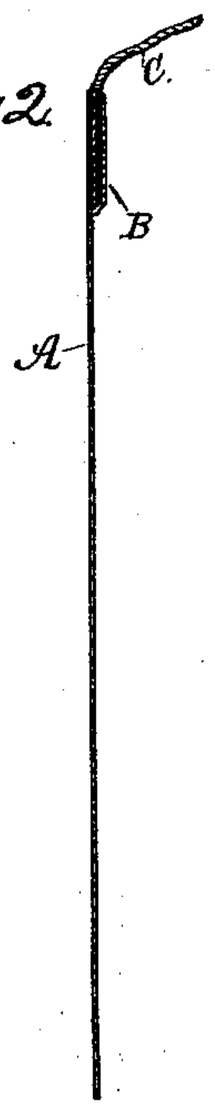


Fig 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TAGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHINEAS F. KING, of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Tags, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This is an improvement in shipping-tags having the string attached.

My improvement consists in a tag having the string folded or bent round at or about its center, said folded portion being attached to the tag by means of a strip of any suitable material, which passes over the string and is stuck fast thereto and to the tag, as shown, so that the string is held between the tag-sheet and the strip, with its two loose ends projecting.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a face view of the finished tag, and Fig. 2 represents a longitudinal section of the same.

A is the tag-sheet, which may be made of any suitable form and size. B is the strip, secured to the sheet A at its upper end by cement or other adhesive material. C is the string, whose loop *c* is interposed between the parts A and B before they are cemented together, so the loop is held fast in place by the adhesive material which is used to secure the parts A and B together.

This tag may be very cheaply produced by machinery. The material to form the face of the tag may be in the form of a long ribbon or roll whose width equals the length of the tag to be formed, and as the same is unrolled the adhesive material may be applied to one edge. The cord C is then laid on such adhesive face, and the strengthening and holding piece (also in the form of a continuous strip) laid thereover. Pressure is then applied, which binds the end of the tag, the looped cord, and the holding-strip together, and when the stringing is thus completed the product may be cut into widths corresponding to the width of the desired tag.

The cord may be cut off into lengths and applied by hand or machinery, or it may be applied directly from a ball or spool, the cord being formed into bands, and it may be cut off at the same time that the tags are sheared from the strip.

When water-proof cement is used the attachment of the cord will resist moisture.

The attachment of the string is much stronger than it could be made if the string passed through a hole in the tag, because in the latter case the whole force tending to tear the string out would come upon the thin edge of the hole.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, a shipping-tag consisting of the part A, strengthening-strip B, and the attaching-string C, the latter being secured to the tag at its looped portion by means of the strip B, substantially as set forth.

Witness my hand this 20th day of April, 1878.

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