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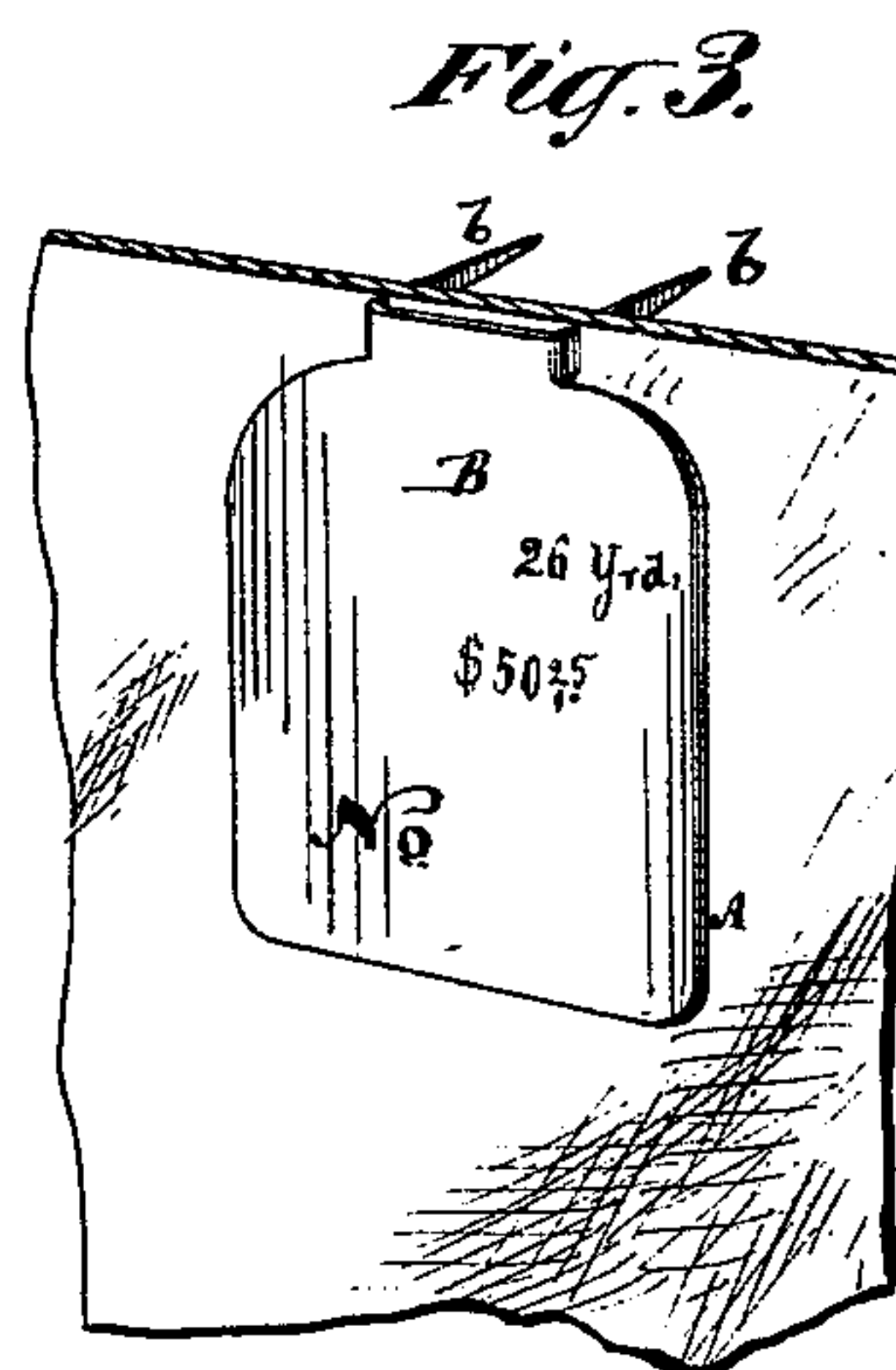
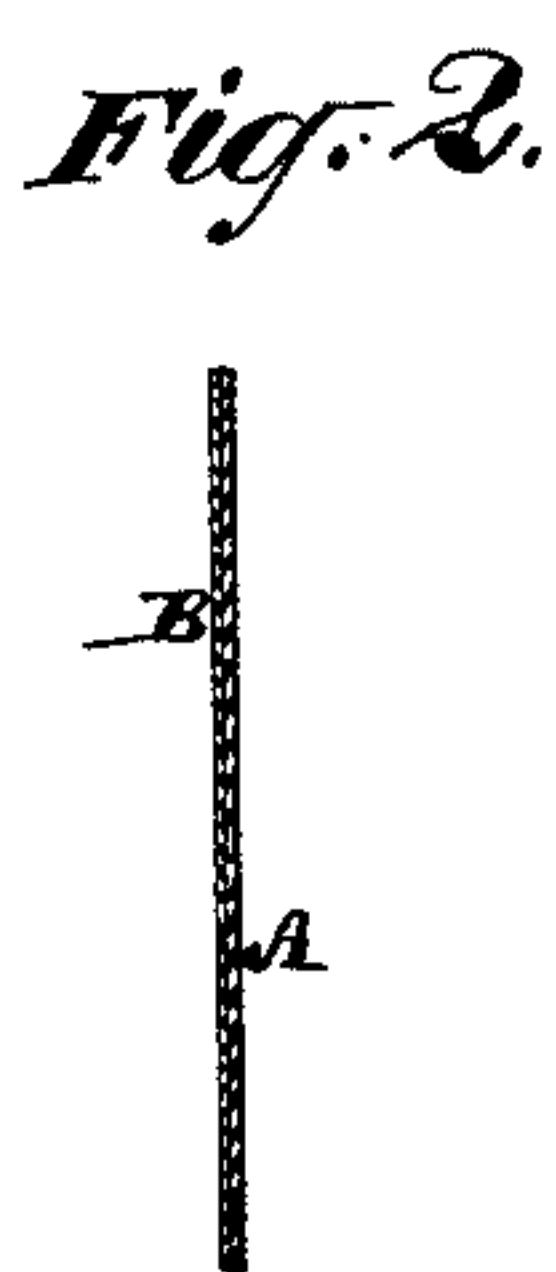
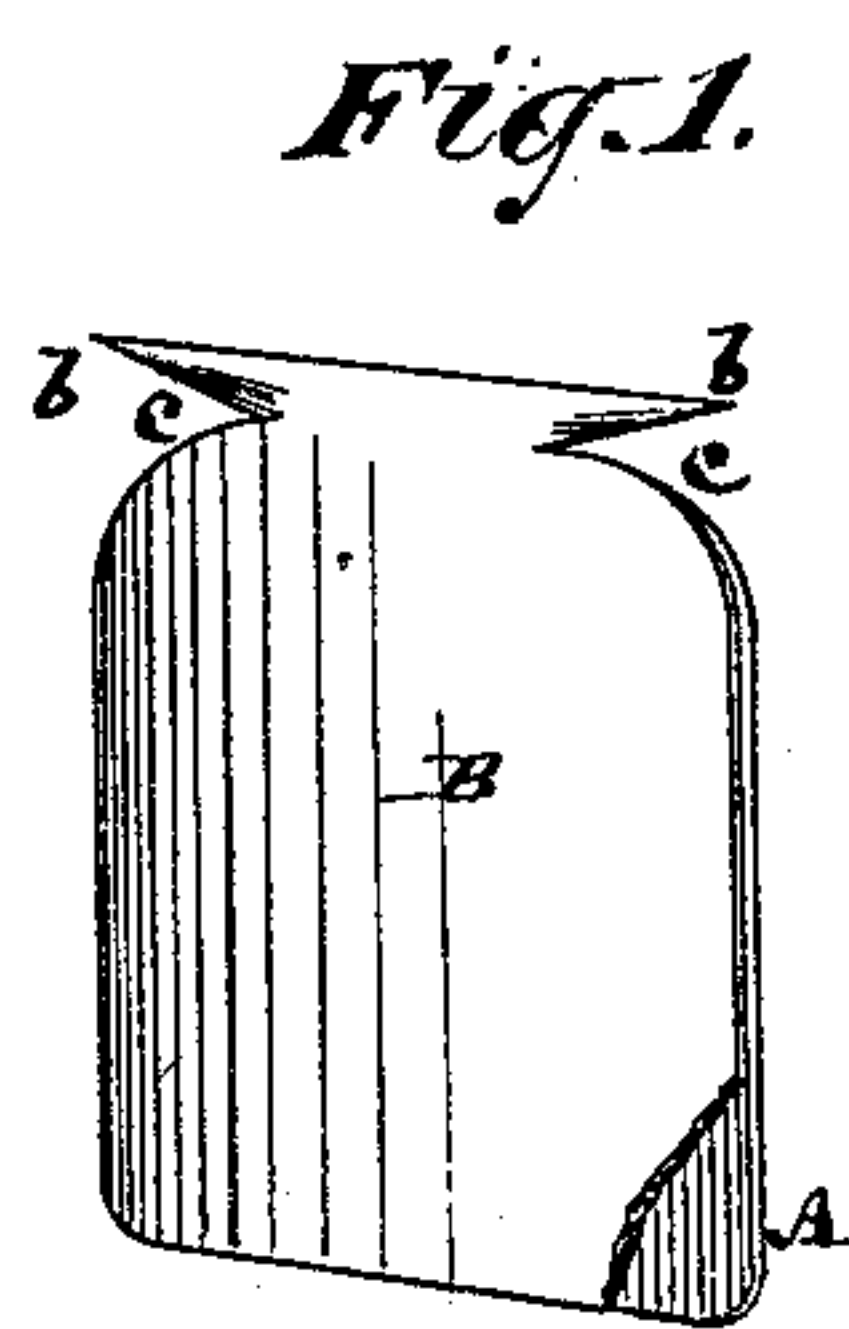
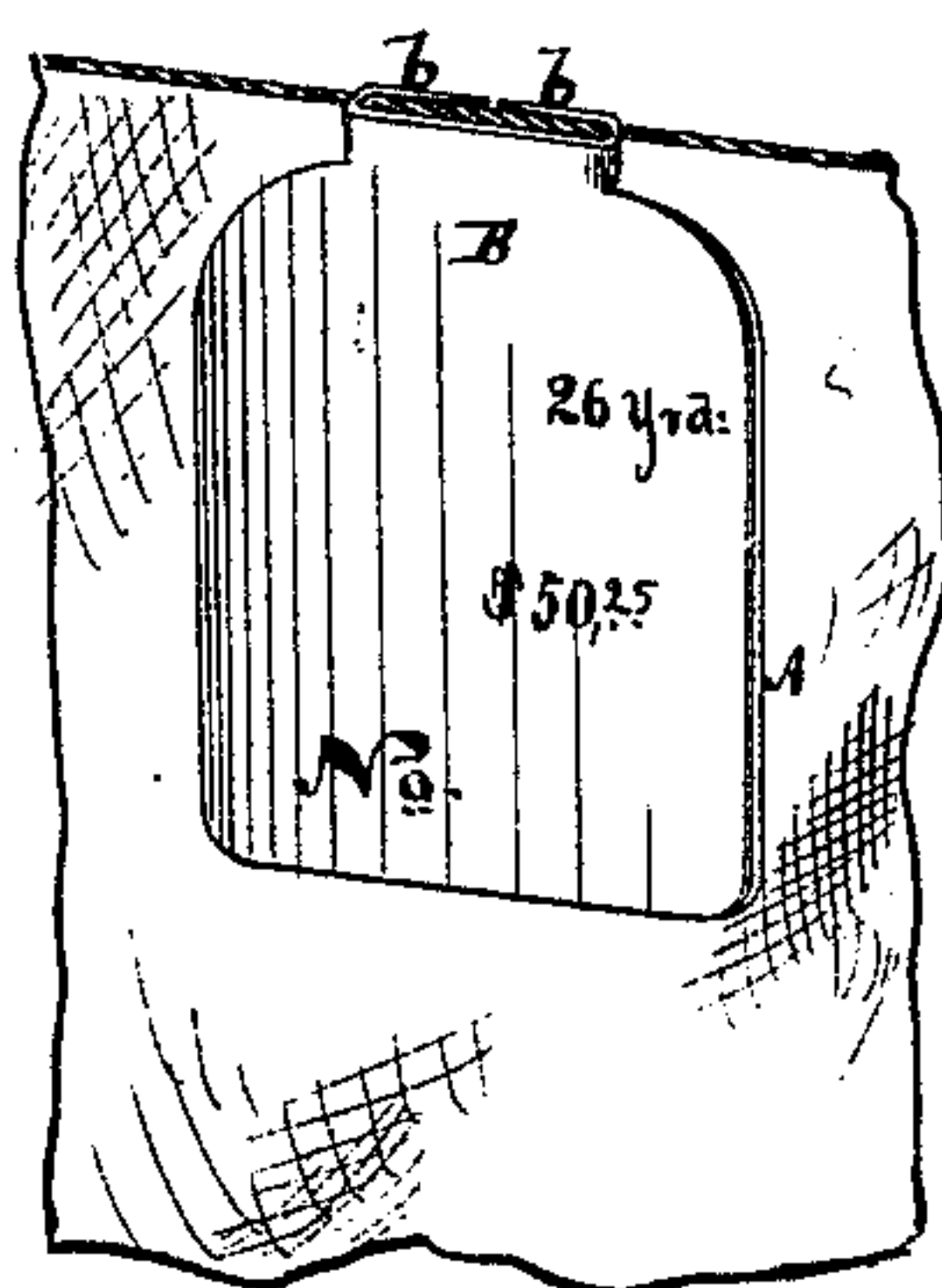


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TAGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY C. BAINBRIDGE, of the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tags and Labels for Merchandise, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention has more particularly for its object the production of a tag or label for clothing, cloth, and other goods or articles which shall possess all the merits of a paper tag without its disadvantages—that is to say, a tag which may be as readily printed or written upon as a paper tag, but which is much more durable or less liable to tear, and carries its own means of attachment, whereby it is made self-fastening or dispenses with all sewing and separate means of attaching it.

The invention consists in a compound tag or label having a base of metal and a facing of paper on one or both of its sides.

It also consists in a tag or label having its face of paper, and provided with fastening-prongs, which form an integral portion of it and make the tag self-fastening.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a compound tag or label constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, a longitudinal transverse section of the same; Fig. 3, a perspective view showing the tag or label as applied to a piece of cloth or other material, after its prongs have been projected through the latter, but before closing them by bending; and Fig. 4, a perspective view showing the tag or label as having its prongs closed on the material to which it is attached.

A indicates the base of the tag or label, composed of tin or other metal, but preferably of

tin, and cut or stamped out from a tinned sheet with little or no waste, by reason of the parallelogrammic form of the tag and the construction of its fastening-prongs *b b*, by simply cutting notches *c c*, as shown in Fig. 1.

B indicates the paper facing, here shown as applied to only one of the sides of the metal base A, either before or after the latter has been cut from the sheet, but preferably before. Said paper facing is or may be applied and secured to the metal base A in any suitable manner; but the method which I have preferred to adopt is to first wash a tin plate with a solution of muriatic acid, composed of one-half water, or thereabout, and one-half muriatic acid of ordinary commercial strength, and, after the tin plate is dry, to paste the paper on its face or faces with ordinary flour paste or any other suitable adhesive material, but preferably with paste made of rice-flour. The tags are then cut out from the paper-faced metal plate, and the prongs *b b* afterward bent, as shown in Fig. 3, to project them through the article or material to be tagged, and said prongs subsequently further bent or turned in directions parallel with the face of the tag, or thereabout, to close them for the purpose of fastening the tag upon the article or material to which it is applied, substantially as shown in Fig. 4.

I claim—

A tag or label consisting of a sheet of metal having a facing of paper cemented over and covering the entire face or faces of the same, the said paper-faced metal sheet having projecting fastening-prongs integral with the metal, substantially as shown and described.

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