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PRICE TICKET.

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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

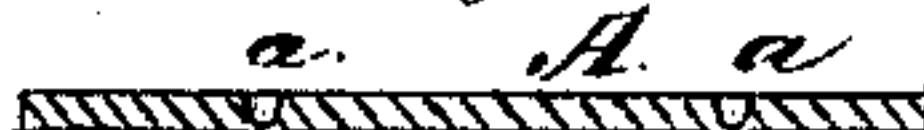


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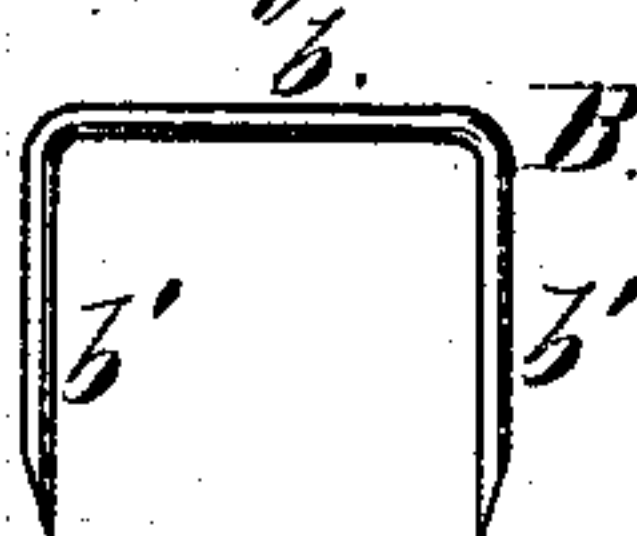


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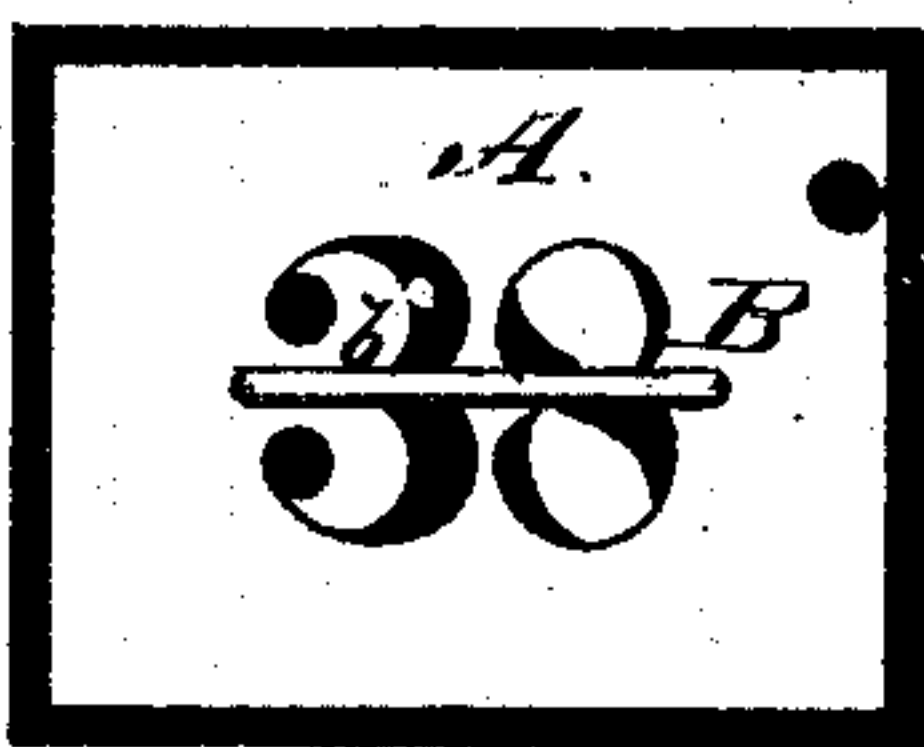


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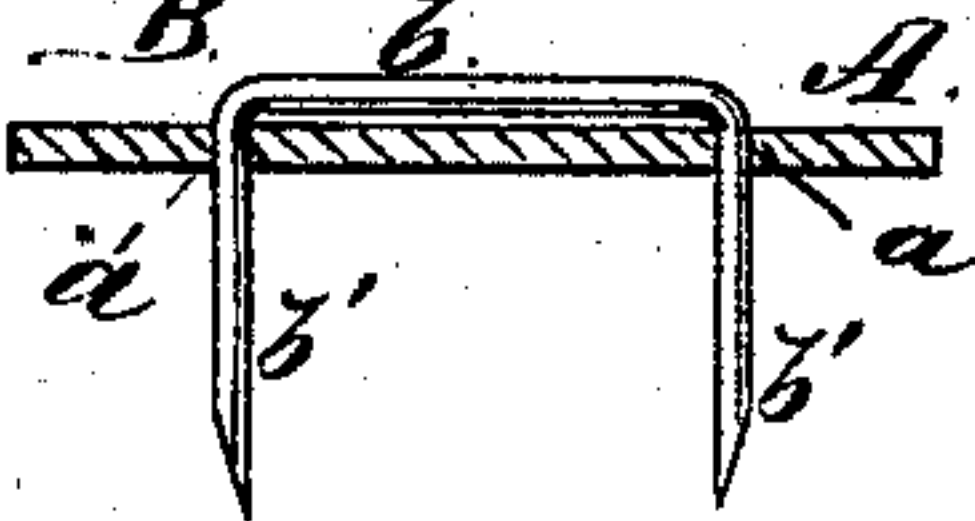
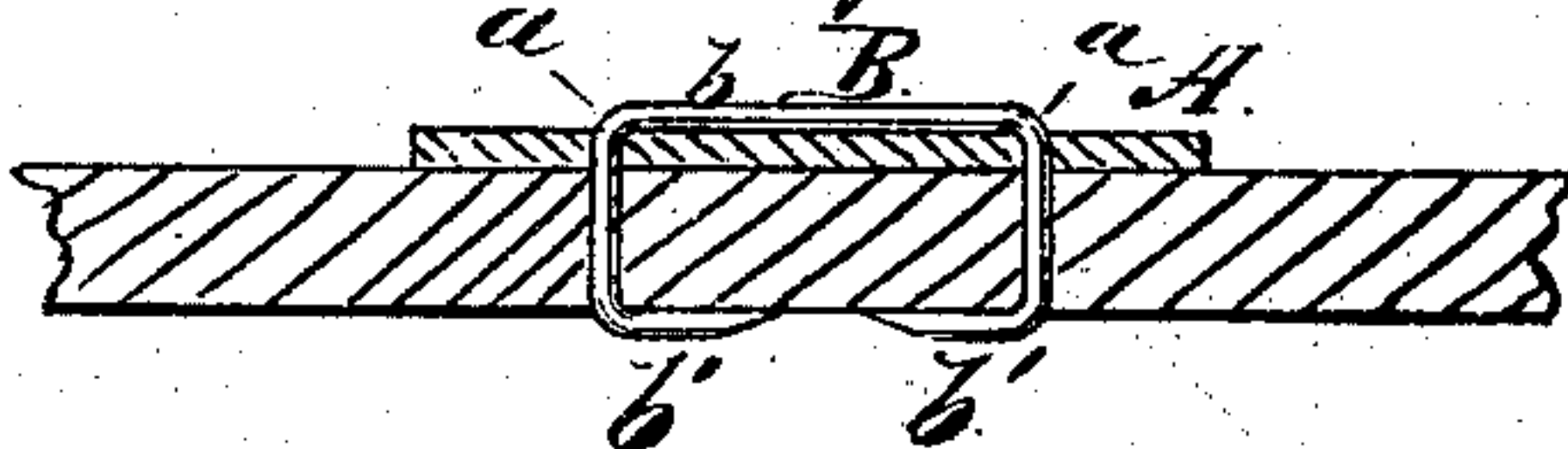


Fig. 6.



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PRICE-TICKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN KELLER, of New York, county of New York, State of New York, am the inventor of an Improved Price-Ticket, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention consists in a ticket or tag for marking the price or other figures or words upon goods, of the shape and formed in the manner hereinafter described, together with its fastening pin or clamp adapted to secure said ticket upon the goods, as specified.

Figure 1 is a front face view of my improved price-ticket. Fig. 2 is a vertical central section of the same. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the pin or clamp employed in connection with the ticket for securing it upon the goods. Fig. 4 is a plan of the ticket, showing the fastening pin or clamp in place upon it. Fig. 5 is a vertical section of Fig. 4, the fastening pin or clamp being in full lines; and Fig. 6 is a similar section, showing the ticket clamped upon a piece of goods.

A is the ticket, which is formed preferably of somewhat stiffened or thickened paper or thin card-board, and may be of any desired form in outline, whether quadrilateral, polygonal, oval, or circular. The ticket may have an ornamental border, and it may be originally prepared with figures, words, or symbols printed upon the index-face. Upon the index-face of the ticket, and on or about the median line thereof, are formed the narrow and yet deep depressions *a*. These depressions should be of a restricted and small diameter at their mouth on the said index face of the card-ticket, so as to disturb to as limited an extent as possible the continuity of the surface of the index-face, so that said surface will be substantially intact to be written or printed upon, as hereinbefore described. These depressions *a* should extend deeply into the material of the ticket and reach nearly entirely through the ticket. By means of these described depressions the continuity of the index-face and of the mass of the substance of the ticket is disturbed to a very limited extent, and the strength and durability of the ticket are not lessened, while at these depressed points no resistance is offered by the ticket to the passage through it

of the fastening device, which I will now proceed to describe.

B is the fastening pin or clamp, which is formed of a piece of flexible wire that is more or less finely drawn, and it is composed of the body part *b* and the two arms *b'*, which are formed by turning or bending the ends of the wire at substantially right angles to the body *b*, and which are arranged to be parallel to each other, and to be a distance apart which is substantially equal to the distance apart of the depressions *a* on the index-face of the ticket A. The extremities of the arms *b'* are brought to a long-pointed sharp end, as shown.

In using my price-ticket the ticket is taken and then placed flatwise upon the fabric to which it is to be affixed, and one of the fasteners B is then taken and its long-pointed sharp-ended arms *b'* are inserted in the depressions *a* on the ticket, and by a slight pressure on the body *b* of the fastener the arms *b'* are driven through the ticket and the fabric, when the ends of said arm may be turned down flat upon the opposite face of the fabric, as shown in Fig. 6.

Price-tickets as heretofore constructed, which are composed of a ticket having an index-face and device for fastening the ticket flatwise upon the surface of a fabric, have been made with the body of the fastening device embedded in the material of the ticket, or permanently attached to the under face of the ticket, and in either case with its fastening arm or arms, which are to penetrate the fabric, extending at substantially right angles from the said under face of the ticket; but price-tickets thus constructed are objectionable and inconvenient in use, as well as expensive in manufacture, for various reasons. Their index-faces cannot conveniently be written upon by hand, which is very desirable in marking the price thereon of the goods to which they are to be attached, because they cannot be rested flatwise on their backs during the operation of writing, on account of the permanent projection from their backs of the fastening-arms; and to enable the fastening devices to be embedded firmly in or be caused to adhere permanently to the ticket said fastening device has to be made comparatively heavy and large, and it is usually in the form of a strip of flat brass or a heavy wire bent into proper shape,

and considerable force is required to drive this bulky fastener through a fabric in attaching the ticket to such fabric; and as this force has to be exerted on the index or upper face of the ticket there is liability of breaking or otherwise injuring or defacing the ticket by such pressure upon it, while at the same time the material of the goods through which the fastenings are forced is greatly displaced, and very frequently so cut and injured by the fastening-arms as to cause permanent disfigurement of the goods. Again, these tickets thus constructed are expensive in manufacture, and in case any disabling injury occurs to the fastening device of any of these the entire ticket must be thrown away and wasted.

It is evident that owing to the forming of my ticket in the manner specified, with the depressions on the index-face, I am enabled to form my fastening device from very finely drawn wire, whereby the cost of material and of manufacture is greatly reduced, and whereby the arms of the fastening device, in passing through the fabric to which the ticket is to be attached, will scarcely disturb the material thereof, and will not tear or make large openings in said fabric.

My improved ticket, with described fastener, is thus adapted to be used in marking goods

which are thin and of the finest material, as well as those which are thick and heavy and of coarse texture. It is, moreover, evident that if any disabling injury occurs to the ticket the fastening device will not have to be wasted, as would be inevitable were the fastener permanently attached to the ticket. I am also able to put up my price-tickets for use by the trade by packing them in suitable boxes, the space in which is divided off into sections, so that in one section the tickets may be placed and in another the fastening devices, the whole package forming one that is convenient in use.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A price-ticket composed of the described ticket A, having upon its index-face the deep depressions *a*, and adapted to be secured to fabrics by means of the fastener B, having the body *b*, and the parallel long sharp arms *b'* at substantially right angles to said body, and made to register with the depression on the ticket, all substantially as and for the purpose specified.

Witness my hand August 2, 1881.

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