

(No Model.)

P. P. JOHNSTON.
LABEL FOR ANIMALS.

No. 255,793.

Patented Apr. 4, 1882.

Fig. 1.

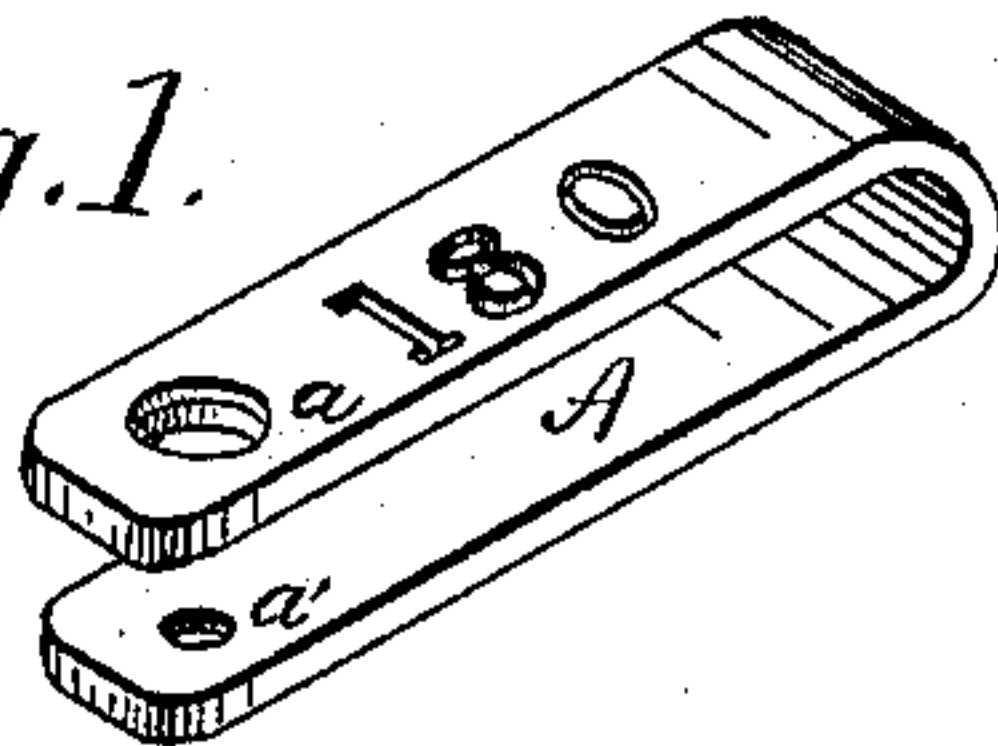
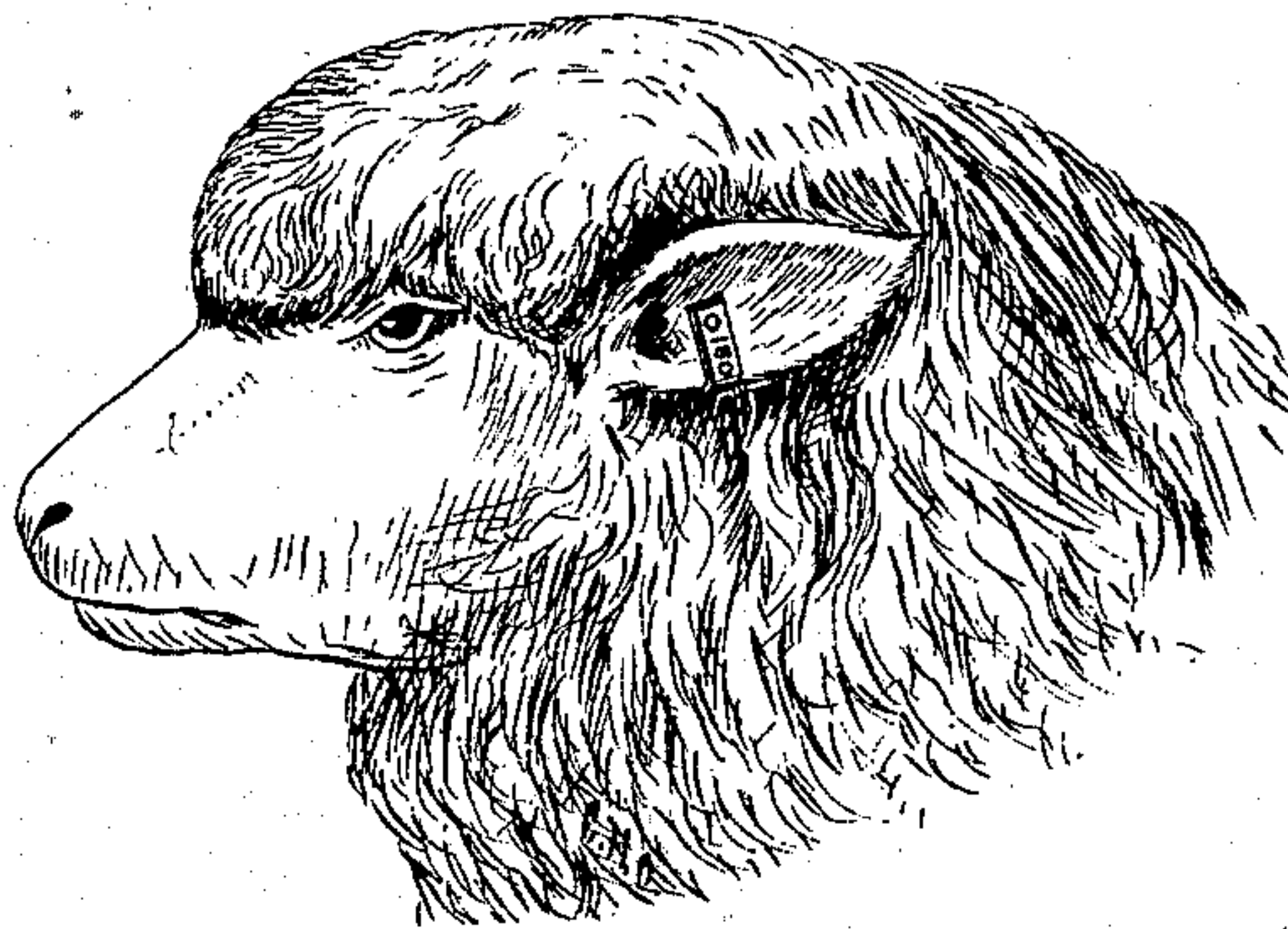


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



Philip Preston Johnston

Witnesses.
H. L. Ouraud
Chas. F. Benjamin

Invention
By Soule & Co.
His Attorneys.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

PHILIP PRESTON JOHNSTON, OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.

LABEL FOR ANIMALS.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 255,793, dated April 4, 1882.

Application filed December 29, 1881. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIP PRESTON JOHNSTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lexington, in the county of Fayette and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Labels for Animals; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to metallic labels; and its object is to enable live stock to be numbered, marked, or otherwise identified in a safe and secure manner.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my metallic label. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the bolt or rivet belonging to the label, and Fig. 3 a perspective view of the label attached to an animal's ear.

Like letters refer to like parts throughout the figures.

A is a long thin narrow strip of non-corrosive metal bent in the middle to form an elongated letter U. The corners of the two arms are rounded. Near the end of one arm a round hole, *a*, is punched through the label, and a similar but smaller hole is punched through the other arm, *a'*, the centers of the two holes being in line.

B is a pin, bolt, or rivet of non-corrosive metal, having at one end a solid head, *b*, which will not pass through either hole of the label, and on the other end a chisel-shaped point, *b'*, notched and spread open like a wedge-socket. The cylindrical shank upon which this point is mounted will pass through the hole *a*, but not through the hole *a'*, and hence serves as a shoulder to the small-holed arm of the label and enables the latter to be riveted after attachment to an animal's ear.

To attach the label slip it upon the animal's

ear in such a way and at such part as that the bend of the label will fit snugly and closely against the rim of the ear. Then pierce the ear with any suitable implement in a line with the holes of the label, then pass the bolt through label and ear in such a way as that the large-holed arm of the label is shouldered upon the head of the bolt and the other arm upon the flat horizontal rim of the shank, the split point projecting through this arm from the under to the upper side. Then with a suitable pair of pinchers or pliers wedge out still farther the two sides of the chisel-shaped point and the label is firmly riveted.

Before being attached to the ear the label should be stamped on its outer surface with such names, letters, numbers, or other figures or devices as may be required.

The ear should be pierced before the label is slipped upon it, and the riveting may be done immediately after the piercing, or after the wound caused by piercing has healed, the ear-hole in the latter case being kept open by temporary devices.

The labels and bolts are to be made in progressive sizes to fit the ears of the various kinds and sizes of live stock.

By attaching the labels to the ears of animals in various positions, but upon a uniform plan, subordinate means of identification are provided.

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

In metallic ear-labels for live stock, the combination of the U-shaped strip A, with holes *a* and *a'*, and the bolt B, with solid head *b* and split point *b'*, all substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

PHILIP PRESTON JOHNSTON.

Witnesses:

ARCHIBALD FLEMING,
A. C. QUISENBERRY.