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Fig. 1.

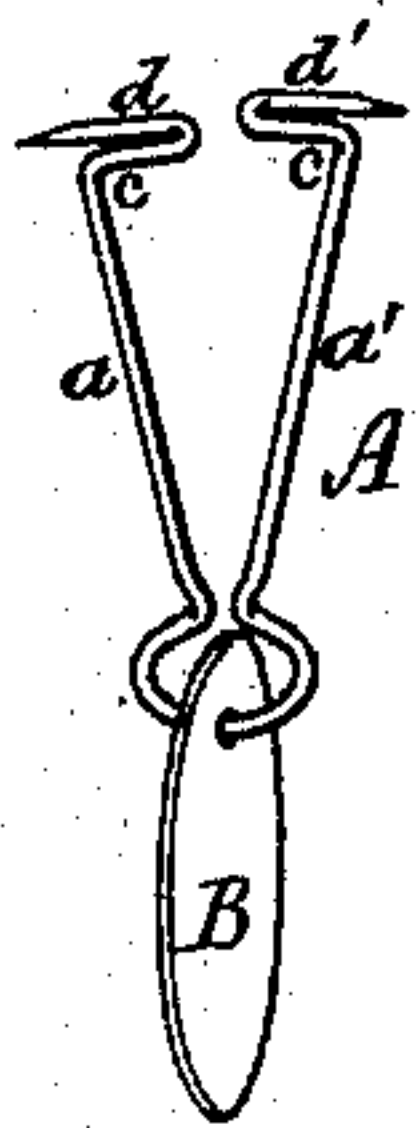


Fig. 2.

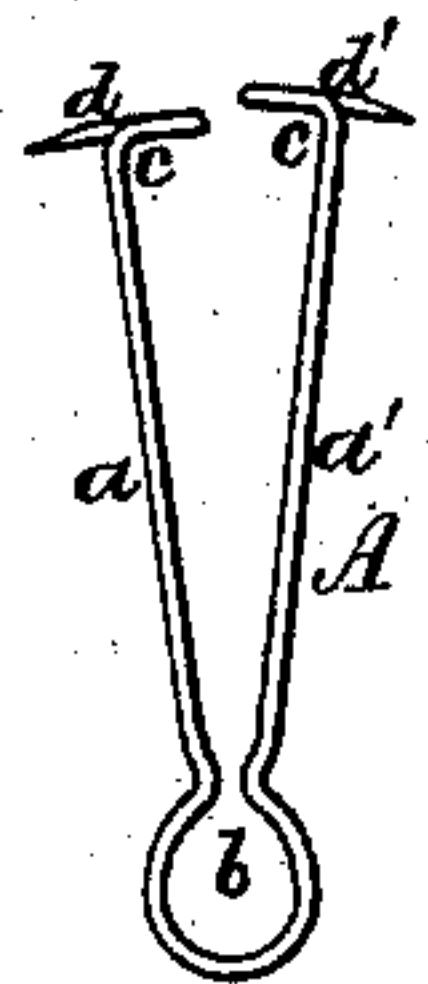


Fig. 3.

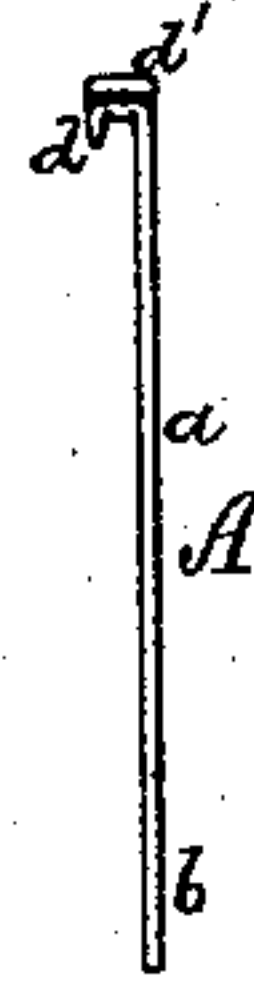
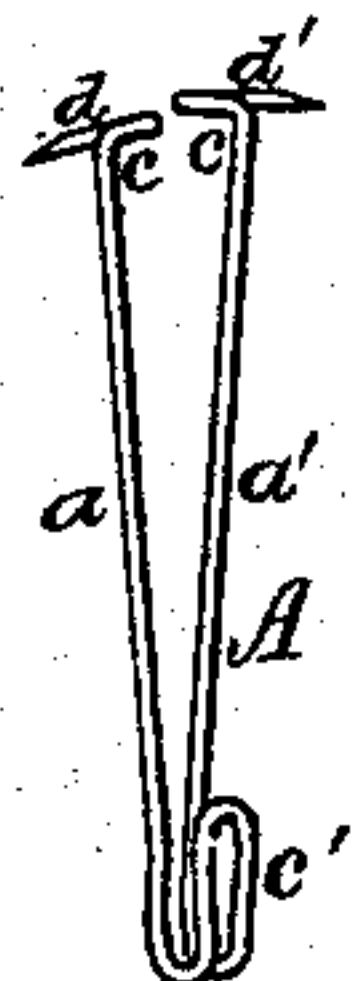


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. TUTTLE, of Watertown, in the county of Middlesex, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Devices for Attaching Tags or Various Other Articles to Goods; and I do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, Fig. 2 a side elevation, and Fig. 3 an edge view, of one of my improved tag attachments as made with an eye for supporting the tag. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of it as having a hook in the place of the said eye.

The nature of my invention is defined in the claim hereinafter presented.

The "tag attachment" is made of a piece of wire of suitable length bent at its middle, so as to form the article as a forked spring, A, having two elastic prongs, *a a'*, standing obliquely to each other, as shown, such wire being bent also, if desirable, so as to form it, at its middle thereof, either with an eye, *b*, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, or with a hook, *c'*, as represented in Fig. 4. Such eye or hook serves to connect the attachment with a tag or other article to be supported by it. Furthermore, each prong near its end is bent inwardly at or about a right angle, as shown at *c*, and is next bent outwardly, as shown at *d*, so as to form a hook to it, one of such hooks being represented at *d* and the other at *d'*. These hooks are reversed, their points pointing outward and in opposite directions relatively to each other. One prong, *a'*, I prefer to have somewhat longer than the other, *a*, in order that when the prongs are pressed toward each other the hook of the longer may overlap that of the shorter of them in order to carry the points of the hooks nearer to each other, than could well be the case were each of the prongs of the same length.

In using the attachment the prongs are to be contracted or pressed toward each other with the points of the hooks against the piece of cloth or goods to which the tag is to be affixed. On allowing the prongs to expand or to be moved apart by the inherent elasticity of the wire the points of the hooks will be forced in opposite directions into the cloth or piece of goods, and in so doing will firmly connect the attachment to the said piece, whereby the tag or other device applied to the attachment at its middle or eye or hook will by the attachment be connected to the said piece of goods or cloth.

In Fig. 1 a tag is shown at B as applied to the eye *b* of the attachment.

I make no claim to a tag-holder constructed as represented in the United States Patents Nos. 70,834 and 197,293, in which each hook is formed with a single bend, whereas in my improved tag-holder such hook is formed by two bends of the wire, so as to cause the barbs of the hooks to project outwardly in opposite directions, whereby by compressing together the shanks of the hooks and afterward allowing them to expand the hooks are forced into a piece of goods when placed against such.

I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, the tag attachment, substantially as set forth, consisting of a piece of wire pointed at its ends and bent at its middle in the form of an eye or hook, and near each of its ends both inwardly and outwardly, as represented, so as to cause it to have at such ends hooks having points projecting outwardly in opposite directions relatively to each other, as shown and described.

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