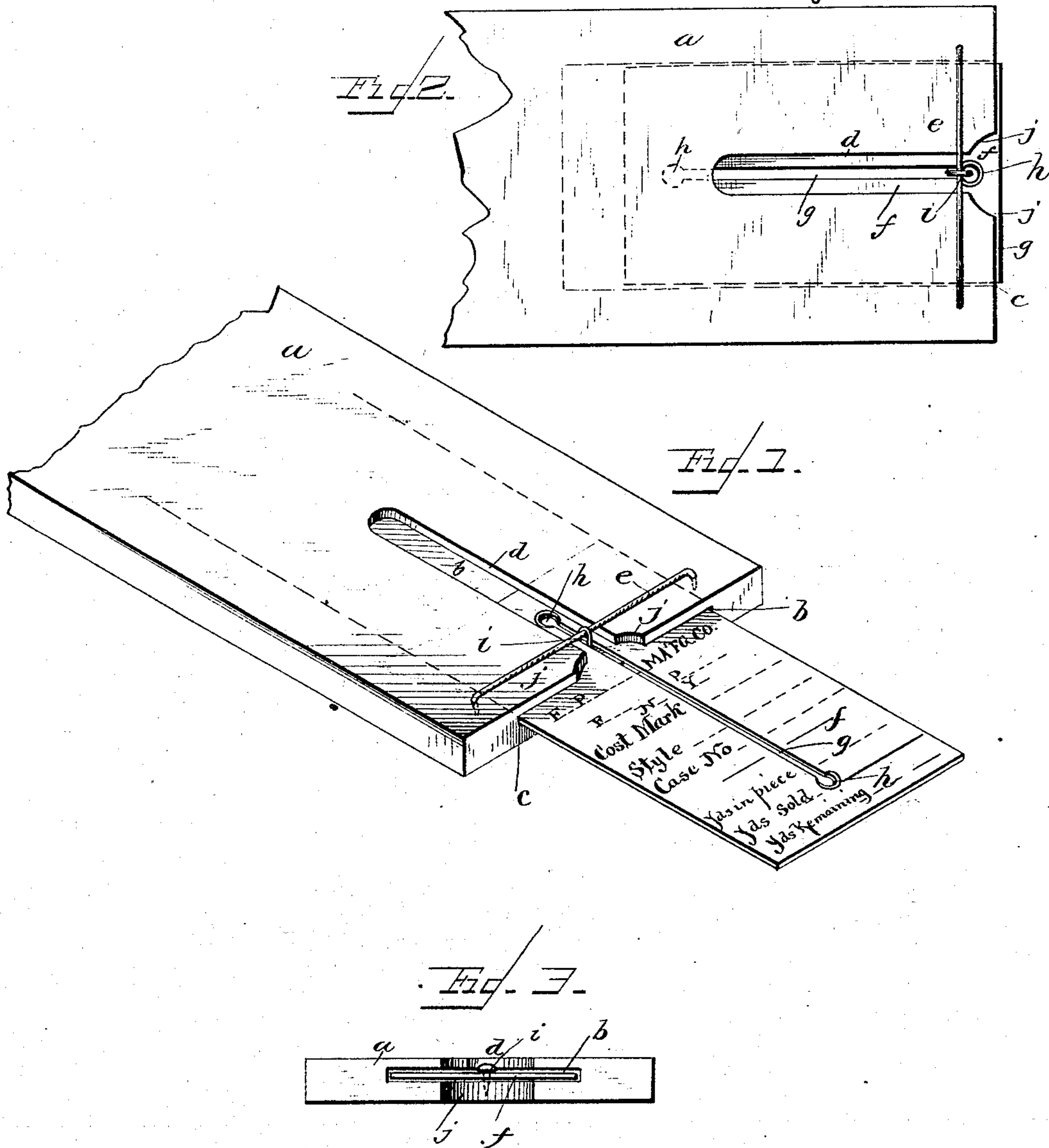


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## TAG AND TAG-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. HAMILTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Plain, in the county of Montgomery and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tags and Fasteners therefor, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of this invention is to provide an efficient means for preventing the loss from and injury of the marking-tags of bolts of textile goods; and to this end the invention consists in providing the board on which such bolts are made up with a recess, into which the marking-tag, specially constructed to this end, is received when in transit or disuse, and with which it is permanently but movably connected, all as hereinafter particularly set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating my invention, in the several figures of which like parts are similarly designated, Figure 1 is a perspective view of one end of a board with the tag protruding for use. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same with the tag inserted for transit or disuse, and Fig. 3 an end view with a different form of fastening.

The board *a* may be of approved form, size, and material, and in one or both ends is made a recess, *b*, of a depth and width sufficient to receive the desired tag. This recess may be a circular-saw kerf bounded on top, bottom, end, and longitudinal sides by the material of the board, open at the entering end to form a mouth, *c*, and having a longitudinal opening, *d*, for the passage of the saw hub or shaft. The recess is preferably parallel as to width with the width of the board. As these boards are reused time and again, to prevent breaking and warping of the parts adjacent to the opening *d*, I may employ the brace or stay *e*, preferably a piece of wire extended cross-wise of the board near its end, with its ends bent at an angle and driven into the board to fasten it thereto. If, however, the board be hard and well-seasoned, the brace may be dispensed with as unnecessary, and it is, as a matter of fact, not an essential part of my fastening.

The tag *f* is of suitable material, such as stiff hard paper; or it may be wood, metal, or other tag-forming substance, provided with suitable inscriptions to denote origin or manufacture, and contents of the bolt, style, &c., and containing rulings for keeping an account of sales, so as to avoid unprofitable remnants, which rulings may extend over on the back. This tag is slotted in the direction of its length, as indicated at *g*, and, if desirable, the ends of said slot may be re-enforced by metal or other binding, *h*, such as split eyelets. The tag so constructed is connected permanently but renewably with the board by inserting it in the recess *b* and driving a staple or double or single pointed tack or pin, *i*, into the material of the board so that it shall project through the slot in the tag. When the brace *e* and a staple are employed, the staple may straddle the brace, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and be by it thus stayed. When the tag is thus attached to the board, it may be thrust back into and be wholly inclosed in the recess, and so protected from injury, accidental detachment, and loss, and be preserved from mutilation in handling the goods. The board is cut away at *j*, to provide an opening for gaining access to the tag for withdrawing it for inspection from the recess. The depth of the recess in the board is indicated in dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 2, and its dimensions are such as to confine the tag snugly within it, while permitting its easy manipulation.

What I claim is—

1. A combined tag and fastener therefor, consisting of the combination of a recessed bolt-board, a slotted tag arranged therein, and a tack, pin, or staple driven into the board and engaging the slot in the tag, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The recessed bolt-board provided with a cross-stay, combined with the tag having a longitudinal slot, and a pin, tack, or staple engaging such slotted tag and secured in the board, substantially as described.

3. The tag provided with a longitudinal slot having re-enforced ends, combined with a cloth bolt board having a longitudinal recess in its end, and a pin, tack, or staple fastened



in the board and engaging the slotted tag, to secure it in the said recess and permanently affix it to the board, substantially as described.

5 4. The bolt-board provided with a longitudinal recess in its end, combined with a slotted tag inserted therein, and provided with a fastener connecting the two, to admit of the movement of the tag with respect to the

board without detachment, substantially as shown and described. 10

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of April, A. D. 1884.

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