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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 2.*



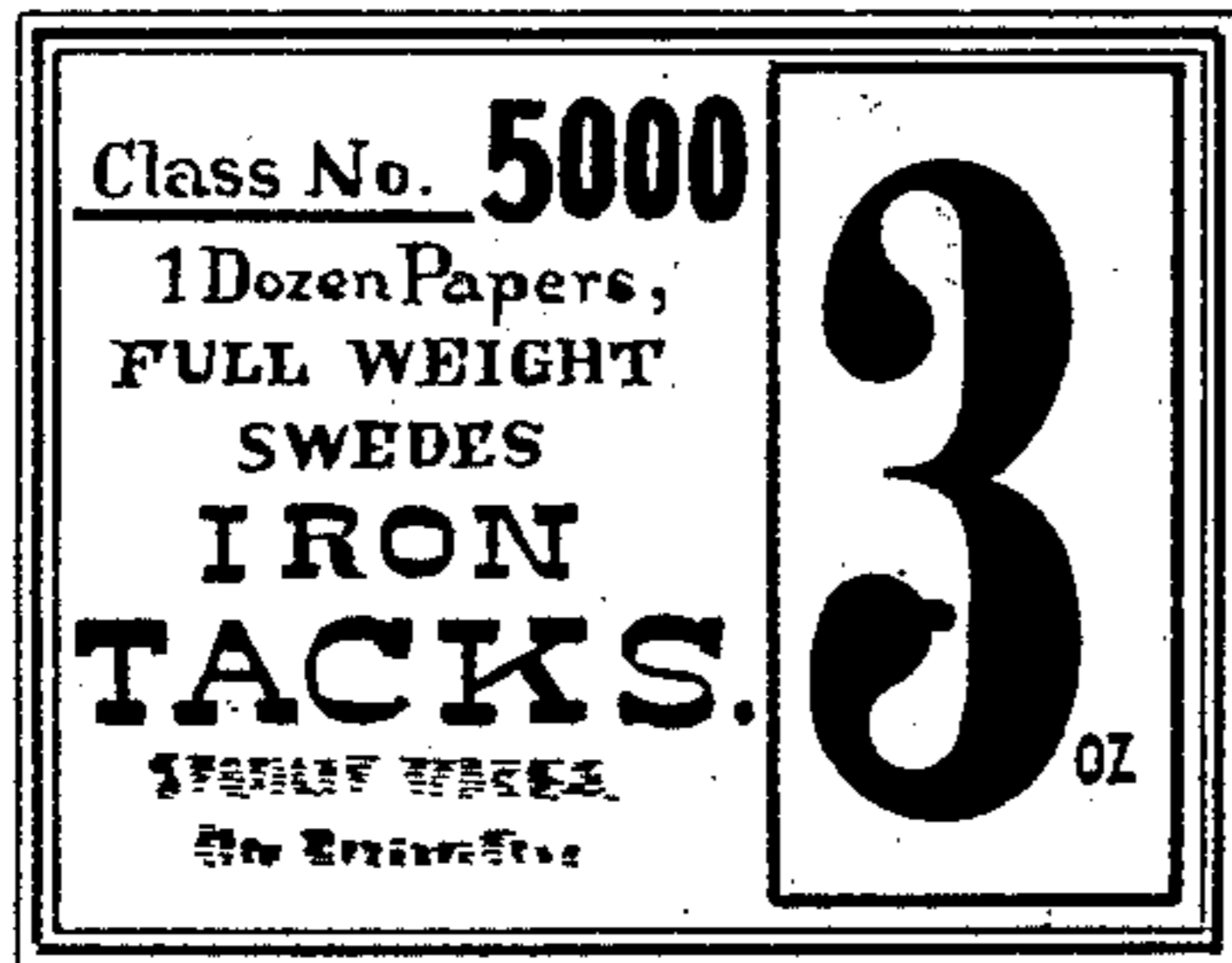
*Fig. 5.*



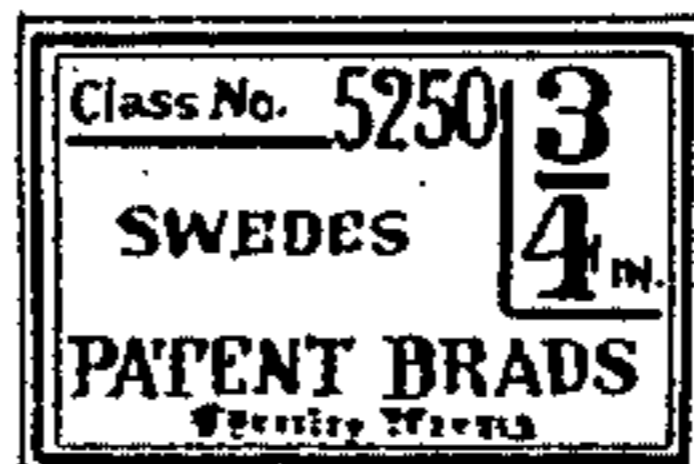
*Fig. 6.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 7.*



*Fig. 8.*



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## SERIES OF LABELS FOR TACKS, BRADS, OR NAILS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. HART, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Britain, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Series of Labels for Tacks, Brads, or Nails, of which the following is a specification.

The labels which are intended for use upon the outside of a box or package which contains a number of smaller boxes or papers inside will be first described. These labels are illustrated in Figures 1, 2, and 3. The labels give the class number, a brief description of the contents of the package, and the name of the maker. At one end of the label, preferably the right-hand end, is placed a figure to indicate the size of the tacks, brads, or nails—as, for instance, “10 oz.” or “11 inch,” as the case may be. These goods are put up in packages that are known by the terms “quarter-weight,” “half-weight,” and “full-weight.” If the packages to be labelled are quarter-weight, the figure which indicates the size is made small, preferably, so as to occupy but little if any more than one-quarter of the height of the label, as shown at the upper right-hand corner of Fig. 1, the label there being one for quarter-weight packages. The size of the figure “10” therein shown is of itself a sufficient arbitrary symbol to indicate to one familiar with the herein-described system of labels packages of quarter-weight; and this can be told at a glance, even when seen at a distance—as, for instance, upon a high shelf. In some cases, however, some other or some additional arbitrary symbol may be desirable, and therefore a dash or line is added to one of the four sides of the figure which indicates size, preferably the under side, as shown in Fig. 1, so that a person can look for either the line or the size of the figure or both together.

Fig. 2 illustrates a similar label for half-weight packages, in which case the figure denoting the size—as, for instance, “8 oz.”—is made to occupy about one-half the height of the label at the right-hand end, while the line symbol extends along two of the four sides of said figure, as shown.

Fig. 3 illustrates another similar label for

full-weight packages, in which case the figure denoting the size—as, for instance, “3 oz.”—is made to extend nearly the whole height of the label, and the line symbol extends wholly around the figure. The label is also illustrated as having printed thereon the words “full-weight;” but either of the symbols can be seen quicker and from a greater distance than can said words.

The same system is shown in Figs. 4 to 8, inclusive, as applied to labels for individual papers or packages, which are inclosed within a larger box or package. In these the words “1 dozen papers” are therefore omitted; but otherwise they are similar to the outside labels. Fig. 4 illustrates a label for a quarter-weight package of twelve-ounce tacks; Fig. 5, one for a half-weight package of six-ounce tacks; Fig. 6, one for a full-weight package of three-ounce tacks; Fig. 7, one for a half-weight package of three-quarter inch brads, and Fig. 8 one for a full-weight package of one and one-quarter inch nails.

Two forms or styles of what may be termed “arbitrary symbols” have been thus shown and described to indicate packages of quarter, half, and full weight, so that the dealer may distinguish them at a mere glance. It is evident that other arbitrary characters or symbols can be readily selected to accomplish the same purpose. So far as now known arbitrary symbols or characters of any kind have never been known in a system of labels for this purpose, and therefore it is not intended to confine this invention to the particular symbols shown and described.

I claim as my invention—

1. A series of labels for tacks, brads, or nails having arbitrary symbols, combined with the figure or figures which indicate the size to denote packages of the various weights, substantially as described.

2. A series of labels for tacks, brads, or nails having, in connection with the figures which indicate the size, a line or lines to denote packages of the various weights, substantially as described.

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