

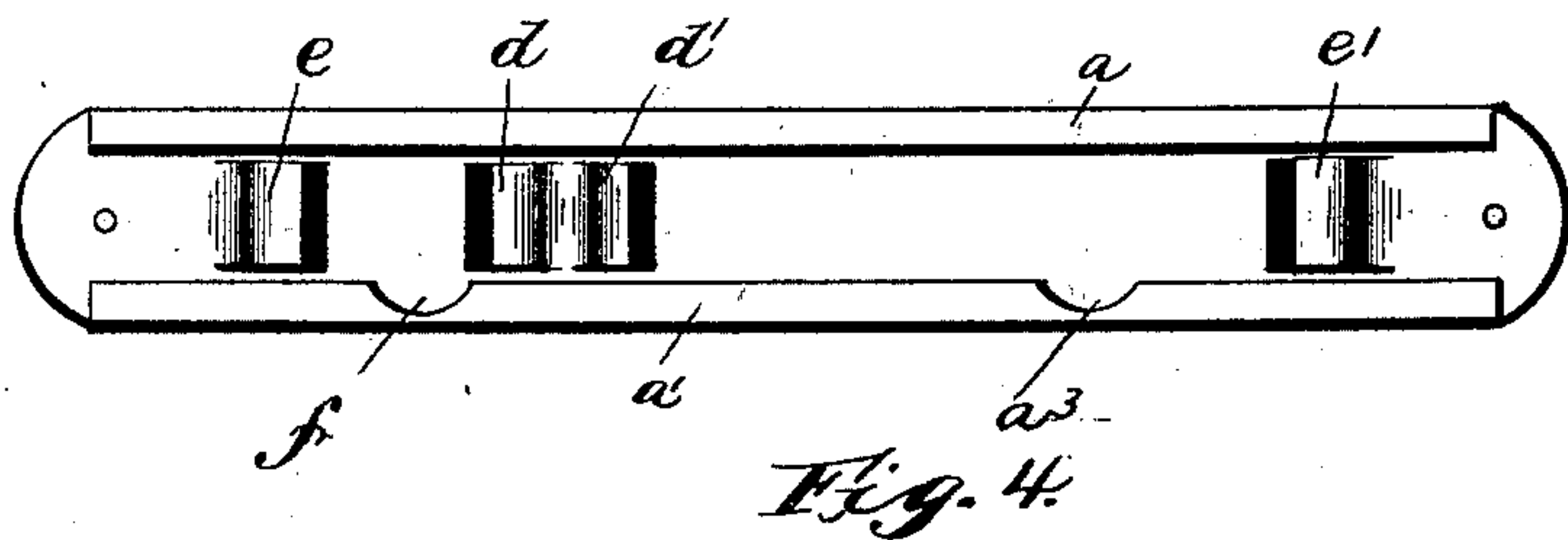
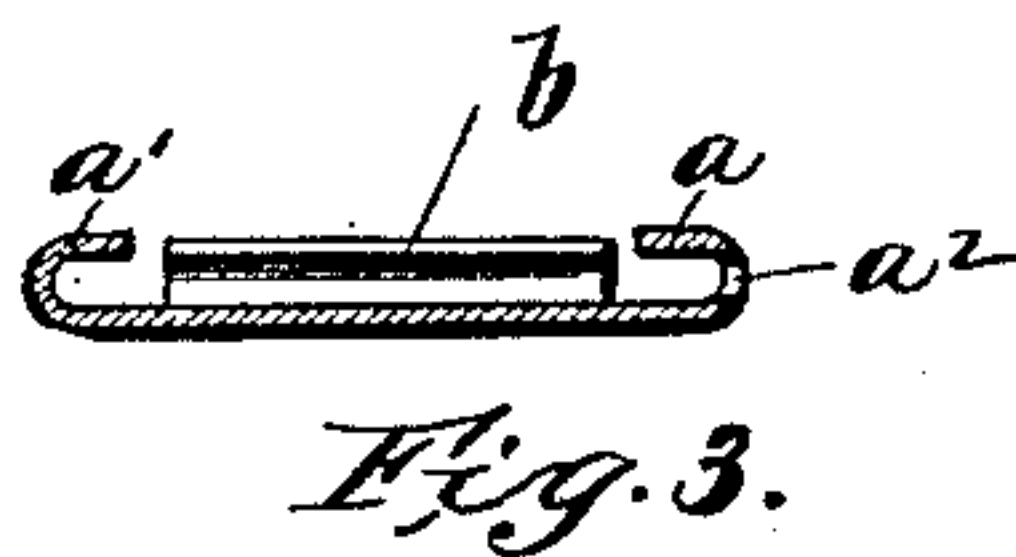
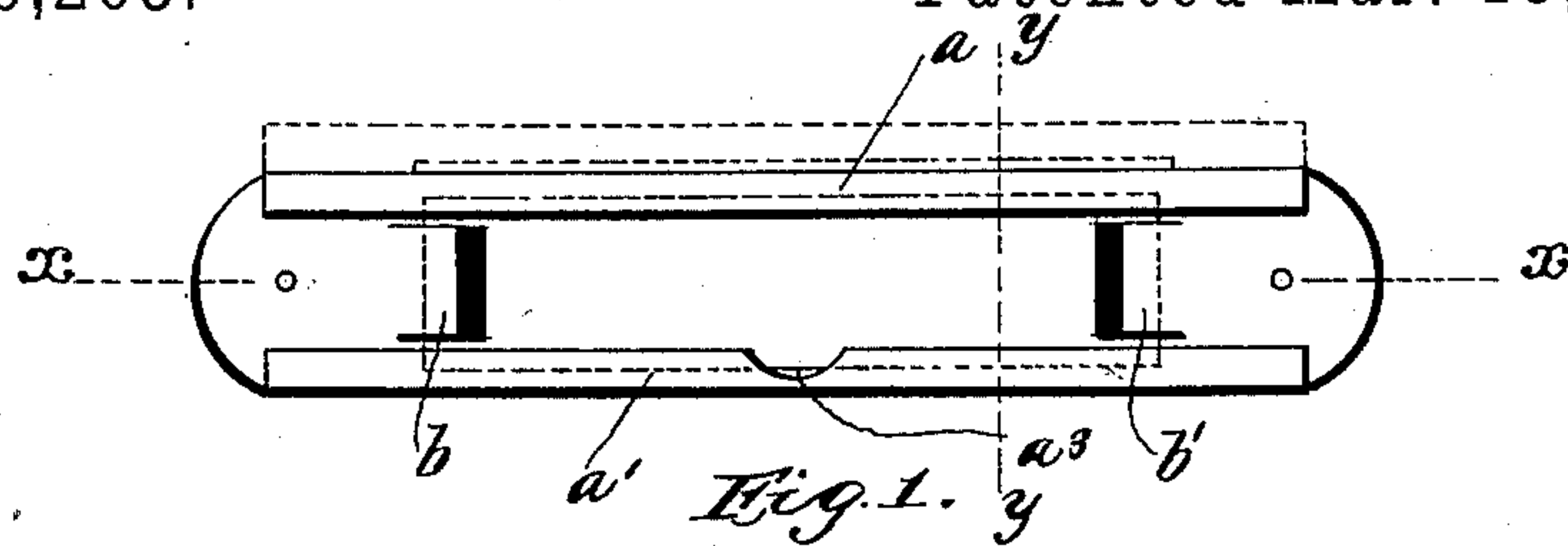
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES E. LATHROP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kewaunee, in the county of Kewaunee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Label-Holders; and I do 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 and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to label or tag holders, and has for its object to simplify and improve the construction of this class of devices, and to reduce the cost of manufacture to a minimum.

The improvement consists in the novel device presently to be described and claimed, and shown in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view on the line X X of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view on the line Y Y of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a plan view of a modified form.

The holder is composed of a piece of suitable sheet material cut into the desired shape, which is preferably oblong. The sides have a portion, a and a' , folded, forming retaining-flanges, and a portion of the blank near each end between the flanges is struck up, forming retaining-lips b and b' , which are formed by a cut at right angles to the blank and cuts extending in the same direction from the ends of the transverse cut, as shown. The folded edge of one of the flanges, preferably the flange a , is cut away, leaving a space, a^2 , for the insertion of the label or tag. This edge is generally placed uppermost, so that the card or label will not fall out accidentally. The upper edge of the lower flange, a' , is notched or cut away at a^3 to facilitate the removal of the card or label by permitting the insertion of the finger-nail or suitable instrument below the edge of such card or label, as will be readily understood.

The holder just described is designed for a single label or tag; but where it is designed to use two labels, one of which is interchangeable, it is found expedient to construct the

holder as shown in Fig. 4, in which two intermediate retaining lips or tongues, d and d' , are formed between the extreme retaining-lips, e and e' , and a second notch, f , is formed in the lower flange in such manner that a notch comes between each pair of the retaining lips or tongues. By pressing the intermediate lips or tongues, d and d' , down so that they will lie in the plane of the body or back of the holder, a card or label can be inserted and held between the extreme tongues, e and e' , which correspond with the tongues b and b' .

The device is simple and cheap, and can be manufactured at a slight cost, as the several tongues or retaining-lips and the flanges with the notch or notches and the slot for the insertion of the label or card can be made at one and the same operation, either at the time of cutting the blank or after the blank is cut.

In practice the label or tag is inserted through the slot a^2 , and is held between the body of the device and the retaining-lips and flanges.

The label can be readily removed by prying up thereon from the lower edge, as will be readily comprehended.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The herein-described label-holder, composed of sheet material having a portion of its sides folded, forming retaining-flanges, and having a portion of the fold removed from one of the folded edges, forming an opening for the insertion and removal of the label, and the extreme and intermediate retaining-lips cut from the body of the holder, forming two pairs of retaining-lips, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The herein-described label-holder, having flanged sides and end retaining-lips, the lower flange having its upper edge notched for permitting the insertion of an instrument beneath the lower edge of the label, substantially as described.

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

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