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Fig. 1.

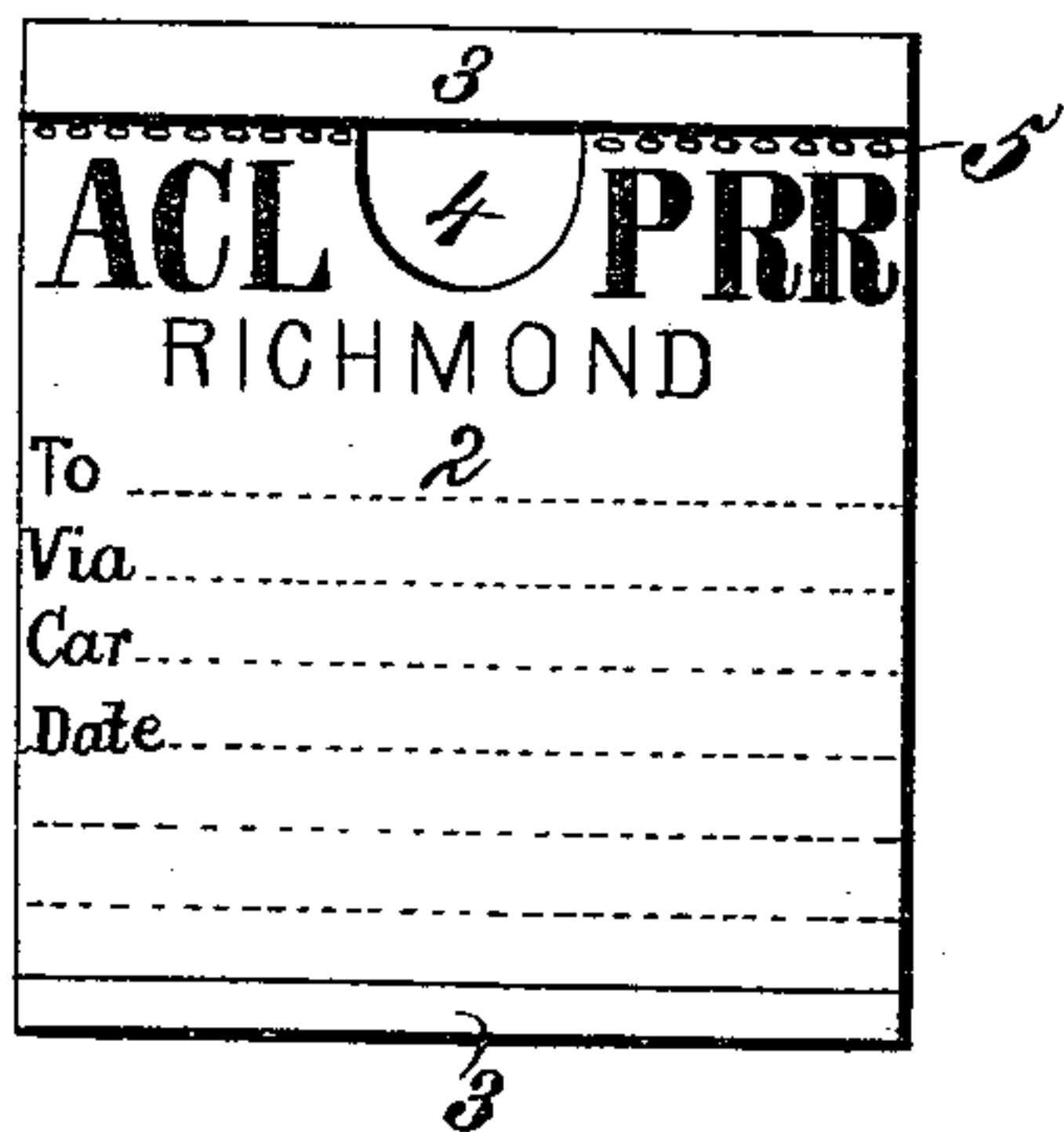


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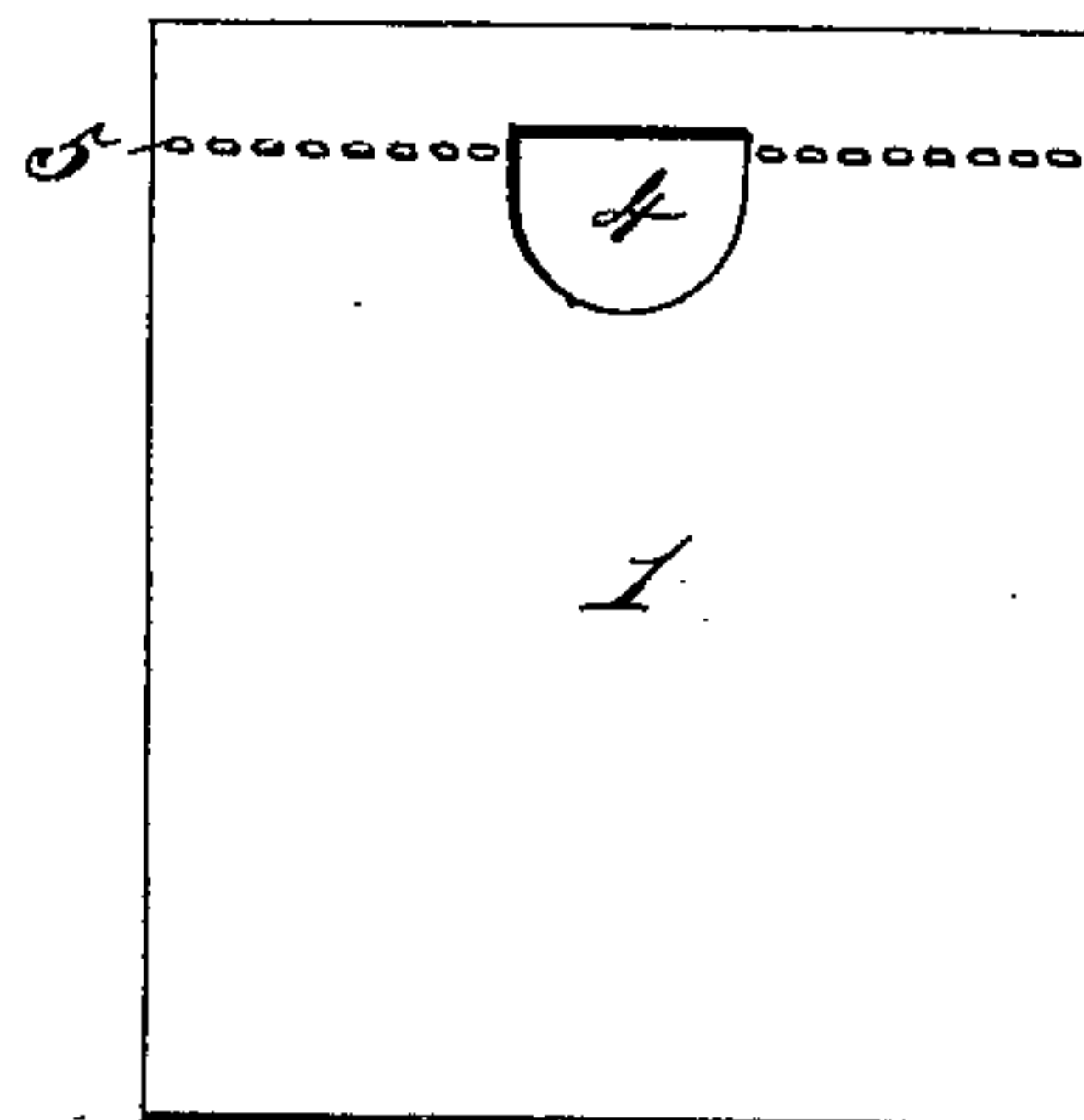


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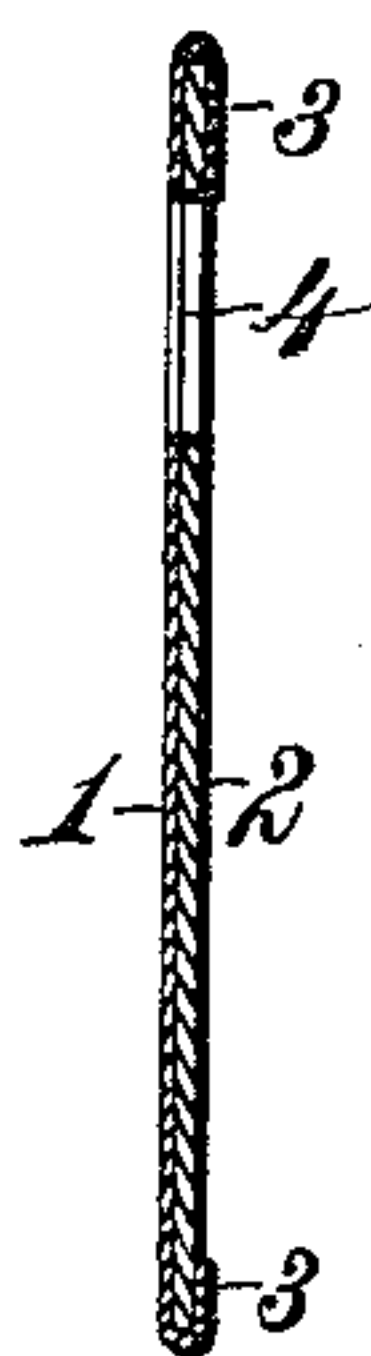
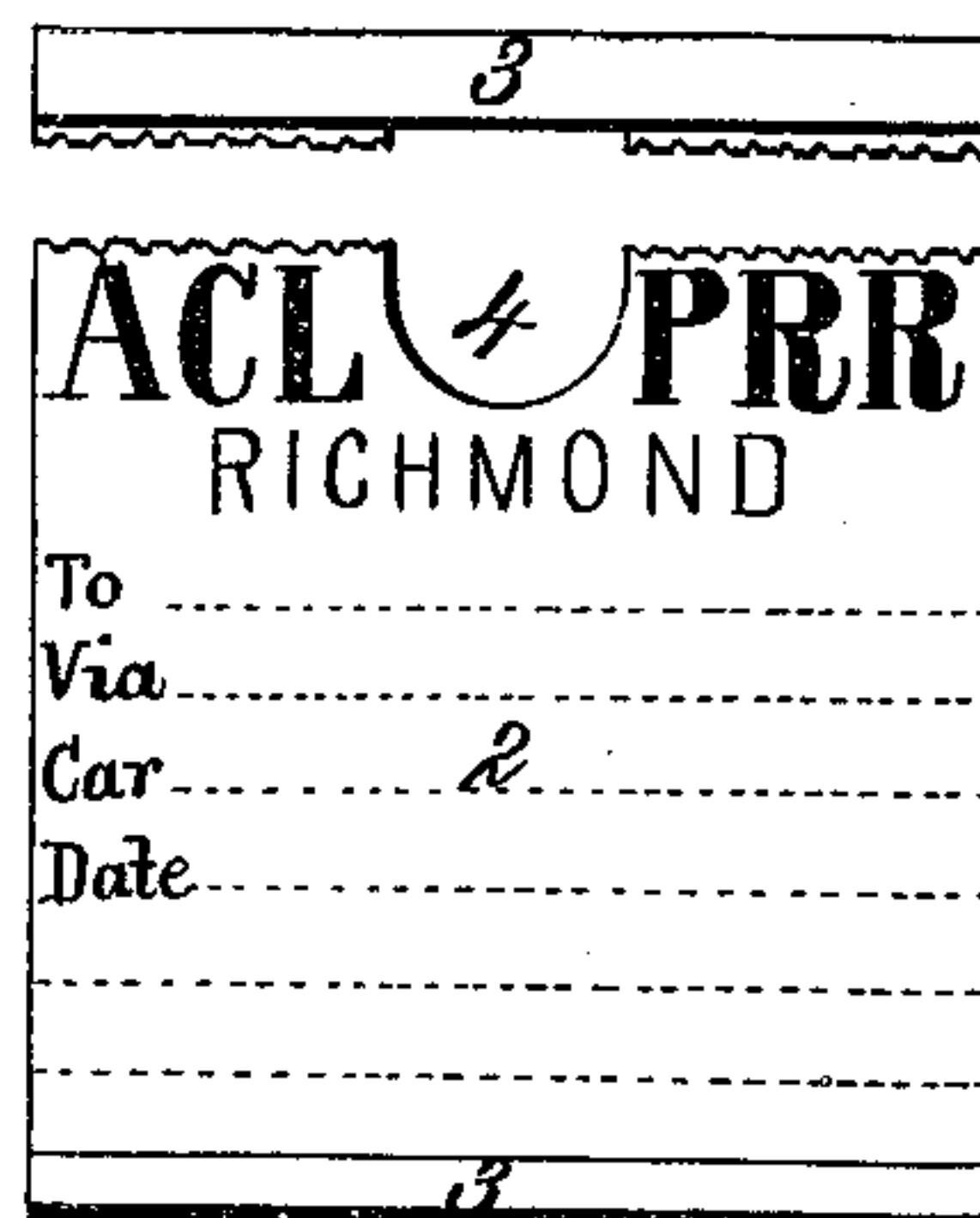


Fig. 4.



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SEAL-TAG FOR SEAL-LOCKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT M. SULLY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Petersburg, in the county of Dinwiddie and State of Virginia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Seal-Tags for Seal-Locks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a seal-tag especially adapted for use as a seal with that class of seal-locks which comprise a bolt having a hooked end and a lug perforated for passage of said bolt and provided with slits that intersect the perforations, said slits being adapted to receive a portion of the tag or seal after it has been attached to the bolt, whereby it is impossible to unfasten the lock or remove the seal without such mutilation of the latter as will unfailingly betray the act of unfastening the lock or the attempt to do so.

The invention consists of a seal-tag composed of a thin metal plate or backing having two or more turned-over edges or flanges, and a paper or card board tag inserted beneath said flanges and held thereby, said plate and tag being provided with a hole sufficiently large to engage the hooked end of the bolt in a seal-lock, and with a line of perforations or indentations near one edge to weaken the seal-tag and facilitate its disengagement from the bolt by tearing. The paper or card board tag will have delineated thereon the name of the railroad company or forwarding agents, the place of shipment, destination, and other information; and the metal plate or backing will afford support and protection for such tag to preserve it from accidental injury or mutilation.

In the annexed drawings, illustrating the invention, Figure 1 is a face view of my improved seal-tag. Fig. 2 is a reverse view. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section. Fig. 4 is a view of the seal-tag as mutilated or torn by detaching it from the bolt in the act of unfastening the lock.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates a thin metallic plate which forms the back or reverse side of the seal-tag; and 2, a paper or card board tag, which forms the face of the device. The upper and lower edges of the metallic plate are folded over in the shape of flanges 3, to retain the paper slip or card 2 in place, and, if desired, the side edges of the

plate 1 may be folded over in like manner; but I prefer the construction shown as being more simple and affording a sufficient and reliable means for holding the card in place.

Adjacent to the inner edge of the upper flange the plate 1 and card 2 are perforated to form a large hole, 4, and along the inner edge of this flange and intersecting the hole 4 is also a line of smaller perforations or indentations, 5, through the plate and card.

The hole 4 serves for engaging the hooked end of a bolt in a seal-lock, and the transverse line of perforations or indentations 5 provides a weak point for severing both the metal and card portion of the seal-tag to detach it from the lock.

On the face of the card 2 is the name of the railroad company, the shipping-point, the destination, and other customary information.

When attached to a seal-lock of a character to which it is adapted, this seal-tag will afford an effective safeguard against surreptitious unfastening of the lock, the tag or card will be protected from accidental injury, and yet conveniently exposed to view, and in order to readily break the seal it will only be necessary to tear the device along the line of perforations or indentations.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A seal-tag for seal-locks, consisting of a metallic backing-plate, 1, and a tag, 2, secured to one face of the plate and having adjacent to one edge a line of perforations or indentations, 5, forming a weakened line to detach the seal-tag from the lock, said plate and said tag being both perforated, as at 4, to engage the bolt of a seal-lock, substantially as described.

2. A seal-tag for seal-locks, composed of a thin metal plate having folded-over edges or flanges and a tag confined beneath said flanges, said plate and tag being provided with a perforation to engage the bolt of a seal-lock, and with a line of perforations or indentations to break the seal and detach the device from the lock, substantially as described.

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

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