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VARIABLE TICKET.

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Fig. 1.

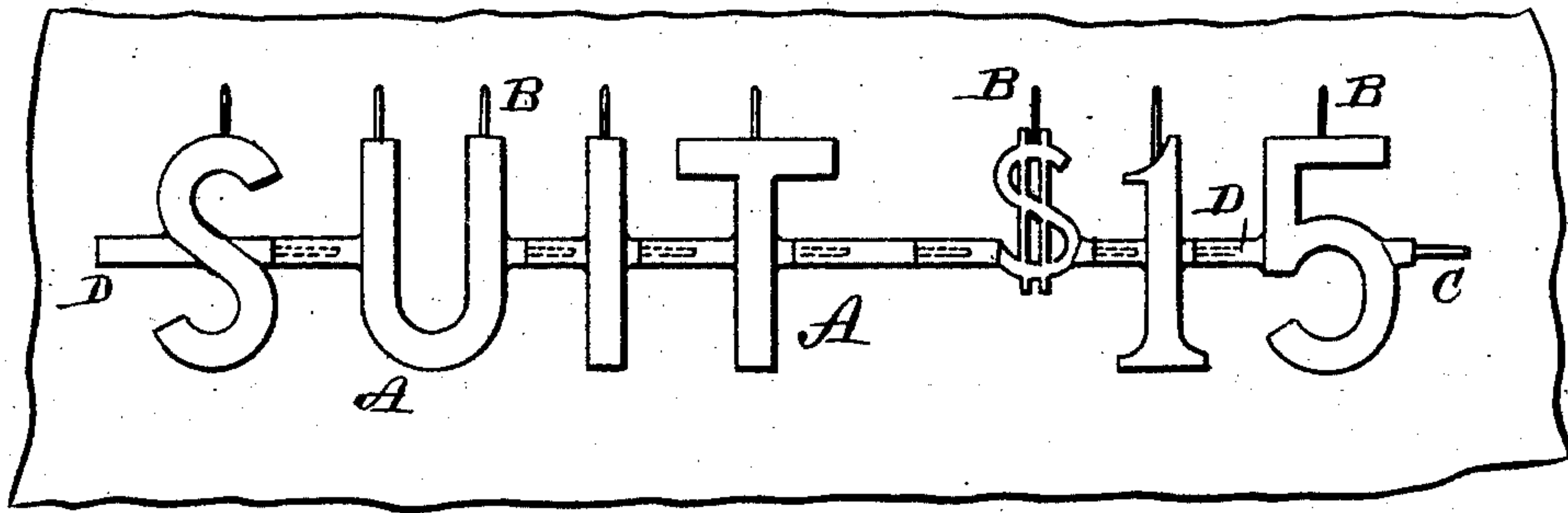
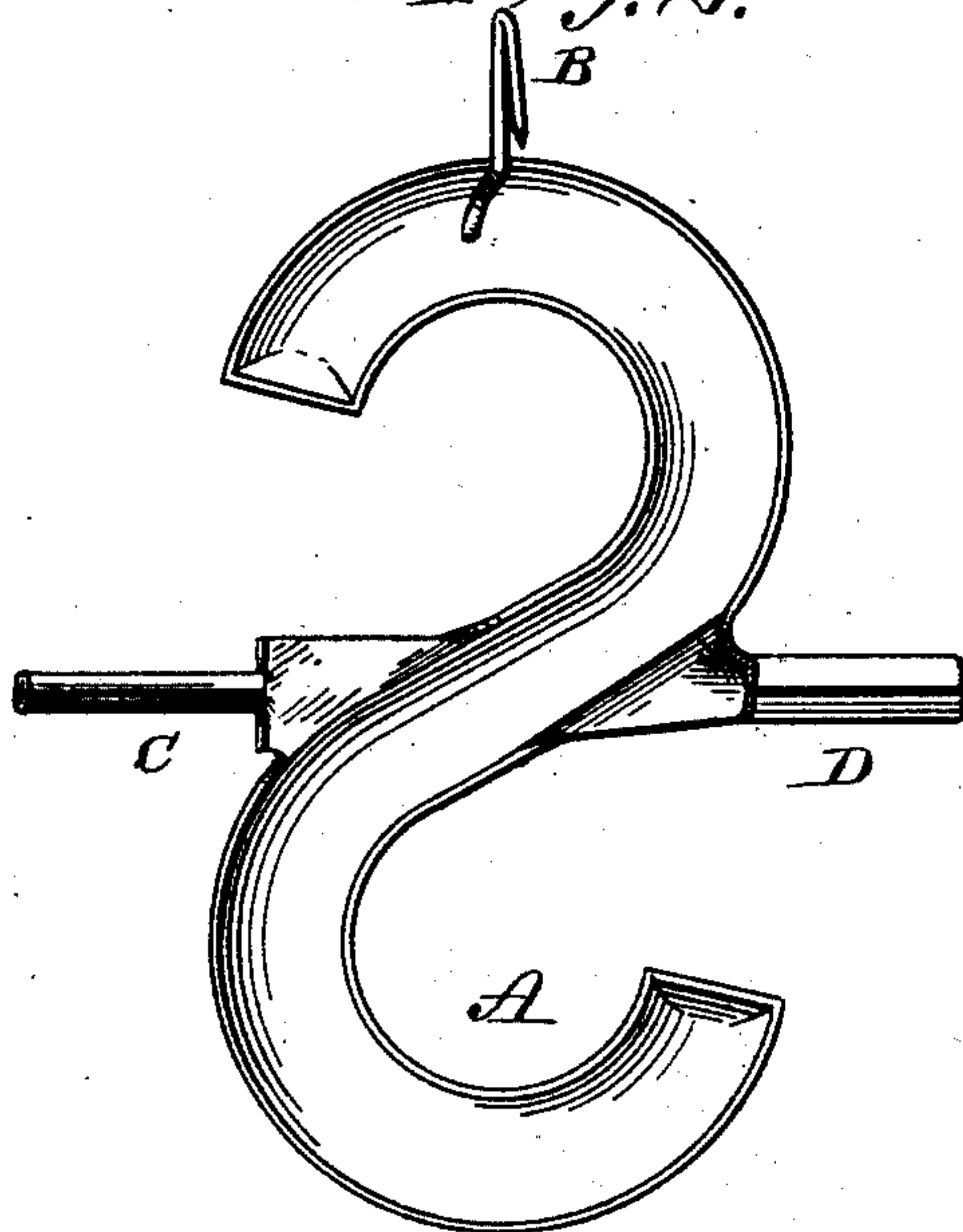


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM EDGAR WALLER, of Rutherford, in the county of Bergen and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and
5 useful Improvement in Variable Tickets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention has for its object to provide independent numerals, letters, and characters
10 so constructed that they can be easily and quickly joined together and fastened to goods to form variable tickets for marking the same, and when so applied will be securely held against displacement.

15 The invention consists in a variable ticket composed of individual characters, provided with pins, hooks, or equivalent devices for fastening them to the goods, and connected by separable joints, the joint-sections on each
20 character interlocking with those on the adjacent character or characters, as hereinafter more fully described and particularly claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in
25 which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a face view of a ticket applied and formed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged rear view of a single
30 character embodying my invention.

The characters A are formed or stamped, in the usual manner, from thin metal or other suitable material, and are provided at their upper ends with pins or hooks B, by which they
35 are attached to the goods to be marked. Each character is also provided on one side with a flat tongue, C, and on the opposite side, in line

therewith, with a keeper, D, in which is fitted to slide the tongue C of the adjoining character, the keeper D and the tongue C, interlock-
40 ing therewith, forming the sections of the joint, by which the individual characters are thus separably connected. I prefer to form each character, together with its fastening-hook and side connections, by stamping from a single
45 piece of thin sheet metal, as brass; but the fastening-hook B may be soldered thereto, if desired, as shown in Fig. 2.

In forming the variable ticket the proper characters are joined together by their lateral
50 interlocking connections, and the fastening pins or hooks B of all inserted in the goods to be marked, as indicated in Fig. 1. The lateral tongues and keepers, in conjunction with the end fastening devices, maintain the characters
55 against both endwise and sidewise displacement.

The ticket is easily attachable and detachable, and can be varied at will.

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

A variable ticket composed of individual characters provided with fastening devices, as described, and connected by separable joints,
65 the joint-sections fixed on each character interlocking with those on the adjacent character or characters, substantially as shown and described.

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