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Fig. 1.

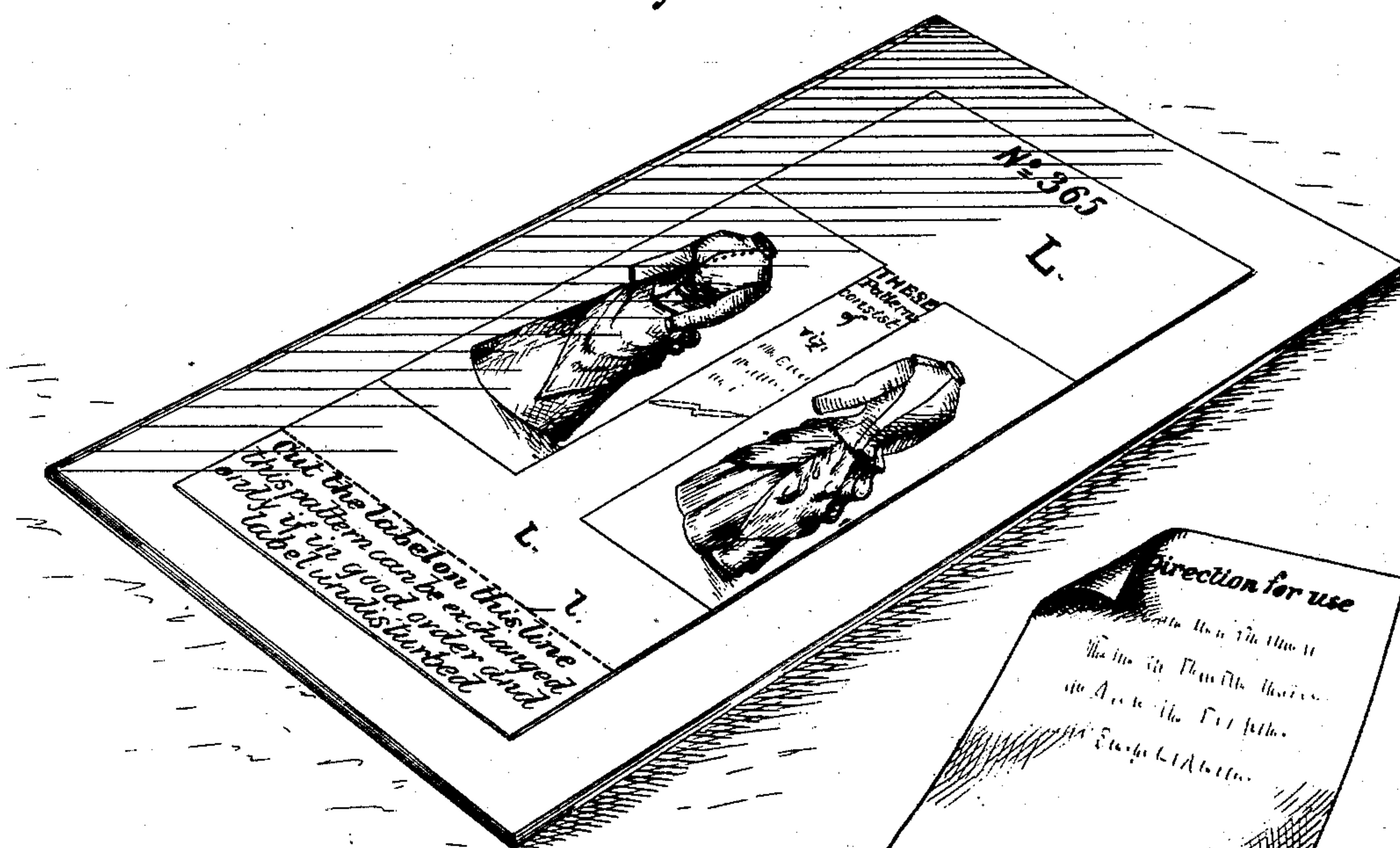
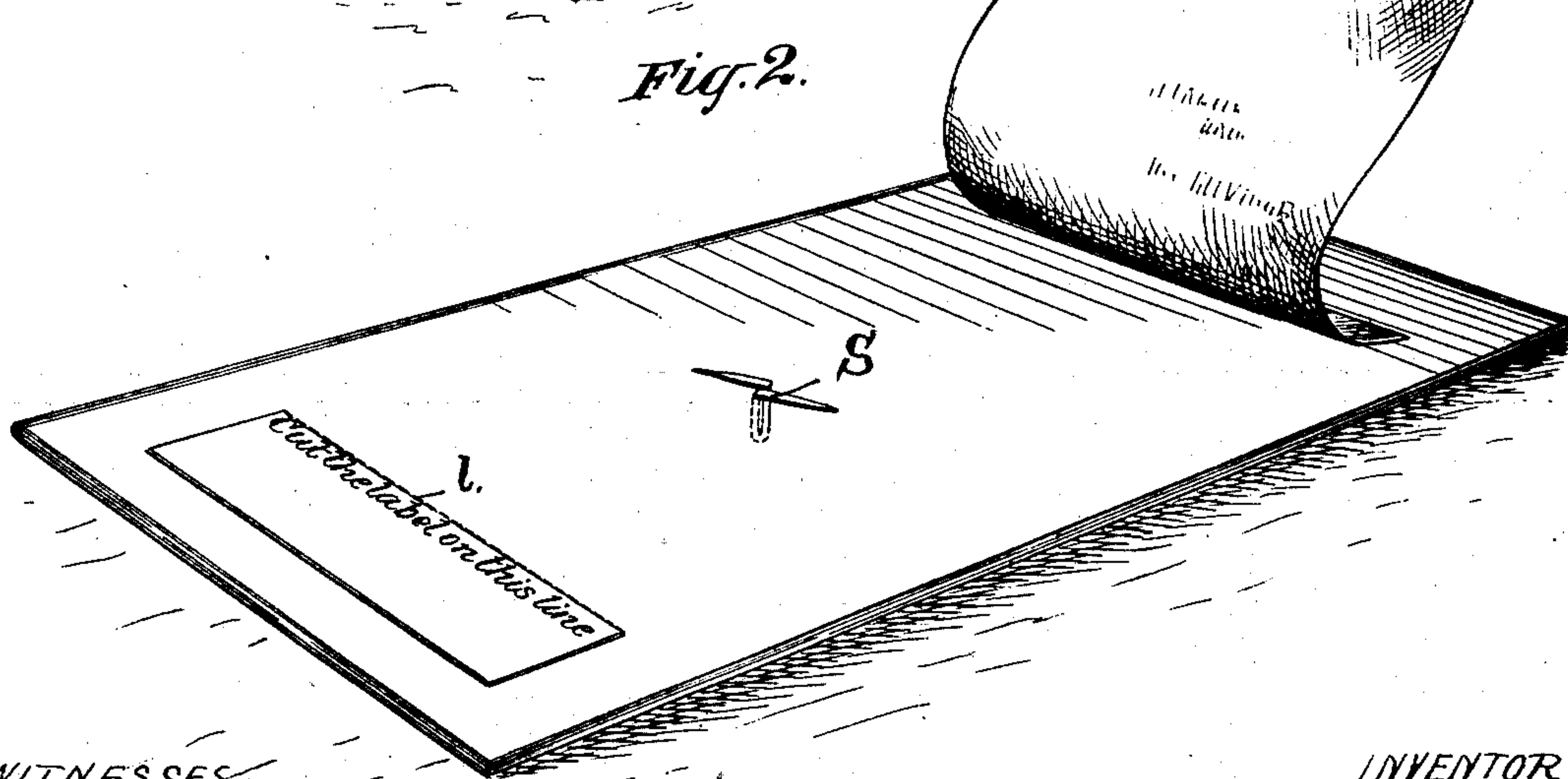


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK KOEWING, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastening together Paper Dress-Patterns, of which the following is a specification.

My invention refers to paper dress patterns as they are folded for sale, and is an improvement in the method of fastening the folded package and securing it so it cannot be unfolded or opened without tearing or cutting part of the package.

In the drawings illustrating my improvement, Figure 1 is a view of the pattern as folded and secured, showing the label attached to the front or face of the package. Fig. 2 is a view of the package with the label detached at its lower end and turned over so as to expose the directions on the under side, and showing the staple or fastening by which the package is secured.

Paper dress-patterns in the form in which they are sold are usually folded so as to form an oblong package, which is secured either by the employment of a sealed envelope or fastened together by a pin put through the several parts before the pattern is folded, and on the front side or face of which folded package is pasted the label which contains the cut or representation of the garment and the necessary directions for using the pattern. By the latter method of folding and securing the pattern the expense of an envelope or cover is avoided, and can be readily and easily opened and used without destroying the label. As the paper dress-pattern where a label has been used has been fastened heretofore, a pin or fastener was put through all the pieces before folding and the ends clinched or turned down in the center, and then the pattern was folded, having no other security to keep it folded, and offering no further protection against being unfolded, examined, and copied. As thus secured it has been possible, by merely unfolding the package and turning back the point of the pin or staple, to unfold the pattern and examine and copy the same, and afterward secure and fold the pattern as before, and without indicating in any way that the pattern had been opened. It is advan-

tageous to dealers in this class of goods to allow the patterns to be exchanged if they have not been opened or used; but as patterns have been heretofore secured or fastened it has been impossible to tell by the appearance of the package whether they have been opened or not, and a pattern may have been unfolded, examined, and even used, and then secured and refolded as though it had not been opened, leaving no check against imposition, except by refusal on part of the seller to make any exchange whatever. My improvement is designed to avoid this objection, and at the same time secure to the purchaser the right to return an unfolded pattern, which I accomplish by so securing the contents of the package that it cannot be opened or examined in any way, except on the surface, without that fact being indicated by the appearance of the package.

In my improved method of securing the folded package the staple or fastener is put through the pattern, when folded, from the back or under side, or so that the head of the staple is at the back, and the ends that are turned down are on the front side, as is seen at Fig. 2. After the staple or fastener is put through the package and secured, the label containing the necessary printing, the cuts of the patterns, and directions for using is pasted or attached by both ends, and, where necessary, along the edges to the front side of the package over the turned-down ends of the staple S, as shown in Fig. 1.

As will be understood from the drawings, when it is desired to open or unfasten the staple, it will first be necessary to remove the label from the package at the lower end and edges, so as to obtain access to the ends of the staple at S. After the label is detached or severed from the package at the lower end, it is raised or thrown back, and the ends of the staple are readily unfastened or opened and the package unfolded and examined or used. When the label has once been severed from the package, it is impossible to again attach it to the latter as it was before it was detached, and thus it will be seen that when the package has once been opened it cannot be refastened and secured in the condition it was before being opened and without indicating that it has been opened. The label must be so



pasted or fastened to the package as to prevent the hand being placed under the label while the latter is secured to the package and the ends of the staple opened, and thus the  
 5 object of my improvement defeated. To detach the label from the package, it may be cut near the end just beyond where it is secured to the pattern; but I prefer to provide a line of perforations or dots near the lower  
 10 end of the label, as shown at 1, by means of which the end of the label may be readily torn off or cut from the pattern and the label not be injured in any manner.

The label may be the ordinary label used with  
 15 paper dress-patterns, containing the usual printing and cuts of the garment; but I prefer the label shown in the accompanying drawings. In the label L, as there shown, the directions for using the pattern are printed on the  
 20 underside of the label, as will be seen from Fig. 2, and the front of the label is used for the cuts or representation of the garments and necessary printing. As thus printed, the label itself forms an added security against using the pat-  
 25 tern, because, though the package may be opened without detaching the label, in order to read the directions for using the pattern it is necessary to detach one end of the label, when it is impossible to again fasten the label  
 30 to the package, as before stated. Moreover, by thus printing the label, as both sides of the latter are utilized, fuller directions may be given, and the representations of the garment may be larger or more numerous, owing to the  
 35 greater space obtained by using both sides of label.

With my improved method of fastening the patterns, particularly when used with my improved form of label, it is impossible to open  
 40 the package or examine the pattern without indicating at once that the same has been opened, and more space is obtained for the representation or cut of the garment and for the necessary directions.

45 What I claim as new is—

1. In paper dress-patterns, the combination, with the pattern folded into a package, of the staple placed through the pattern from the back and turned down or clinched on the front of the package, and of the label attached  
 50 by both ends to the front side of the package, so as to cover the turned-down ends of the staple, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In paper dress-patterns, the combination, with the pattern folded into a package, of the staple placed through the pattern from the back and turned down or clinched on the front of the package, and of the label attached  
 55 by both ends and along the edges to the front side of the package, so as to cover the turned-down ends of the staple, substantially as and for the purposes set forth. 60

3. In paper dress-patterns, the combination, with the pattern folded into a package, of the staple placed through the pattern from the back and turned down or fastened on the front side of the package, and of the label having the directions printed on the under side and attached by both ends to the front side  
 65 of the package, so as to cover the turned-down ends of the staple, substantially as and for the purposes set forth. 70

4. In paper dress-patterns, the combination, with the pattern folded into a package, of the staple placed through the pattern from the back and turned down or fastened on the front side of the package, and of the label having the directions printed on the under side and attached by both ends and along the edges to  
 75 the front side of the package, so as to cover the turned-down ends of the staple, substantially as and for the purposes set forth. 80

Signed at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 17th  
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