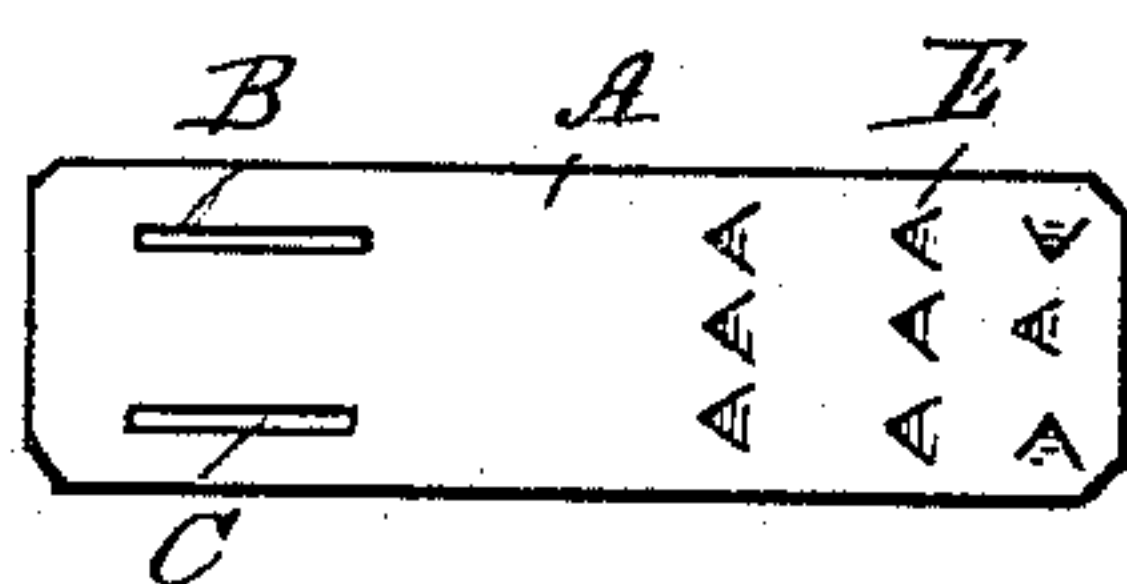


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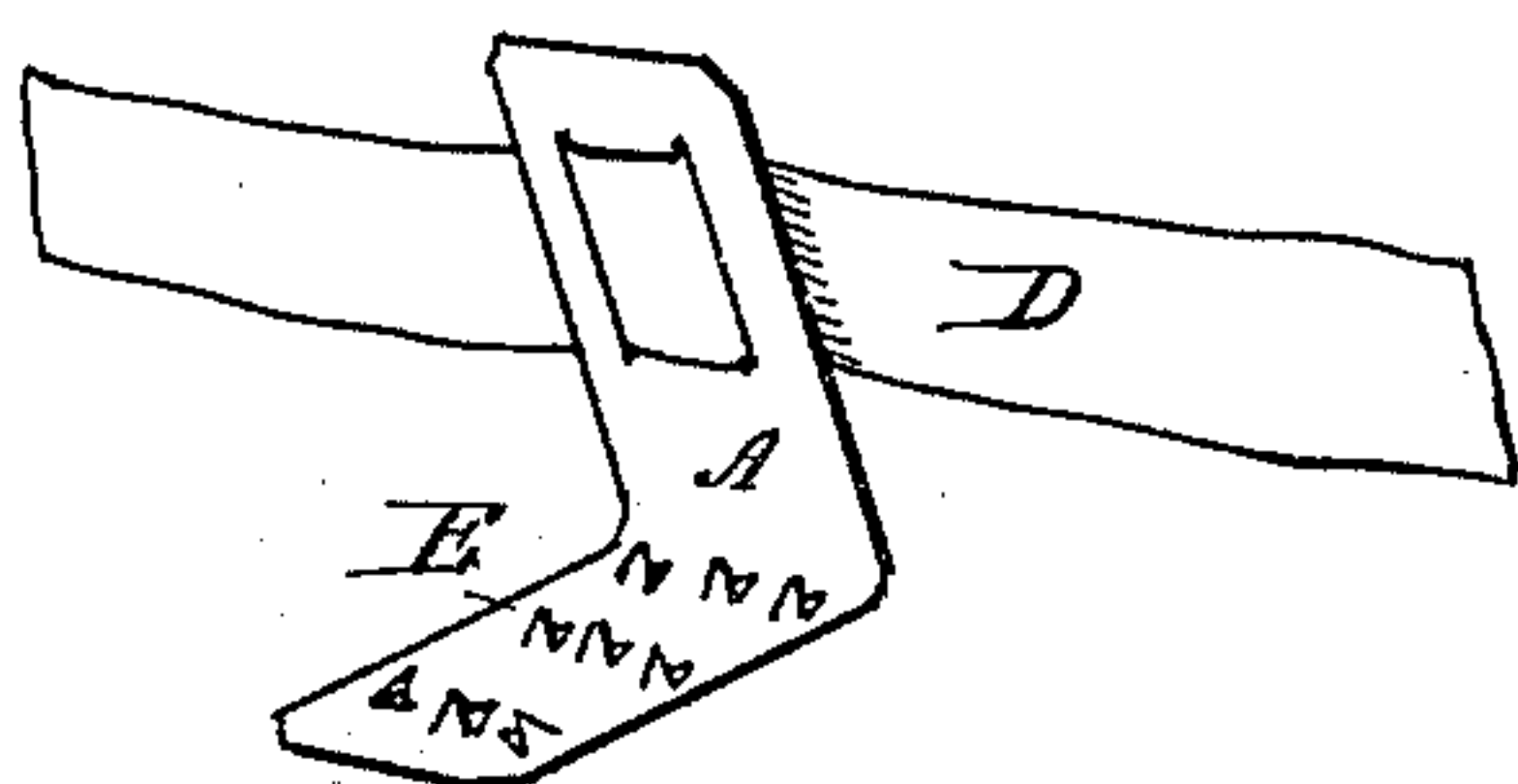
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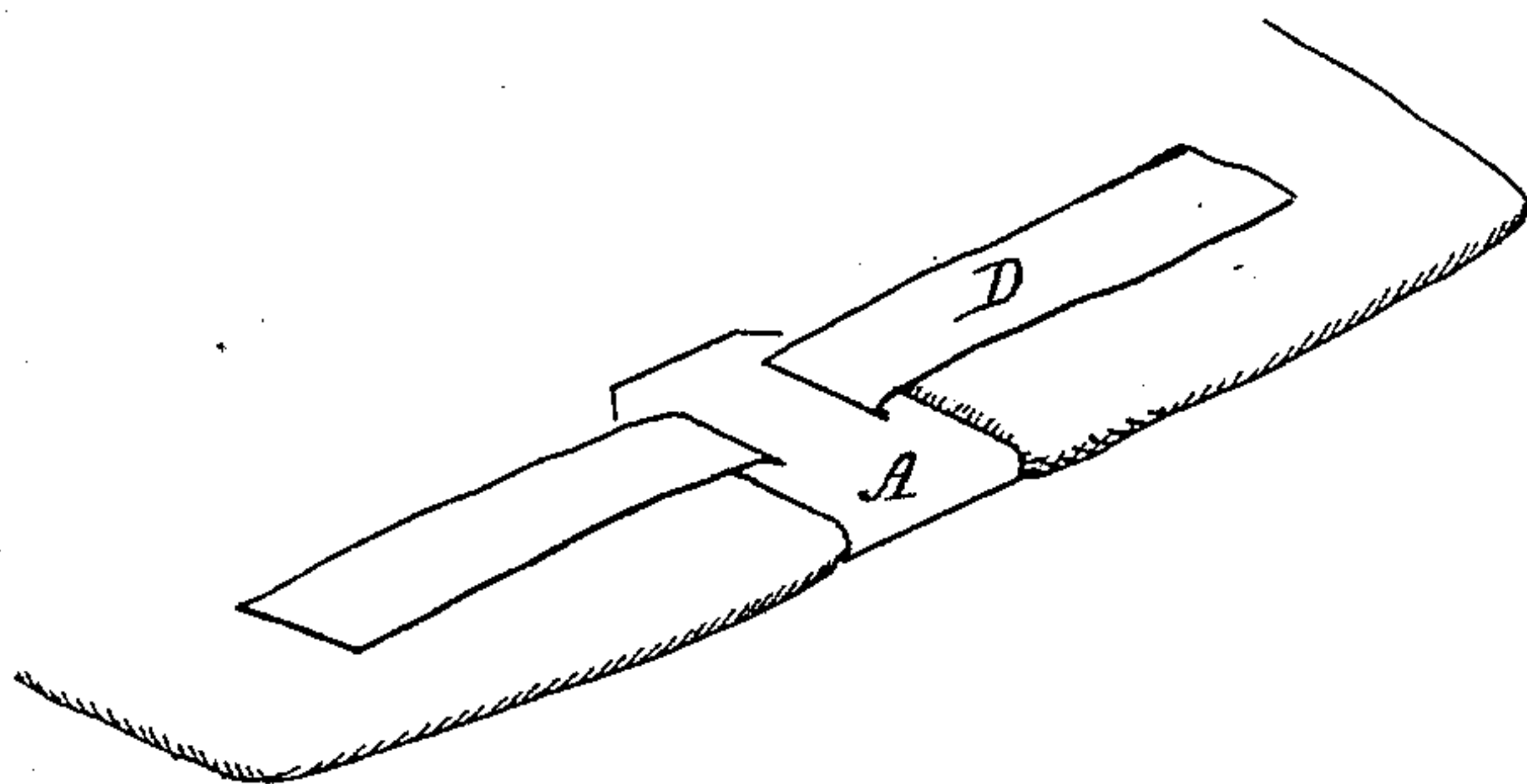
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*Fig. I.*



*Fig. II.*



*Fig. III.*

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## LAUNDRY-TAG.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 435,741, dated September 2, 1890.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, PLATT EVENS and LOUIS A. WATERS, of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented  
5 a new and useful Improvement in Laundry-Tags, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure I is a view of a strip of sheet metal  
10 prepared for our device; Fig. II, the same with the tag introduced in the slots, and Fig. III a view of the clip and tag applied to a garment.

Our invention relates to improved methods  
15 of affixing names or marks of any description to garments, textile fabrics, &c.; and its object is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and useful device designed especially for garments while being laundered, particularly such as  
20 are made of wool or any colored material which cannot be marked by the printing process or other means hitherto employed.

The device is easily and quickly attached, cannot be disengaged by accident, and may  
25 be readily removed, when desired, without injuring or defacing the fabric.

The invention consists of a clip of thin flexible metal or other suitable material having slots to admit a tape or strip of uncolored  
30 material to receive the mark and a series of indentures forming projecting points or spurs, which engage and hold the garment or cloth when the clip is closed upon it.

Referring to the accompanying drawings,  
35 A designates a strip of suitable sheet metal having slots B C for the tape D, upon which the desired mark or name is stamped or printed.

The indentations E are readily produced  
40 by a punch of the desired shape or by a press so designed as to make all the indentations simultaneously.

In use this device is bent near the middle, as shown in Figs. II and III, and thus placed  
45 about the goods to which it is to be attached. Thus the inward projection of the burrs or projections E will engage sufficiently upon the cloth to hold it securely in position under

any ordinary conditions, while at the same time they will not do the least possible harm to  
50 the goods to which the tag is applied. Heretofore in devices adapted for the same general ends and uses with this the means for attaching the tag to goods was a pin, one or more; but the obvious objections to this means of secur-  
55 ing the goods were the holes made by the pins and the difficulty of attaching and detaching the tag to the garment. In my device this detail of the easy and rapid attachment or detachment of the device without  
60 damaging the goods is one of the chief points of value in it.

It will be understood that the portion of the tape lying on the surface of the clip between the slots offers additional frictional resistance  
65 in connection with the spurs, and as the latter do not project at right angles from the face of the clip they are merely sprung upon the garment or cloth with a moderate pressure and do not penetrate or injure it. 70

It is understood that we do not confine our claim to any special form of spurs. If preferred, the clip may be perforated instead of indented. The burrs produced by the perforating process afford abundant holding  
75 power without the aid of the projecting spurs, and the perforations provide for a free escape of the moisture which would otherwise be partially confined between the jaws of the clip.

Having thus described our invention, we 80 claim as new—

The sheet-metal clip A, having slots B C for the tape D, marked as described, and inwardly-projecting spurs E and adapted to be bent upon any textile fabric so as to secure  
85 the clip thereto and hold the tape and expose the mark upon it.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands, this 15th day of February, 1889, in the presence of two wit-  
90 nesses.

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