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Fig. 1

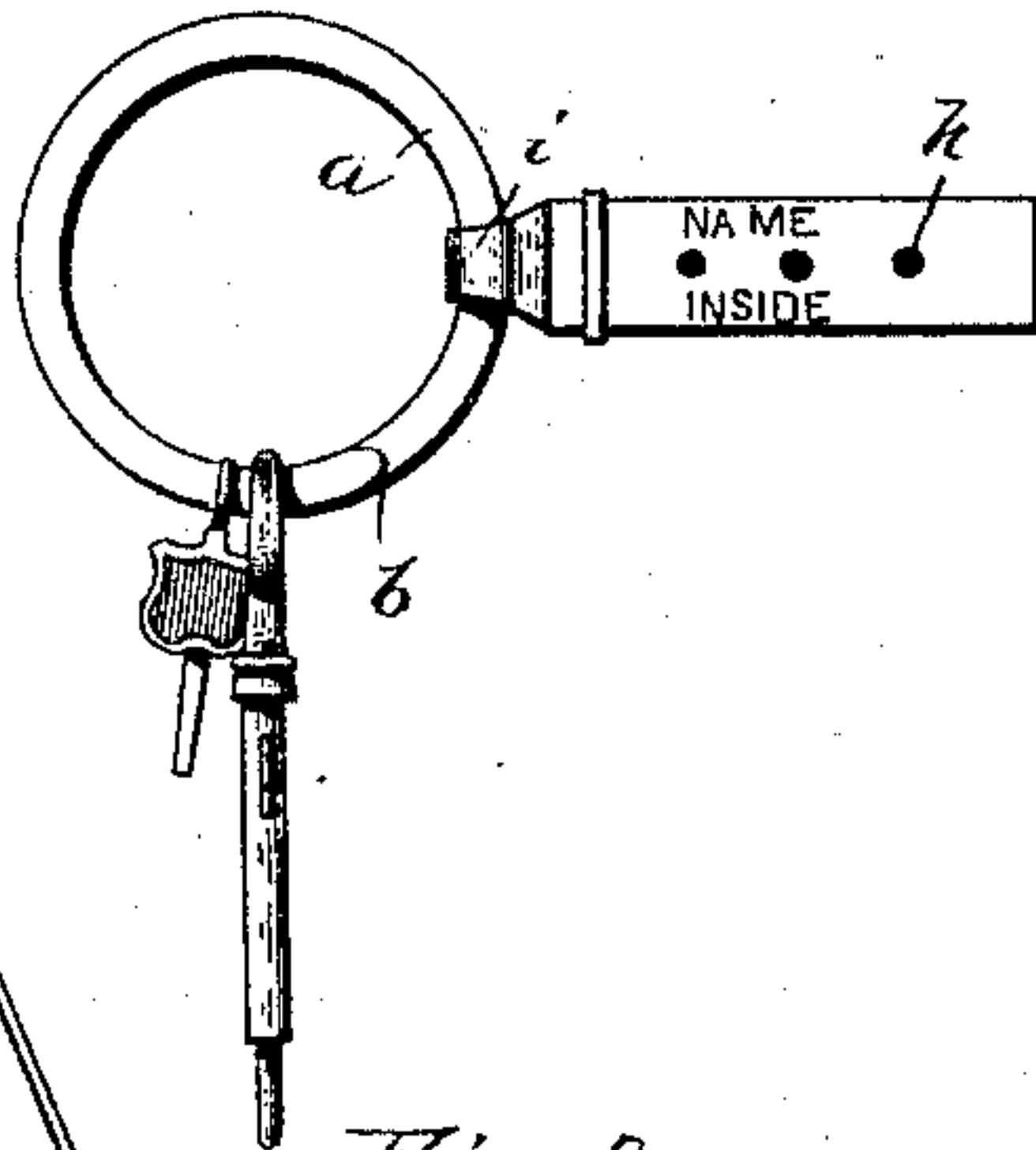


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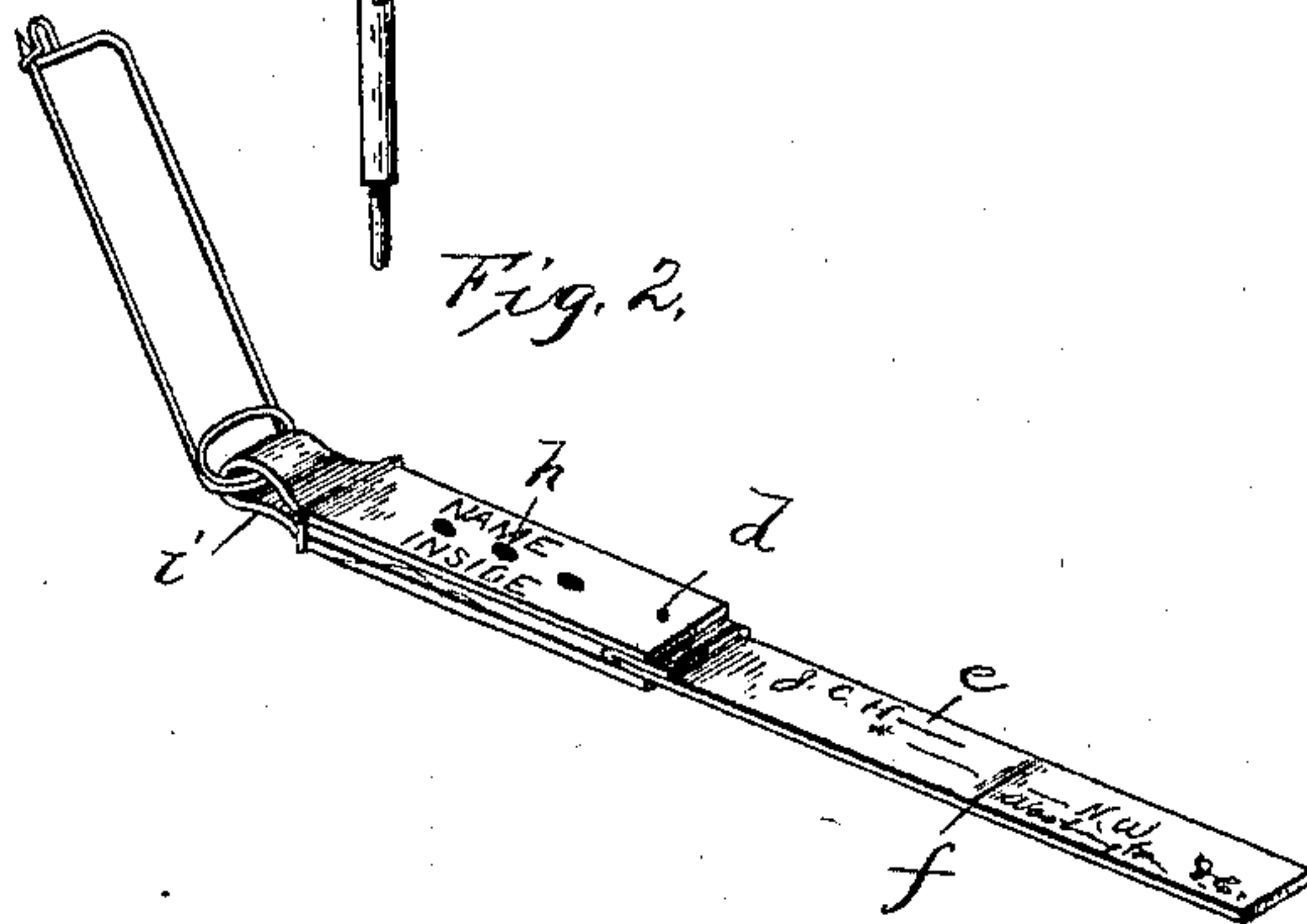


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



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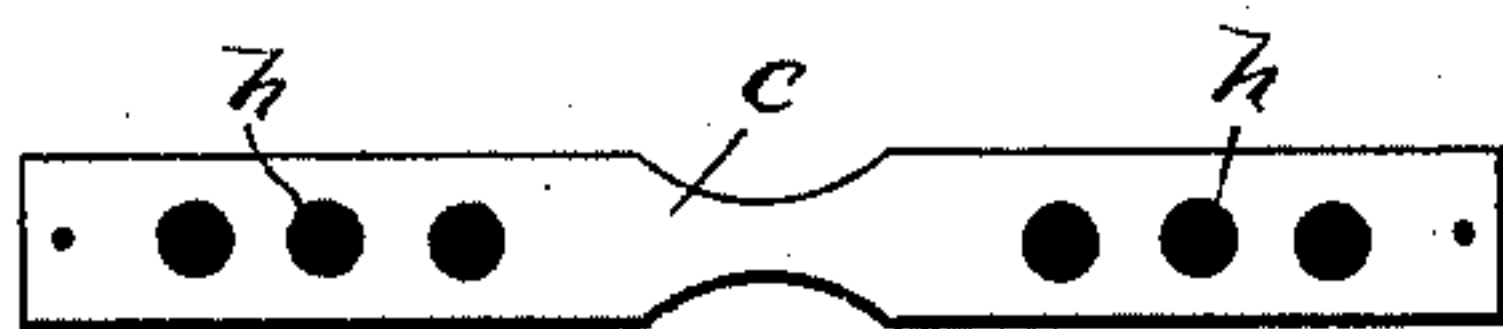


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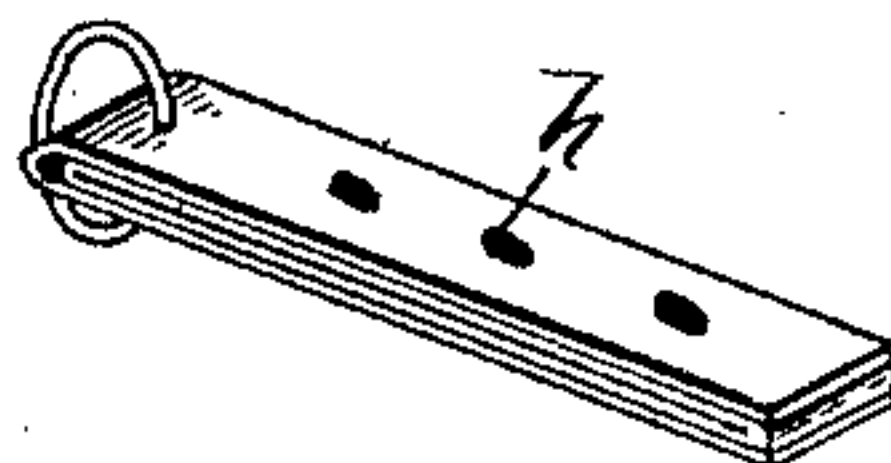
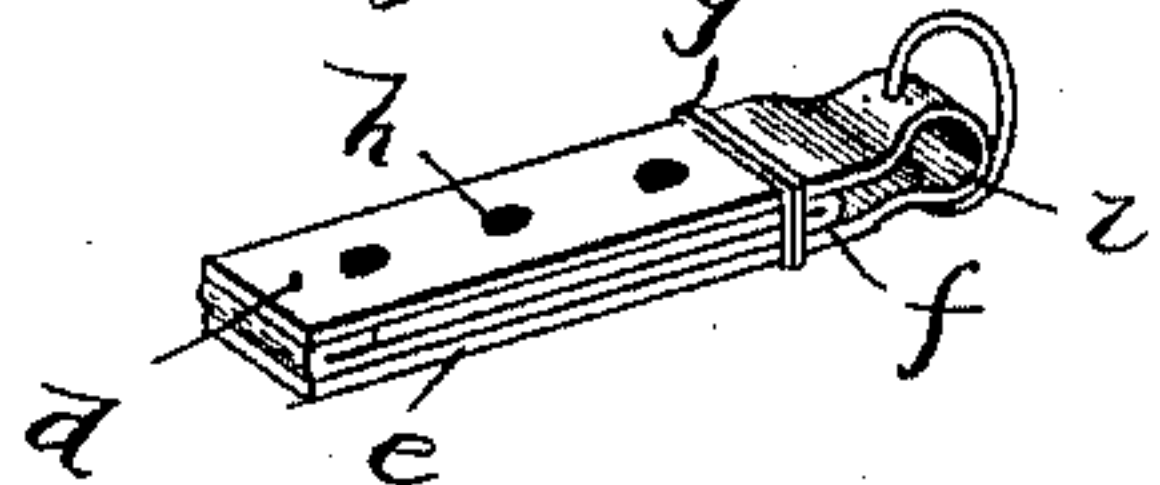


Fig. 7.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS W. BARTHOLOMEW, of Danville, in the county of Montour and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Name Tags or Clips; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which 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 of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improved clip or tag to be attached to key-rings, umbrellas, canes, and the like; and the object of the invention is to provide a very neat, simple, and inexpensive device capable of being secured to any articles that are apt to become lost, so that the finder of any such lost articles can readily see to whom they belong and can promptly return same.

With these ends in view my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangements of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation showing my improved name clip or tag attached to a key-ring. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same fastened to a safety-pin, the strip being opened out. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the clip, the strip being folded in the casing. Fig. 4 is a detail of a loop to be fitted on the clip to prevent the same being accidentally opened while being carried in a pocket or otherwise. Fig. 5 is a top plan of the blank before being bent in the desired shape. Fig. 6 is a view showing a ring passing through the casing and tablet, and thereby forming a pivot; and Fig. 7 is a similar view showing a ring passing through the loop.

Referring to the drawings by letters of reference, *a* indicates a key-ring having the usual opening *b* for the insertion of the keys, clip, &c. The clip is usually formed from a blank *c*, as shown in Fig. 5, which is bent at the center so that the two legs or lengths will be parallel, and the ends of such legs are suitably fastened at *d'*. A slip of paper, celluloid, metal, or any other suitable material *e*, upon which the owner's name can be written or

printed, is inserted between the casing, which is pivoted at the outer end to the clip, as shown, and when paper, card-board, or any such material is used can be made sufficiently long so as to be folded over at the point *f*. Thus it will be seen that when a slip is used of a length longer than the casing itself it can be doubled or folded over on itself and turned around into the casing after the fashion of a knife-blade, and the double thickness at the other end can be pivoted at *d*.

Instead of employing a pivot-pin for fastening the strip to the casing, a wire ring or eyelets or small screws could be used, or the casing could be made of spring-steel or other metal, and be provided with indentations, which would extend into perforations of the strip, and in this way hold the same in place. Instead of having the pivot near the outer end of the clip or casing, it could be placed near the loop.

*g* indicates a suitable loop, which can be fitted over the casing, and this loop will be freely movable thereon, but will be prevented from coming entirely off by reason of the rivet *d*, which will act as a stop to the further movement of said loop. This loop is adapted to keep the parts firmly together and to keep the slip or tablet from working or sliding out of the casing while being carried around in a person's pocket or while suspended.

The blank from which the casing is formed can be made of steel, celluloid, or any other suitable material, and may have one or more perforations *h* on each side of the same sufficiently large to enable any one to readily read printing on outside of the folded strip through it when the parts are folded, or when it is made of celluloid the strip fastened to the inside thereof can be made of a single length, and in place of perforations *h* a longitudinal groove can be cut through each side of the casing, said groove to be of a length of about the same dimensions as the portion of the celluloid strip containing the name, so that the owner's name and address can be seen without swinging the strip out.

The object of the perforations or grooves in the casing is to show the finder that there is a movable slip within. By means of the holes the slip will be more readily discovered. The words "name inside" on the ex-



terior of casing will also help the finder to discover the owner's name. In place of stamping these words on the clip or casing, they could be printed on the outside of the folded strip and seen or read through the perforations by enlarging the same.

If a wire ring, as shown in Figs. 6 and 7, is used in place of the pivot, it will serve as the pivot, and also for attaching the tag to key-rings, &c., in place of the looped end. The casing when put together will at one end form a loop *i*, so that it can be attached to almost any article to which it is desired to fasten, and can be of any desired length or shape.

It is evident that the invention is in no wise limited to use with key-rings, but can be attached to collars of animals, pigeons, canes, umbrellas, &c., or to any article of clothing, and when used for the last-named purpose it can be secured to a safety-pin, snap-hook, or other device, and in this way can be fastened to such articles of clothing as may be desired.

It will be readily seen that this device will be of great value to every one using it, for when any article is lost or misplaced the finder of same can readily see by pushing the strip out and unfolding it the name and address of the owner of such lost articles and can promptly return them.

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

1. The name-tag holder consisting of a casing formed of a double piece of metal forming two sides having an open space between and formed at one end with a loop to secure it to an article, and the name-tablet at one end pivoted between said sides to swing between or from the same.

2. A name-tag holder consisting of a case

formed of a piece of metal bent upon itself and comprising two sides having an open space between and a loop at one end, and the folded name-tablet pivoted between said sides to swing between or out from the same.

3. A name-tag holder consisting of an open case provided with means at one end for attachment to the article to be labeled and composed of two parallel sides, and a folded name-tablet at one end pivoted between said sides to swing into or out between the same, and a slidable metal loop embracing said sides to normally hold said tablet therein.

4. A name-tag holder as an article of manufacture, consisting of a case composed of a single strip bent at its center to form a securing-loop and two narrow parallel sides, a name tablet or strip in the space between the sides, and a rivet passing through said sides and one end of the tablet and securing the sides together and forming the pivot upon which the tablet can swing into or out of the space between said sides, substantially as described.

5. A name-tag holder consisting of a case formed of a single strip of metal bent at its center to form a loop and two parallel sides, a name tablet or strip between said sides and at one end pivoted thereto to swing into or out of the space between the sides, and a securing-pin loosely secured to the tag by said loop, whereby the tag can be attached to any article.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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