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Fig. 1

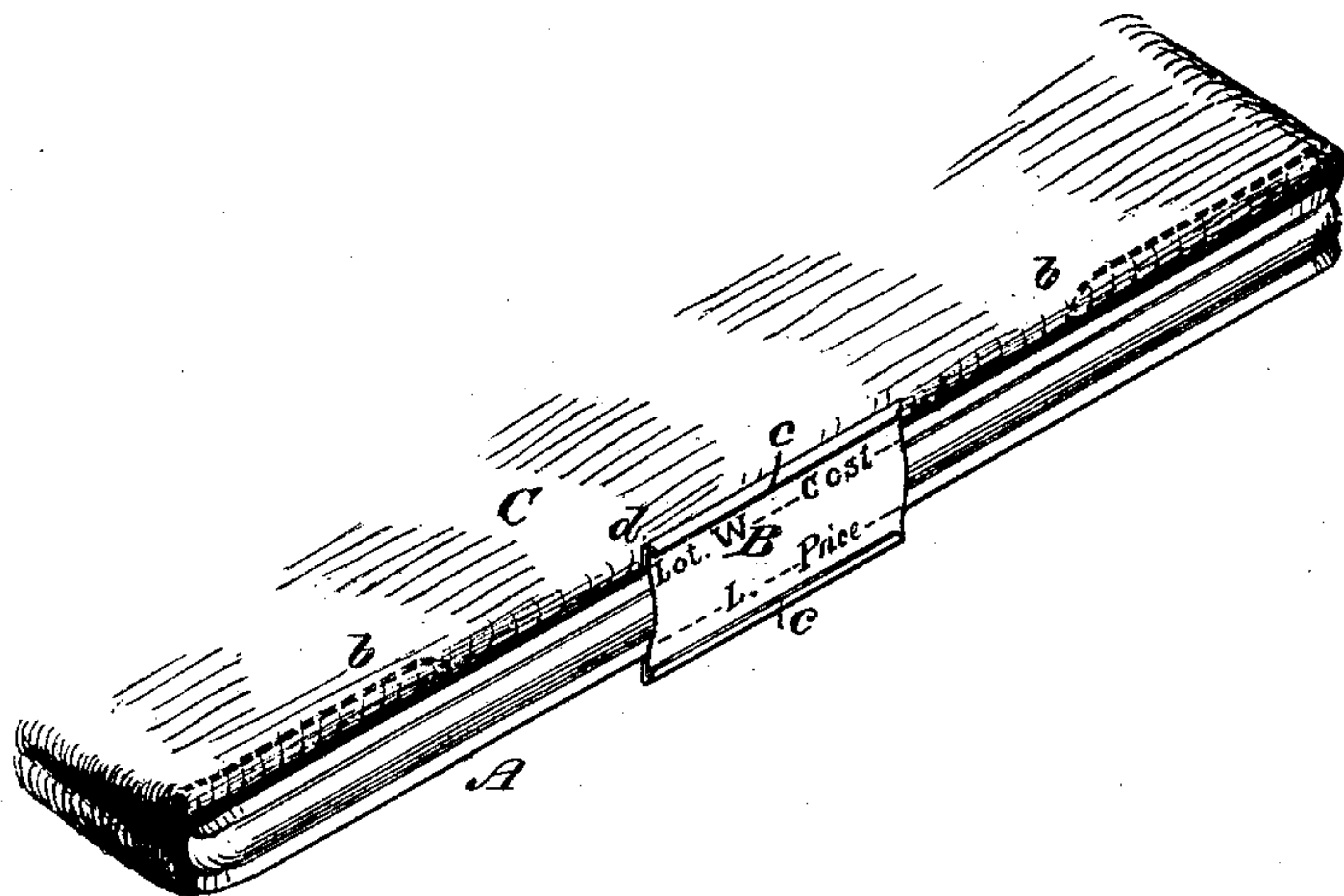


Fig. 2

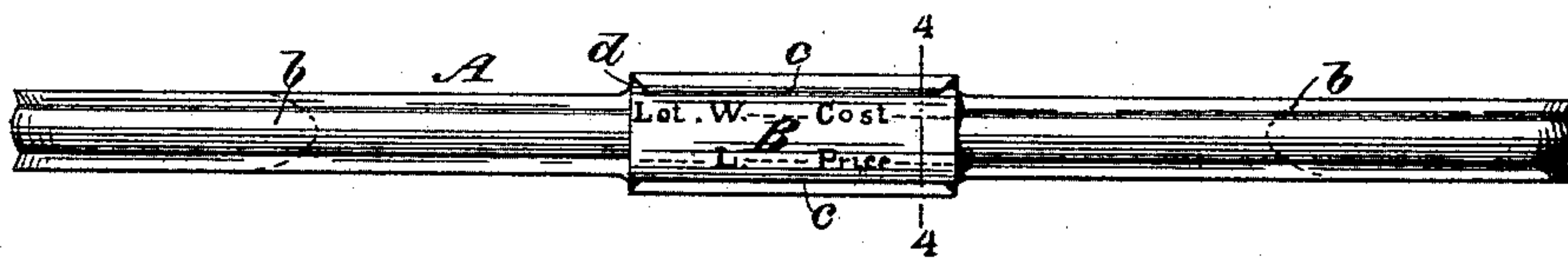


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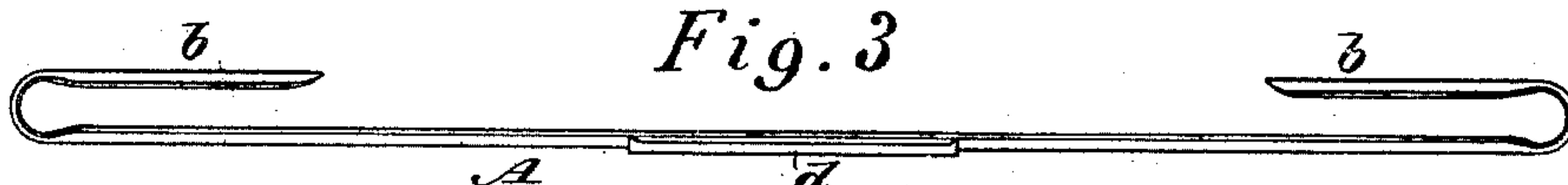
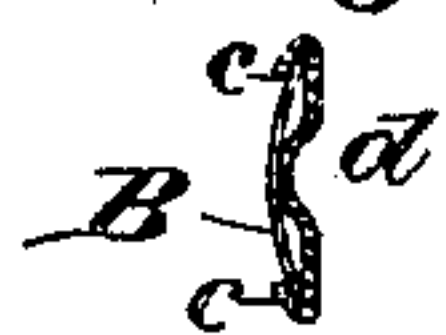


Fig. 4



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TAG-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN W. BARTON and WILLIAM J. McNABB, of Blue Rapids, in the county of Marshall and State of Kansas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clothiers' Tag-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is more particularly designed to be used on pantaloons kept in stock by clothiers and generally folded and piled one upon the other for selection by customers and for the convenience of handling by the salesman.

The invention consists in a device of novel construction adapted to be slipped on pantaloons thus kept in stock and piled up for sale, said device being made to form both a convenient tag-holder and pantaloons-protector, substantially as hereinafter described, and more particularly pointed out in the claim.

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

Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of our combined tag-holder and pantaloons-protector applied to the folded leg portion of a pair of pantaloons. Fig. 2 is a face view of the device; Fig. 3, an edge view thereof, and Fig. 4 a transverse section upon the line 4 4 in Fig. 2.

A indicates our combined tag-holder and pantaloons-protector made of sheet or thin cast metal or of any other suitable material in the form of a narrow fluted strip which is bent over at its ends backward to form open loops *b b* and is fashioned intermediately of its length to form a tag-holding plate or widened portion *d*. This intermediate portion *d* is bent over on its face side along its longitudinal edges, as at *c c*, to form a slide-way or pocket for the entry and exposure within and along it of a card or other tag B marked with the lot, number, size, cost, and selling-price or other particulars of the pantaloons or goods to which said tag relates.

To apply the device to a pair of pantaloons C, (shown only in part in Fig. 1,) the pantaloons are held up by the lower ends of their legs as the latter are placed one against the other and the device A slipped by the loops *b b* at its ends down over said leg portions to

where it is desired to afterward fold the pantaloons or till arrested by the increasing width of the goods due to the tapering shape of them, which will make two of my improved devices, one for men and the other for boys, sufficient for most or all sizes of pantaloons. After the device has been thus slid to its place the pantaloons are folded or doubled over at where the device stops ready for piling, the face side of the device and tag carried by it being exposed on the exterior of the fold.

Such a tag-holder is easily and quickly applied and no injury takes place to the fabric by the attachment of the tag, which, moreover, is placed where the pantaloons are folded, whereby customers can see the price and size without handling the goods. The tag, too, is removable and can be replaced when soiled by a new one, thus always showing a clean and neat tag, which is a great advantage when goods have been in stock for some time and the tags on them become soiled and fly-specked. Again, the tag-holders are all of one size in any one pile of goods, so that the pantaloons can be piled up as high as desired, and a straight and even pile is formed which makes it very attractive. Moreover, the device is of sufficient width to make it form a protector of the pantaloons at their outer edge or part and making it impossible for customers to soil them by running their greasy hands across the edge or fold, which is an every-day occurrence and often largely depreciates the value of the goods when soiled in this way. The pantaloons, too, are protected by the device from being creased, which has heretofore been unavoidable when piling them in the ordinary way and which has often necessitated pressing the crease out by a tailor before making a sale. The device also admits of any pair of pantaloons being readily taken from the pile by lifting all the upper ones above said pair and replacing the latter in the same way when necessary without getting them out of shape, as the device holds them in place. Again, much time can be saved by the use of this device, inasmuch as it admits of readily or almost instantaneously ascertaining if there remains in stock the size and price called for.

This tag-holder and protector may be used on other goods folded and piled besides pantaloons, if desired.

Having thus fully described our invention,
5 we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

As an improved article of manufacture, a clothier's tag-holder consisting in the strip A,
having a longitudinally-extending rib on its
10 outer face, and integral lips *c c*, formed by

bending the longitudinal edges of the strip toward said rib, the ends of the strip being bent over upon its rear face, as shown at *b b*, as set forth.

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