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FIG. 1.

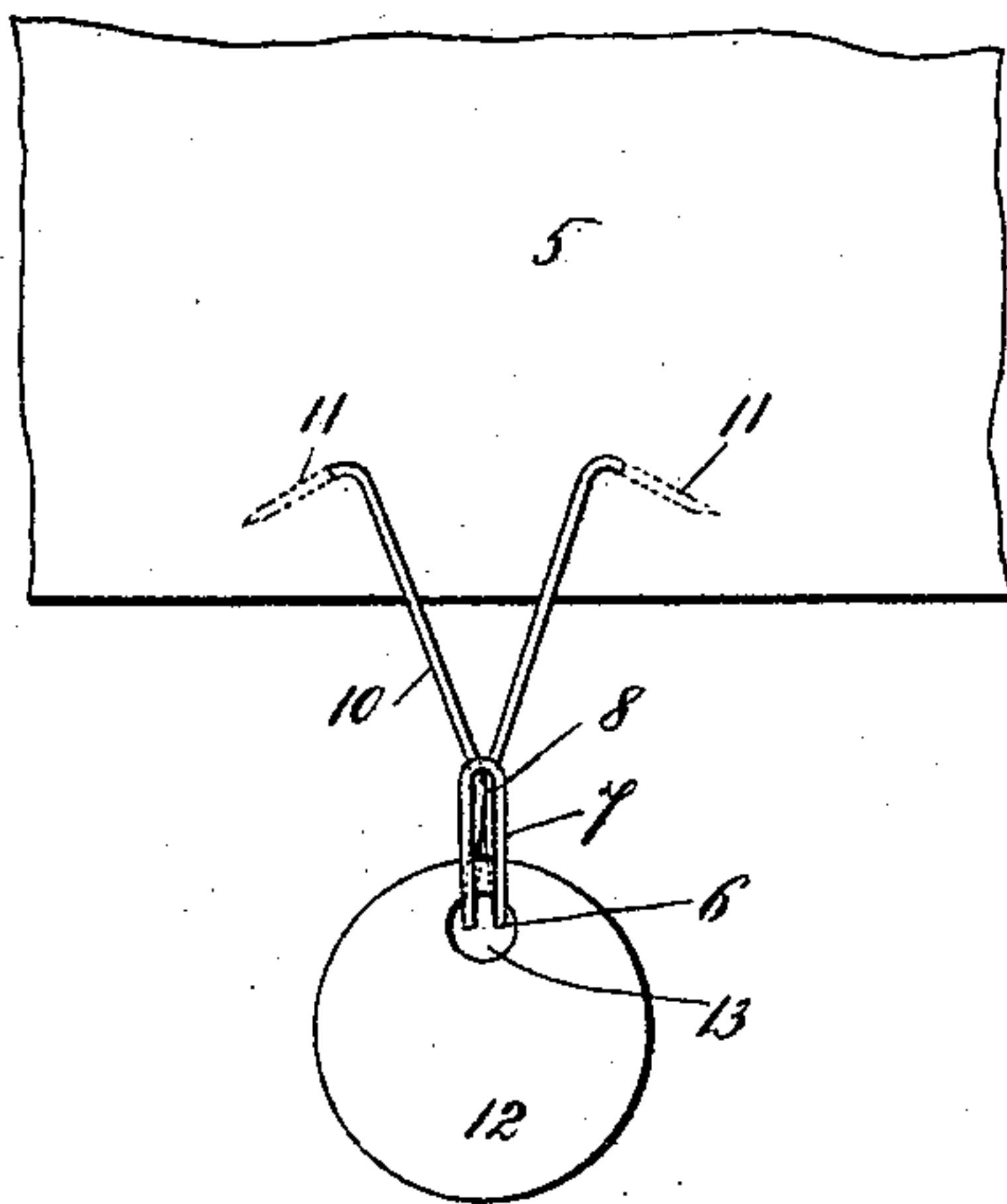


FIG. 2.

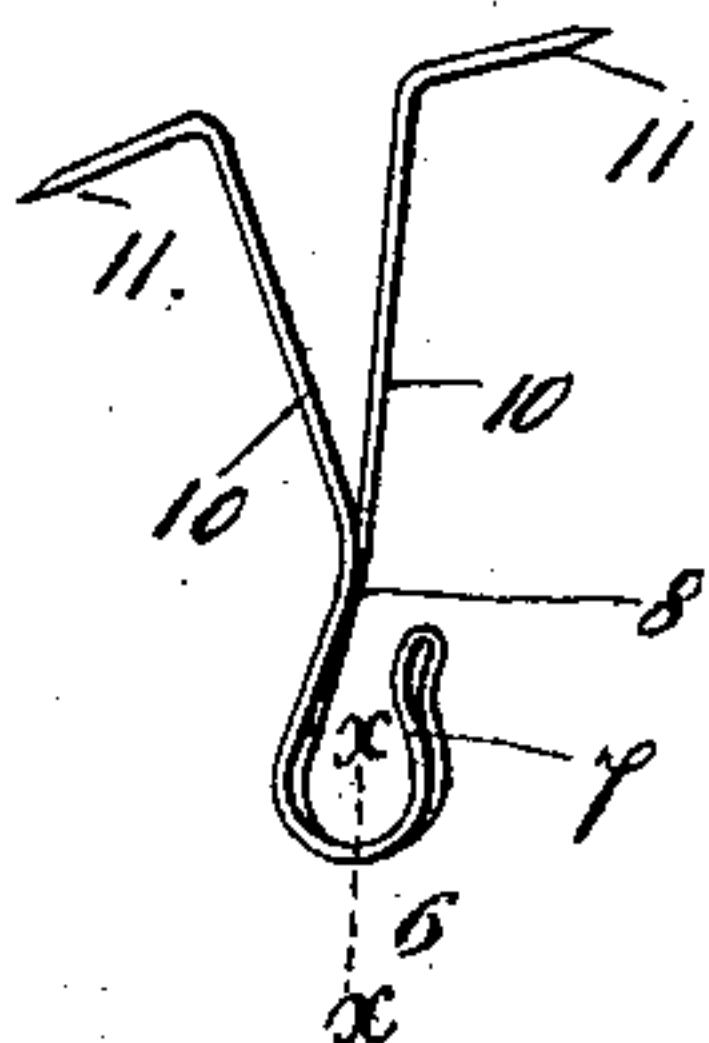
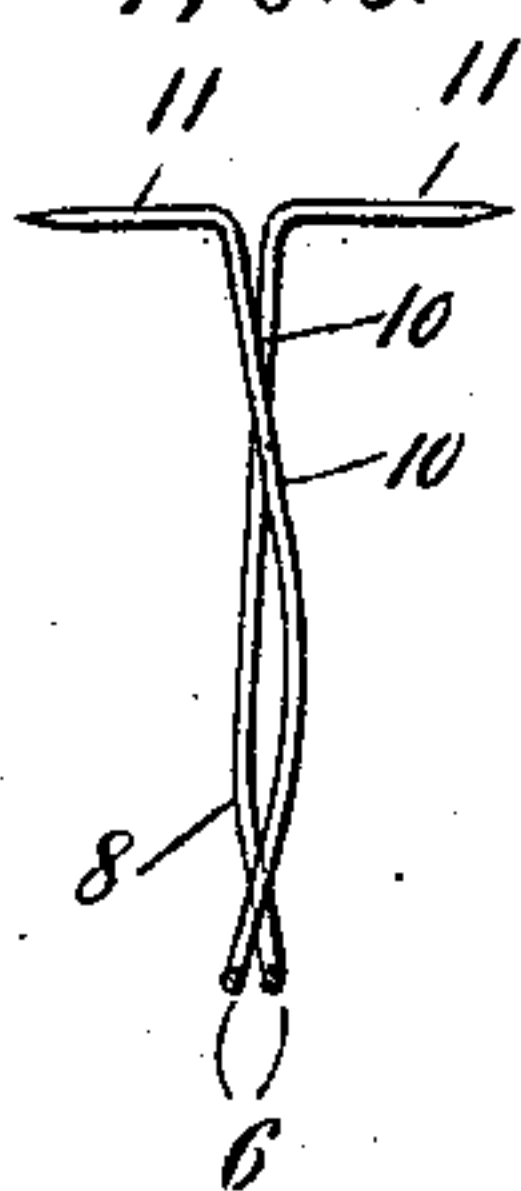


FIG. 3.



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## TAG-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH B. RICHARDS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Thomson, in the county of McDuffie and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tag-Fasteners, of which the following is a full and complete specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to tag-fasteners, and has for its object to provide a device of this nature by means of which marking-tags, price-tags, &c., may be quickly and easily connected with fabrics or other goods or articles in stores and similar places.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification and in which like symbols of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved tag-fastening device and showing the method of its operation. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of my tag-fastener, showing the legs distended. Fig. 3 is a section on line *xx* of Fig. 2, showing the positions of the legs when compressed to attach the device.

In operating in accordance with my invention I form a fastening device of a single wire which is bent upon itself at a point midway of its ends to form two legs 10 and 10'. The resultant looped end 7 of the wire is then bent into substantially a circular loop or eye 6, the tip 7' being curved slightly outwardly, as shown. At the base 8 of the loop 6 one leg 10 is bent upwardly at an angle to the leg 10' and is then continued in a plane substantially parallel thereto, whereby said leg 10 may be passed over the leg 10', for a purpose which will be presently explained, said leg 10 working through the opening of the eye 6.

As shown in the several figures of the draw-

ings, the ends of the legs 10 and 10' are turned outwardly at angles to their respective legs and in the planes of movement thereof, whereby when the leg 10 is crossed over the leg 10' the sharpened points of the ends 11 and 11' may be brought more closely together for passing into the fabric 5, and when thus passed into the fabric, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the legs in resuming their normal positions will force their ends into the fabric.

I also provide a tag 12, which may be used as a price-tag or for any other purpose, the hook 7 being passed through the opening 13 of the bag, and in practice the tag may be of any desired material, shape, or construction.

My improvement is well adapted for the purpose for which it is intended as well as being inexpensive and efficient of operation.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

A tag-fastener consisting of a single wire bent upon itself midway of its length to form two legs, the resultant double end being bent upon itself to form a hook having an outward-turned extremity, one of the legs being bent outwardly midway of the termini of the hook portion whereby it may be crossed over the other leg and will play laterally through the mouth of the hook, the extremities of the legs being bent in opposite directions in the planes of their respective movements when crossed.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 18th day of March, 1897.

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