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FIG. 1.

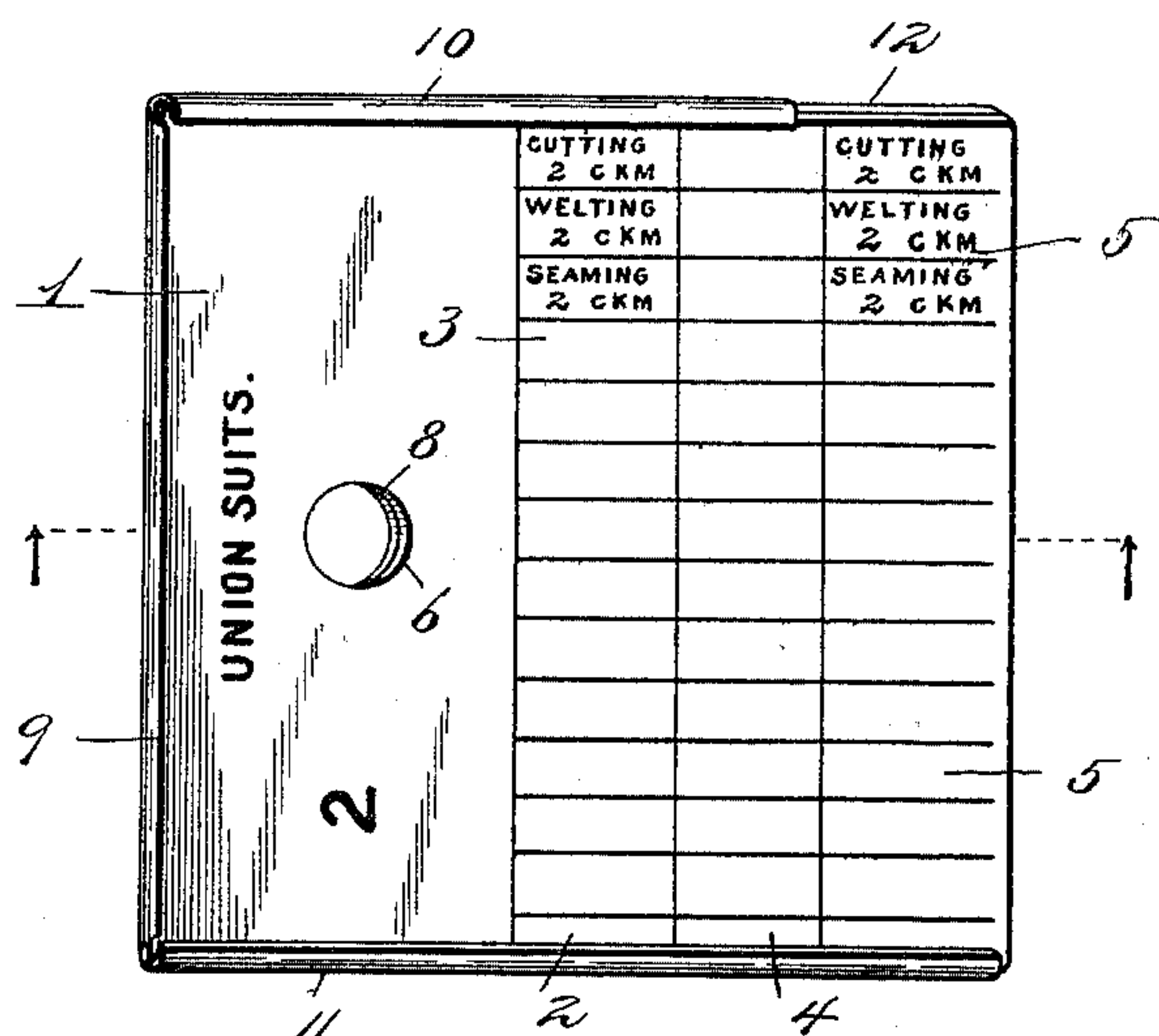


FIG. 2.

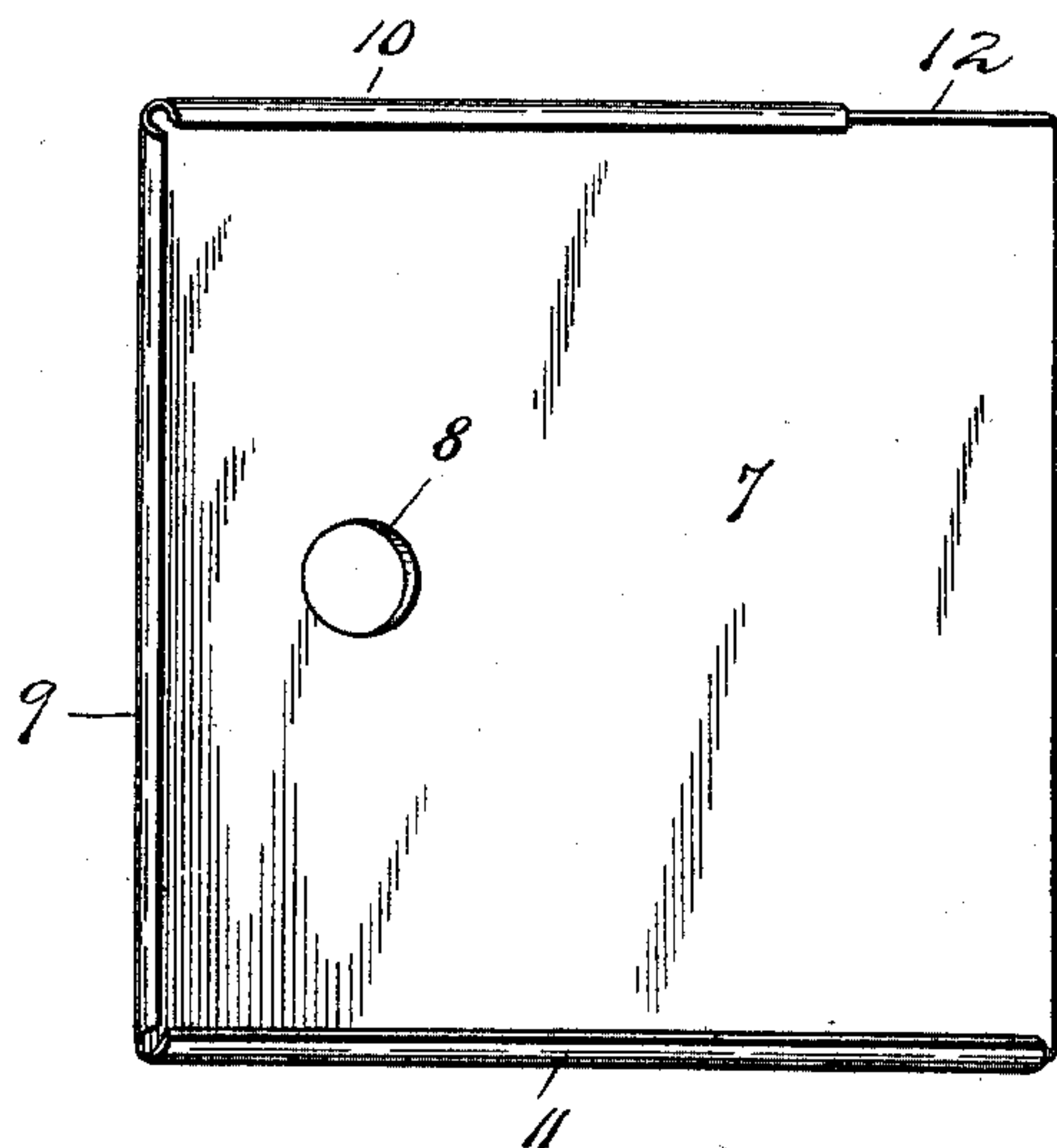
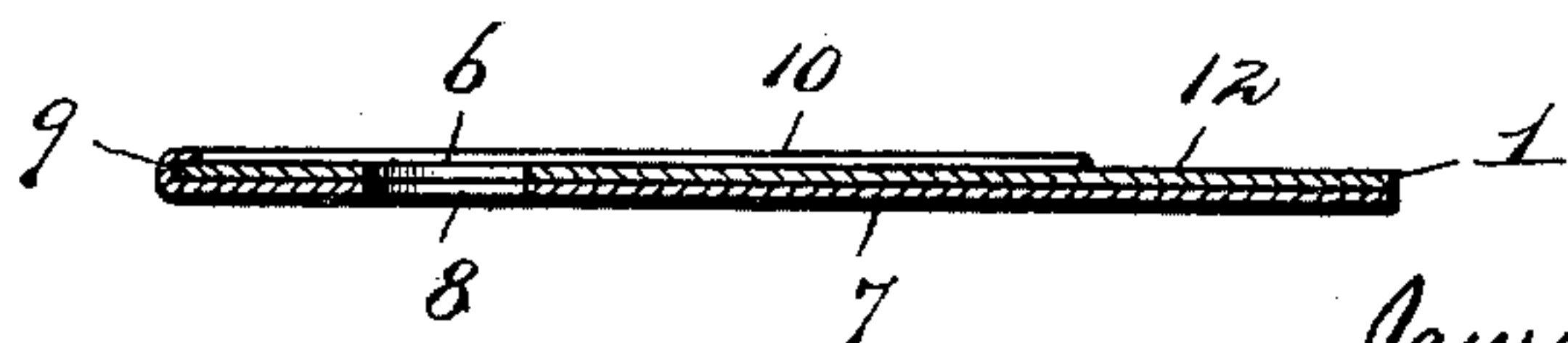


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. CROSSINGHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card Holders or Backings; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to tag-holders generally, and more particularly to an improved backing for work cards or tags which accompany goods or garments while passing through the hands of the different workmen during manufacture.

In mills where garments are manufactured the goods have to pass through the hands of a number of operators, each performing his particular work and then passing the goods on to the next operator. In order to keep account of the amount of work performed by the different operators and to render tracing of bad workmanship to its source a matter of comparative ease, as well as for other reasons, to each lot of garments there is affixed a tag, having suitable spaces, markings, and operators' coupons, which provides a complete record of the work. These cards or tags accompanying the garments through many operations and being taken from place to place about the mill frequently become badly worn and soiled, so that the markings become obliterated in whole or in part, thus impairing the completeness of the record.

The object of the present invention is the provision of an improved holder or backing especially adapted for use in connection with tags or cards of this class (though capable of use with any variety of cards or tags) which will protect the face and edges of the card or tag from injury and at the same time allow the coupons to be cut off by the operators without necessitating the separation of the card from it, thus insuring the perfect condition of the card and its record when the garments have been completed.

The foregoing object is accomplished by the provision of a holder, preferably of sheet metal, having lips or flanges of improved construction which receive the edges of the card,

and other improved features, as more fully described hereinafter, and recited in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the card in the backing or holder; Fig. 2, a view of the holder or backing alone, and Fig. 3 a sectional view taken through the backing and card.

The form of card 1 shown in the drawings is similar to those in common use in mills. It is provided with a column 2, divided into blocks 3, having the names of the different operations, an intermediate column 4, having blank blocks, and a row of coupons 5 along its outer edge which have markings corresponding to those in column 2. This card or tag is fastened to the goods initially by a cord passed through an opening 6 in it. The "cutter" receives the goods first, and after completing his work writes his name or initials in the highest blank space of column 4, and then cuts off his coupon and retains the latter as a voucher for the work done, after which he passes the goods along to the next operator. The succeeding operators repeat this proceeding one after another until the goods have been transformed into completed garments. The goods, with attached cards, have to pass through a number of hands and be thrown about the mill to a considerable extent, which frequently causes them in their unprotected state to become torn or injured and the written matter to be partly or wholly effaced.

The numeral 7 represents a backing or holder, preferably, though not necessarily, formed of sheet metal, which is of practically the same length and width as the card or tag 1 and provided with an aperture 8, adapted to register with the one in the card. One end edge and two side edges of the backing are bent to provide lips 9, 10, and 11, which are adapted to receive the edges of the card and suitably hold them, so that the card will lie flat against said backing. The end lip 9 acts as a gage to limit the insertion of the card and insure the registering of the aperture in the card with the one in the backing. No lip is provided at the other end of the backing, thereby leaving the coupon part of the card perfectly free for detachment by the operators and yet held flat against the backing

by the lips, so that the coupons are protected from injury. The lip 10 terminates some distance inward from the outer or smooth end of the backing, as shown at 12, leaving a blank or smooth part from this point on to the said end. The lip 10 does not necessarily have to terminate at any given point, and its length might be greater or less than shown in the drawings; but it should not extend beyond the coupon division-line at the right-hand side of column 4. The purpose of this peculiar construction is to leave room enough to render cutting of the coupons along said division-lines by the operators an easy matter and at the same time insure the firm holding of the edge of the card. The lip 11 extends to the end of the backing and card, or substantially so, thus insuring the proper retention of the card. The difference in length of the lips is important, for while one lip by reason of its shorter length permits easy cutting of the coupons the other by reason of being longer prevents any looseness of the card because of the shortness of the other lip. After the goods have been completed the backing can be removed from the card or not, as desired. The card may be filed away for future reference and a new card used with the same backing, and if this is done the gage-lip will insure the coincidence of the apertures in the card and backing and the proper relative positioning of the coupons and the lip 10.

I have described the invention as used in connection with a particular form of card; but it is clear its use is not necessarily restricted to the form shown and that it can be used with an infinite variety of cards or tags, being especially adaptable for use with any card having coupons disposed along its outer free edge.

I am aware that it has been proposed heretofore to provide ticket, card, or tag holders having lips on three sides, and that holders have been used wherein the aperture for the attaching device is alined with the aperture

in the card, and I do not, therefore, lay claim to such constructions broadly; but

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination with a card-holder having a gage-lip at one end and guiding-lips extending along its sides from the gage-lip toward the other end of the holder, one of said guiding-lips extending to the end of the holder and the other lip terminating an appreciable distance inwardly from the end, of a card of greater length than the shorter guiding-lip having its sides received in the guiding-lips and its end positioned against the gage-lip.

2. The combination with a card-holder having a gage-lip at one end and guiding-lips extending along its sides from the gage-lip toward the other end of the holder, one of said guiding-lips extending to the end of the holder and the other lip terminating an appreciable distance inwardly from the end, of a card having its sides received in the guiding-lips and its inner end positioned against the gage-lip and having its outer end provided with a free detachable part located beyond the end of the shorter lip so as to be adapted for detachment.

3. The combination with a card-holder having an aperture to receive a fastening device and provided with a gage-lip at one end and guiding-lips extending from the gage-lip along the sides of the holder toward its other end, of a card having its sides received in the guiding-lips and its end abutting the gage-lip, and provided with an aperture similar to the one in the holder and so positioned in the card-holder that said aperture is adapted to aline or register with the aperture in the holder when the end of the card abuts the gage-lip.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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