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Fig. 1.

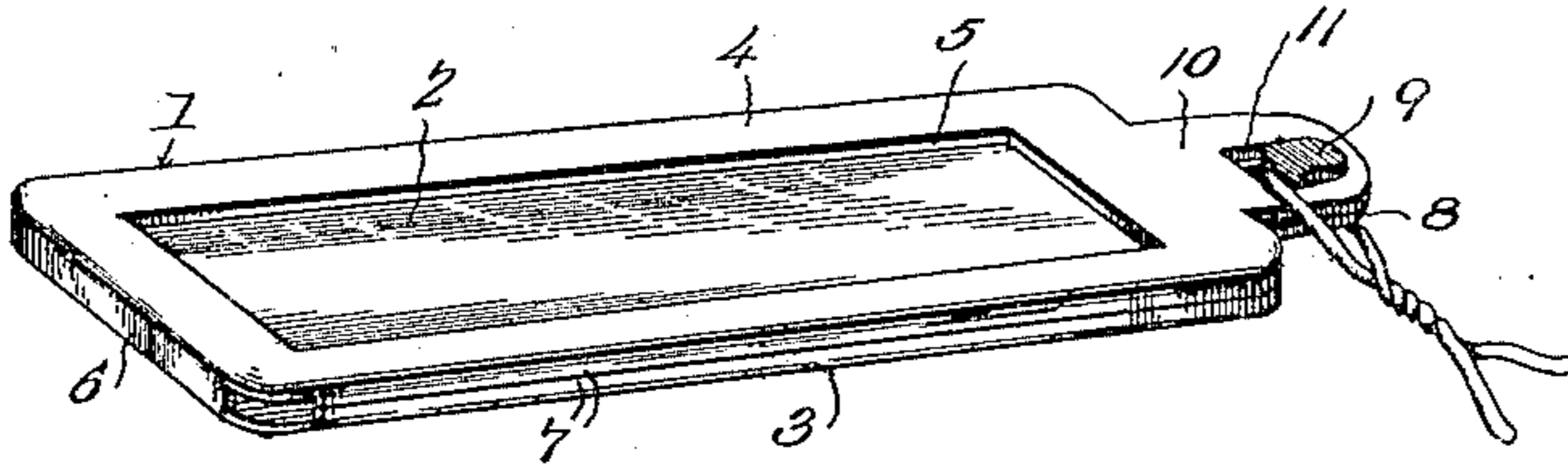


Fig. 2.

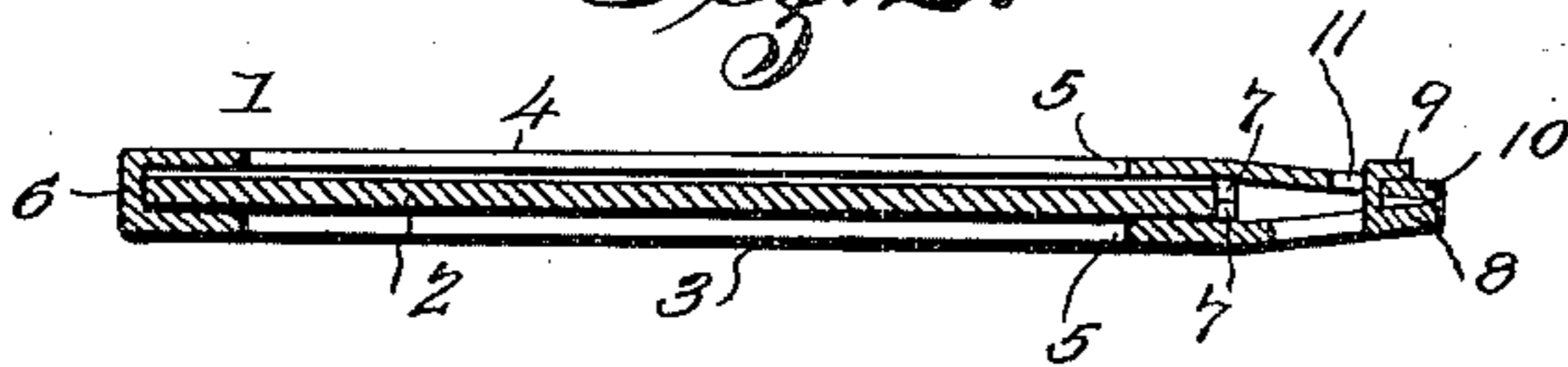
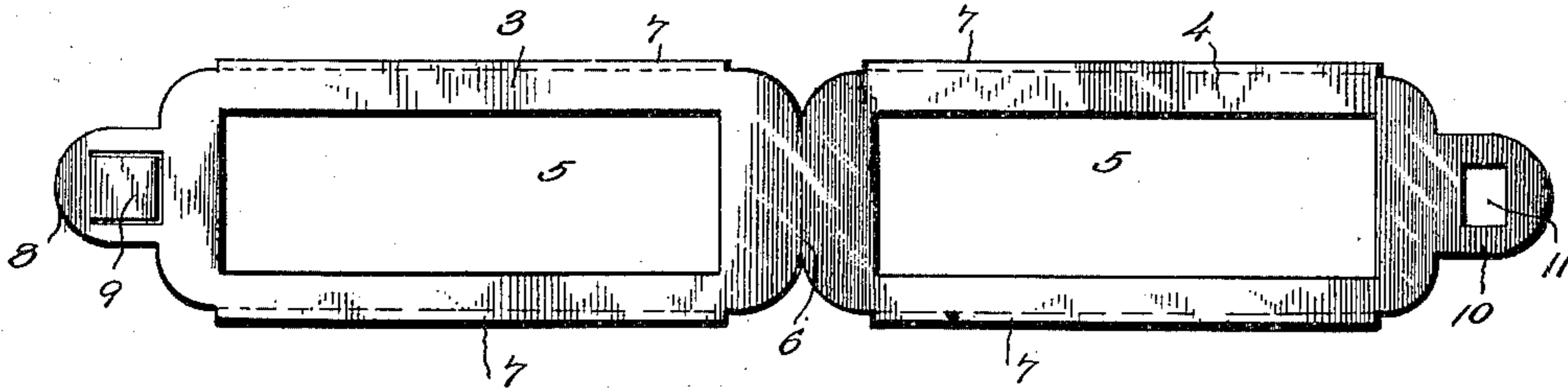


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB ZEEB, a citizen of the United States, residing at Edgerton, in the county of Williams and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Tag, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tags, and particularly to means for holding a marking or identifying card or analogous device; and the object of the same is to provide simple and effective means for positively inclosing a card or other device which is strong and durable and capable of repeated use and also serves to prevent the card inclosed thereby from becoming broken or torn and permits the use of a material to receive the tag inscriptions of inferior quality, whereby the cost of tags is materially reduced and the convenience afforded of substitution or replacement.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a tag embodying the features of the invention. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which the holding-body of the tag is formed.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The numeral 1 designates a body for holding a paper, celluloid, or other card for receiving the usual tag inscriptions, such as the name of sender and address, the name of the consignee and address, and any other matter desired. The said card 2 is shown in the body in Figs. 1 and 2, and by reference to Fig. 3 it will be seen that said body is formed from a blank comprising a pair of leaves 3 and 4, each having a rectangular contour and provided with a rectangular opening 5 and intermediately connected by a bendable hinge-section 6. The opposite sides of the leaves have bendable flanges 7, which are directed inwardly toward each other, as shown by Fig. 1, to form side closures, and thereby cause the body to have a box-like construction. The free end of the leaf 3 has an outwardly-extending ear 8, with a tongue 9 cut from the

inner portion thereof, and the outer extremity of the leaf 4 is provided with a similarly-shaped ear 10, with a slot cut in the inner portion thereof, as at 11. When the two leaves are folded together, as shown by Figs. 1 and 2, the flanges 7 contact and close the opposite sides, and the ears 8 and 10 are drawn together to permit the tongue 9 to be bent through the slot 11, and thus firmly hold the two leaves in closed relation, but in such manner that the card inclosed by the body provided by the leaves may be removed at any time and replaced by another by simply releasing the tongue from the slot 11 and afterward reattaching the same. When the tongue 9 is in locked position, (shown by Fig. 2,) a sufficiently-large opening is left in each of the ears 8 and 10 through which to thread a string or wire for attaching the entire device to the containing-receptacle it is intended to identify during shipment or transportation from one place to another.

The improved tag is intended for general use, but has been particularly devised for application to market-baskets, oil-cans, and the like, and the card within the same for this use will preferably be formed of celluloid and contain or have on one side the name of the dealer and on the reverse side the name of the owner or purchaser of the goods, both sides of the card being clearly shown through the rectangular openings 5 in the leaves. By this means a strong and durable tag for this particular purpose is provided, and the inconvenience of the ordinary paper tag arising from crumpling of the same is entirely avoided.

It is proposed to form the blanks, as shown by Fig. 3, by stamping them out of suitable sheet metal and at a small cost price, and to suit different uses changes in the form, proportions, size, and minor details may be resorted to without departing from the principle of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

A tag having leaves with rectangular openings therein and intermediately connected by an integral bendable hinge-section, the leaves having opposite side flanges bent in planes at

right angles and having their edges coinciding
to provide side closures, the free ends of the
leaves also having ears centrally extending
therefrom, one ear being formed with a slot
5 to receive a bendable tongue cut in the op-
posite ear, and a card removably inclosed by
the connected leaves.

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