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Fig. 1.

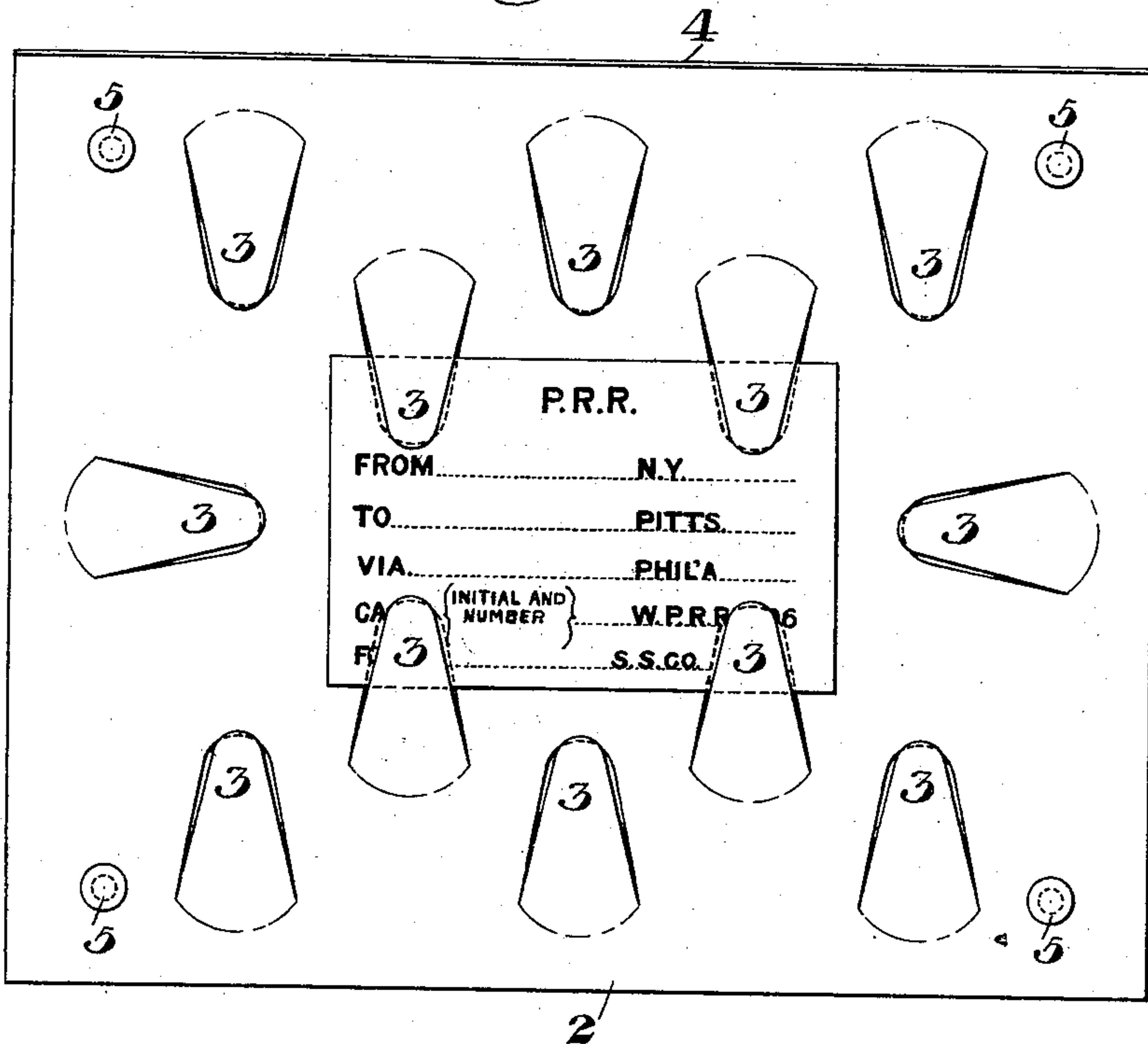
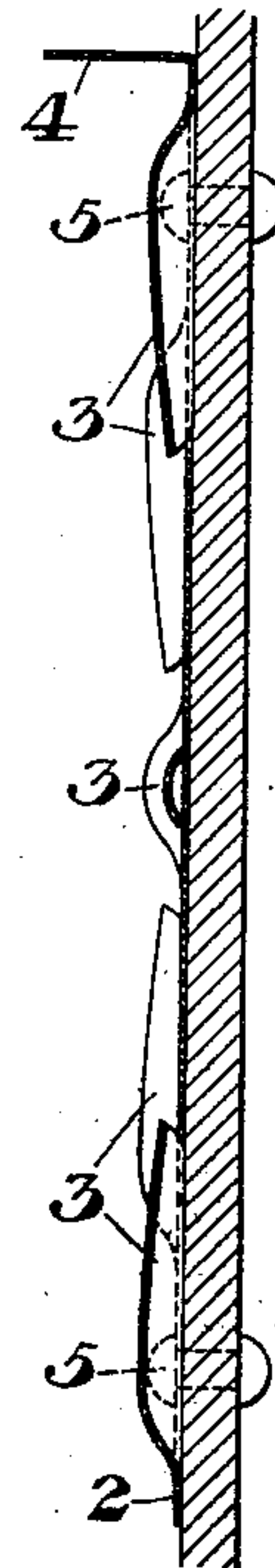


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS LAMB, of Boston, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Card-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved card-holder with a card in place, and Fig. 2 is a central cross-section of the same.

My invention relates to the attaching of shipping-cards to steel or other railway-cars, and is designed to provide a simple and cheap device which will grip the card applied to it and may be used with different sizes and shapes of cards. It is further designed to protect the card from defacing or injury and to leave the intermediate portion of the card-face unobstructed and open to view.

In the drawings, 2 represents the holder, which consists of a metal plate, preferably of steel, which is provided with teeth 3 and an upper outwardly-projecting flange 4. The teeth are formed, preferably, by slotting and pressing them into form in a suitable machine, and they project toward the central part of the plate or holder. This plate may be secured at the corners to the body of the car by any suitable means, such as the rivets 5 shown. The teeth are spaced at different distances from the center of the plate, so as to accommodate cards of different sizes, and are preferably rounded or convex in form. The edges of the teeth are formed at any suitable distance from the base of the

holder to form a receptacle and bond for the card. The upper flange serves to protect the card, as do also the forwardly-projecting teeth or prongs.

The advantages of my invention result from the cheapness and simplicity of the device, from its accommodating cards of different sizes, and the secure hold afforded to retain the card in place.

Many changes may be made in the material used for the plate, the shape and size of the teeth, and the manner of forming them, as well as their arrangement, without departing from my invention.

I claim—

1. A card-holder arranged to be secured to a railway-car and consisting of a metal plate having an open central portion, and provided with convex teeth formed from struck-up portions of the plate, and projecting toward the intermediate part from opposite sides, said teeth being arranged to engage the edge portions of the card leaving a space exposed; substantially as described.

2. A card-holder for railway-cars, consisting of a metal plate having an open central portion, and teeth projecting inwardly from the four sides of the plate, and arranged to engage the four edge portions of a card held in said open central space; substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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