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Fig. 1.

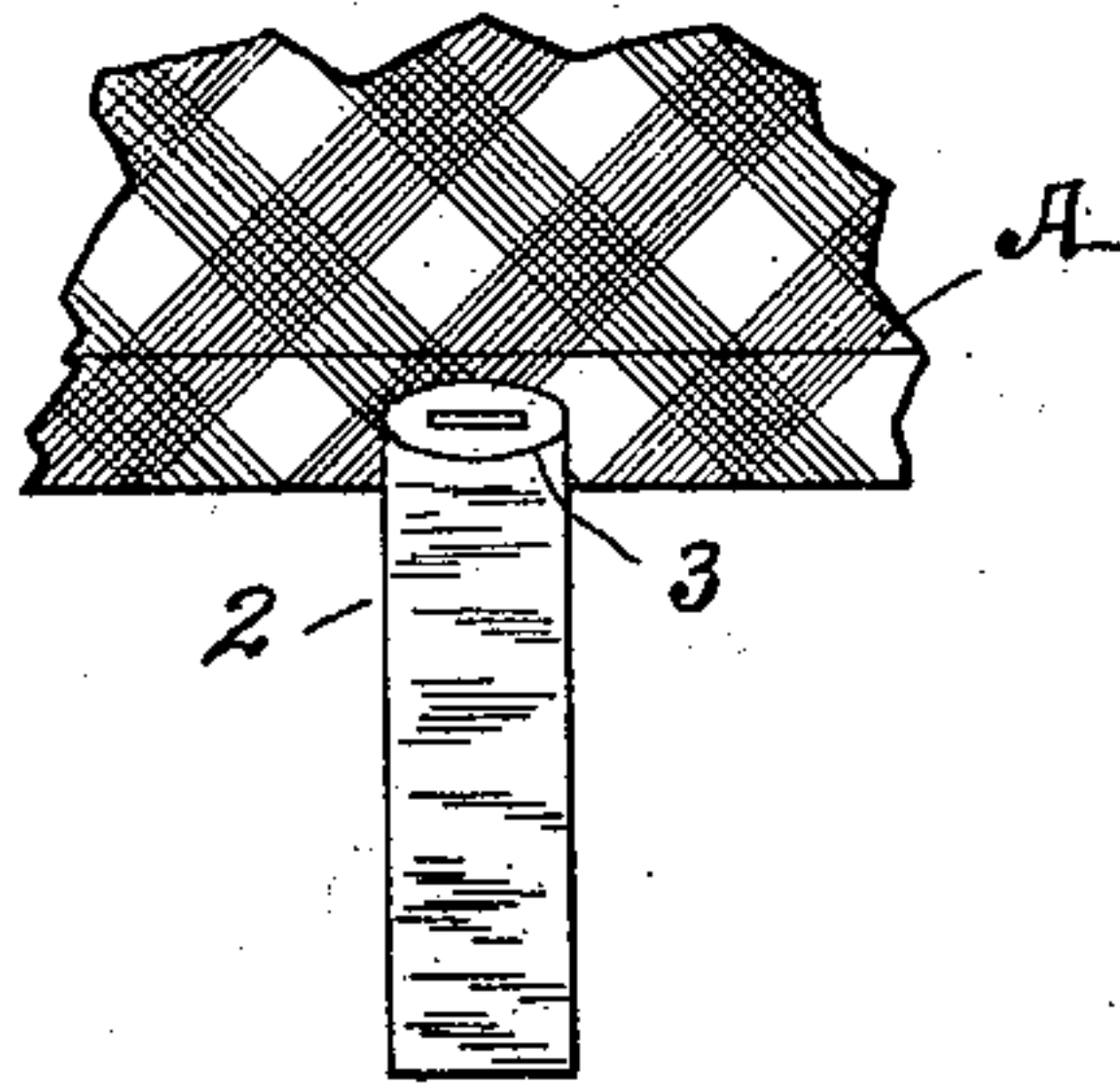


Fig. 2.

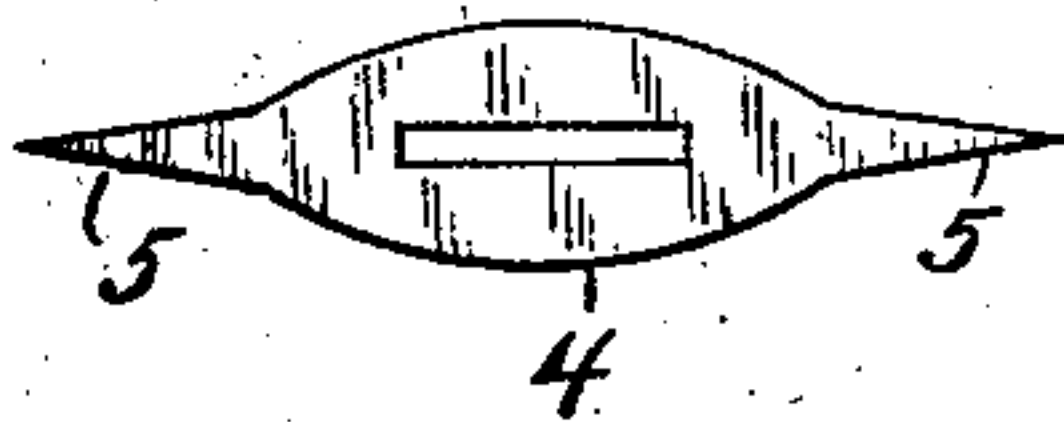


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.

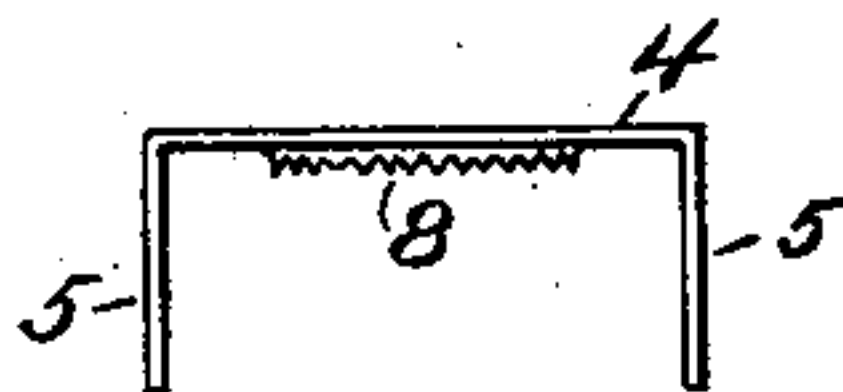
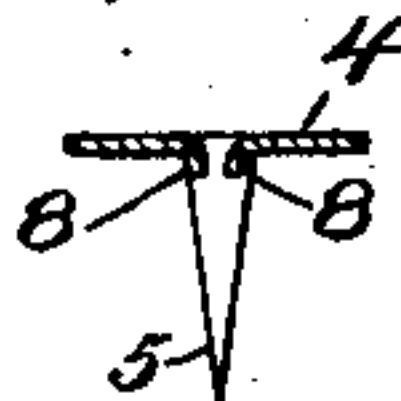


Fig. 6.



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## LAUNDRY-TAG.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. SMITH, residing at Rochester, in the county of Olmstead and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Laundry-Tags, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are a part of this specification.

A tag to be affixed to articles of clothing, household furnishings, or other articles that are to go to the laundry should be small, neat, and strong. It should be so small as not to be bulky or to project much from the surface of the article to which it is affixed, and it should be inconspicuous and yet of such character that it can be readily seen. It should also, so far as possible, be flexible, but securely attached to the article to which it is applied. It must also have a place for letters or characters thereon, and no part of it must be liable to corrode or to so change its character or quality as to produce any undesired mark or stain on the article to which it is affixed.

My invention has for its object to provide a novel tag for laundry purposes that embodies the chief features above enumerated and others incidental thereto.

The invention consists of the tag, its parts, and their combinations, as herein described and claimed, or the equivalents thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows a fragment of an article of clothing with my improved tag thereon. Fig. 2 shows a clip forming a part of my improved tag. Fig. 3 shows the clip of Fig. 1 in central transverse section with the tab in process of being secured thereto, the tab being shown in section. Fig. 4 shows the clip of Fig. 2 in central transverse section with the tab fully secured thereto by the means shown in Fig. 3 in the process of being attached. Fig. 5 shows a clip approximating in form and construction the one shown in Figs. 2 and 3, but in which the means for grasping and clamping the tab is in serrated form. Fig. 6 is a central transverse section of the clip shown in Fig. 5.

In the drawings, 2 is the tab of my improved laundry-tag, which tab may consist of a piece of white tape or other flexible material adapted to receive thereon in indelible ink letters, figures, or characters. I do not, however, wish to limit my invention to a tab consist-

ing of white material, as a colored tab may be employed, it being only necessary in such case to employ special colors or peculiar figures or markings thereon to indicate the tags or articles belonging to a person or house. This tab 2 is provided with a clip 3, constructed and adapted to secure the tab readily and surely to the article A, as shown in Fig. 1. The clip is constructed of sheet metal and may be made of aluminium, of zinc, of tin, of brass, of galvanized iron, or of any metal which will not rust or corrode or so change its quality or character as to be liable to injure the article to which it is to be affixed. Each clip is provided with devices for securing the tab to the clip and with other devices for securing the clip and the tab forming the tag to the article to which the tag is to be applied. The clip consists of a body part 4 and two terminal elongated sharp prongs or tangs 5 5, which tangs are adapted to be bent first at right angles to the body part 4 and then thrust through the article to which the tag is applied and then turned inwardly against the under surface of the article, thus securing the clip and the interposed tab to the article firmly.

The tab-holding devices 7 7 consist of elongated lips or clamps cut from the central part of the body of the clip and turned inwardly at a little distance from each other, and a fold of the tab is inserted between the clamps 7 7 in the manner shown in Fig. 3, and these clamps are then forced toward each other and against the fold of the tab, as shown in Fig. 4, thus securing the tab to the clip. The clip is to be affixed to an article of clothing by means of the tangs 5 5.

In the form of clip shown in Figs. 5 and 6 the clip is of a similar form to that shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4, the difference being that the elongated clamps or lips 8 8 are serrated along their edges, the teeth of these clamps being adapted to be turned inwardly toward each other and to seize a fold of a tab inserted between them somewhat in the manner shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the difference being that in the clip shown in Figs. 5 and 6 the interposed fold of the tab is caught and held by serrated clamps, whereas in the form shown in Figs. 3 and 4 the fold of the tab is caught and held by straight non-toothed clamps. The form



of clip shown in Figs. 5 and 6 is also provided with tangs 5 5, like those of the other form of clip, which tangs are adapted to secure the tab to the article to which the tag is  
5 to be affixed.

While I have described my tag as being adapted for use in connection with articles that are to go to a laundry, the tag may be used for any other purpose for which it is  
10 adapted—as, for instance, for a tag on articles to be sent to a cleaning or dyeing establishment—and in such cases it may be desirable to provide tabs in different forms; but in any form in which they are furnished a  
15 part of the tab is to be adapted to be seized by the clip and held to the article to which it is attached substantially in the manner hereinbefore described.

What I claim as my invention is—

20 1. In a laundry-tag, an integral clip of sheet metal, comprising a body part, terminal elongated tangs, and medially-disposed complementary tab-clamping devices cut of abutting portions of the body part and turned away  
25 therefrom and adapted by being turned toward each other to seize between them by their opposite complementary edges and hold an interposed portion of a flexible tab.

30 2. In a laundry-tag, an integral metal clip of sheet metal, comprising a body part, terminally-elongated tangs and medially-dis-

posed tab-clamping devices cut of adjoining portions of the body part the adjoining opposite and seizing edges of the clamping devices being serrated and turned outwardly  
35 away from each other and adapted by being turned toward each other to seize between them by their complementary edges and hold an interposed portion of a flexible tab.

3. In a laundry-tag, a clip for securing a flat  
40 tape to an article of clothing, said clip being made integrally of sheet metal and consisting of an elongated body part having elongated tangs projecting one from each end of the body part in the direction of the length  
45 of the body part for securing the clip to an article of clothing, and having a medially-located slit cut in the body part in the direction of the length of the clip the edges of which body part at the slit are turned out-  
50 wardly along the length thereof forming opposite elongated complementary lips or clamps adapted to be turned inwardly against an interposed portion of said tape whereby  
55 said tape is held securely to said clip.

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

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