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TAG.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BELA G. MERRILL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oak Park, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to tags and labels of kindred nature, the purpose being the provision of an article of this character which may be attached to the goods, package, or other thing to be labeled with or without the accustomed string, tacks, or usual fastening other than provided as a part of the tag.

A further purpose of the invention is the provision of a tag which when attached to a package or other article may be turned so as to admit of both sides being readily inspected.

The invention consists, essentially, of a tag or analogous article provided with a flap, tab, or foldable portion having a slot which forms an opening when the said flap or tab is folded about the wire or staple which closes the outer end of the opening and is secured in the fold of the tab, the legs of the staple being confined by the terminal portions of the flap or tab, so as to be easily liberated when required to utilize said legs of the staple as attaching means.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and drawings hereto attached.

While the essential and characteristic features of the invention are susceptible of modification, still the preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the tag having the legs of the staple confined. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a different form of tag having the legs of the staple free. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the tag with the tab or flap extended. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the staple.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The body of the tag is illustrated at 1 and may be of any size and outline, according to the particular use of the article. A flap, tab, or foldable portion 2 is provided at one end or edge of the tag and is an integral part thereof and is adapted to be folded upon the tag and gummed or secured thereto by any cementitious material. A slot 3 is formed in the tab and tag and extends an equal distance upon opposite sides of the folding-line, so as to provide an opening when the tab or flap is folded for the reception of the string, wire, or like attaching means. A wire 4 closes the outer end of the opening formed by folding the flap or tab 2 and is secured in the fold of said tab and is adapted to receive the string or like connection for attaching the tag to the goods or article to be labeled.

Within the purview of the invention the wire 4 may be of any form and construction; but it is preferred to have its end portions bent and pointed, so as to provide, in effect, a staple the bent ends or legs 6 of which may be utilized as attaching means for securing the tag to fabric, lumber, or any material. When the staple is utilized for securing the tag to fabric or sheet material, the legs 6 are thrust through the material, and the projecting portions are bent in the well-known manner, so as to retain the label in place. If it is required to attach the tag to a box or timber, the legs are forced into the material of the box by being driven therein in the usual manner of applying a similar fastening to timber.

The flap or tab 2 is of a length slightly in excess of the distance between the bent ends or legs 6 of the staple, so as to extend over said legs and hold the staple flat against the tag when the latter is used in the ordinary manner by being secured to the goods or article through the instrumentality of the string 5 or analogous fastening. When the staple is to be used as the attaching means, the legs 6 may be readily disengaged from the terminal portions of the flap or tab 2 and the staple turned in the roll formed in the fold of the flap or tab.

By having the wire secured in the fold of the flap or tab 2 it is in line with the end of the tag and closes the open end of the open-

ing formed by the slot 3. Hence the tag when secured to a package by means of the binding-string may be turned readily from side to side, as there is no leverage to offer
5 resistance to the turning, as would be the case if the opening for the passage of the string were at a distance from the end or edge of the tag, as is the case with the form of tag commonly in use.

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

1. A tag or like article having a slot near an end or edge and having a portion folded and secured to the body of the tag, the line
15 of folding intersecting said slot, and a wire secured in said fold and having its end portions bent and adapted to lie against the tag and held thereto by means of the folded portion of said tag, said wire closing the outer
20 end of the opening formed by means of the aforementioned slot, substantially as set forth.

2. In combination, a tag or like article having a portion folded and secured to the body thereof, and a wire staple having the body and legs thereof secured beneath the said fold-
25 ed portion.

3. In combination, a tag or like article having a flap or tab and a staple secured in the fold resulting from folding said tab upon the tag, the tab covering the legs of the staple. 30

4. In combination, a tag having an integral tab folded upon and secured to the body thereof and having a slot extending from the line of folding of the said tab, and a wire staple secured in the fold of the tab closing the outer
35 end of the opening formed by the said slot.

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

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