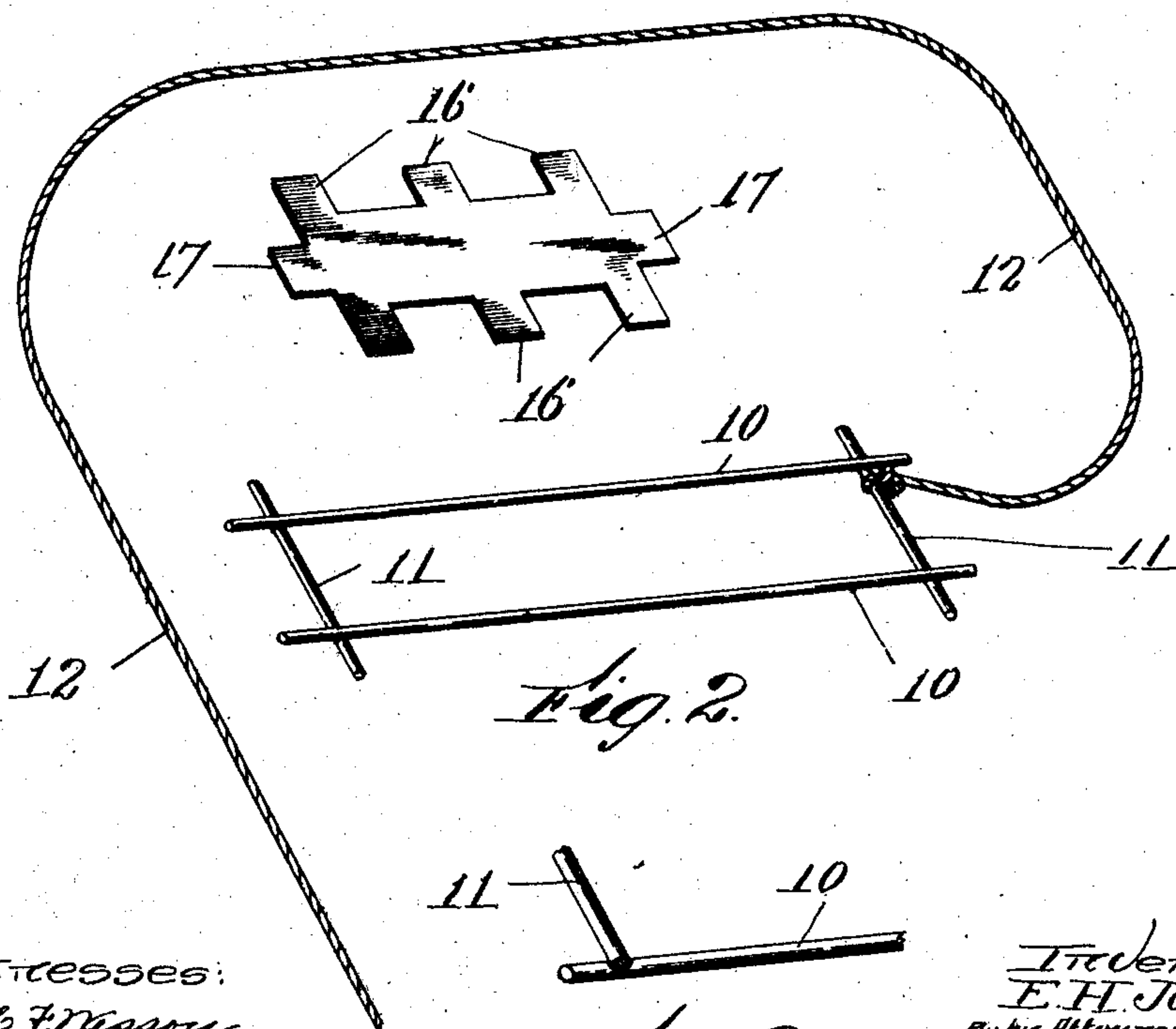
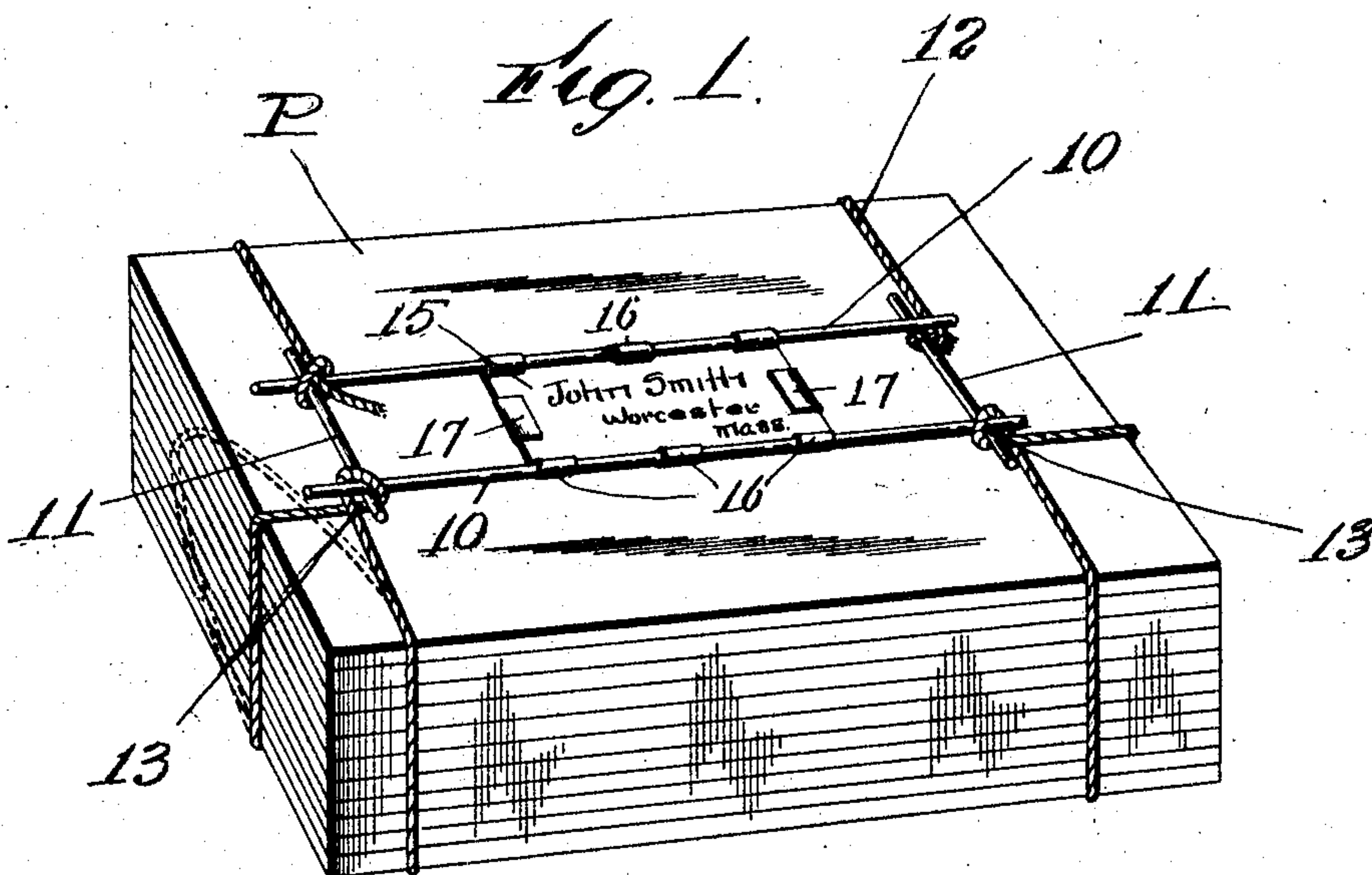


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PACKAGE-FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE H. JAQUITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clinton, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Package-Fastener, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a package-fastener for securing articles together in the form of compact and securely-fastened bundles.

The especial object of this invention is to provide a strong, simple, and efficient package-fastener which can be quickly and conveniently employed in tying up a package and which will permit the removal of part of the contents of the package without completely untying the same.

To these ends this invention consists of the package-fastener as an article of manufacture and of the combinations of parts therewith, as hereinafter described, and more particularly pointed out in the claims at the end of this specification.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a bundle tied up with a package-fastener constructed according to this invention. Fig. 2 is a detail view showing the several parts which constitute a package-fastener constructed according to this invention, and Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view showing one of the electrically-welded joints of the rectangular wire frame.

A package-fastener constructed according to this invention has been especially designed for tying up bundles of letters or documents in such a way that the package may be partly untied to permit the removal of a number of the letters or other documents without completely untying the package.

The fastener as herein illustrated comprises a rectangular wire frame consisting of side wires and cross-wires which are electrically welded together at intermediate points in their length. The side wires and cross-wires have projecting ends. Combined with the rectangular wire frame is a flexible fastening, such as a band or cord, which may be looped at two or more intermediate points of its length around the projecting ends of the wires.

Referring to the drawings and in detail, as shown in Fig. 1, P designates a package of letters, documents, or similar articles.

The fastener comprises a rectangular wire frame having side wires 10 and cross-wires 11. The wires 10 and 11 are fastened together by electrically-welded joints, as shown in Fig. 3, so that the completed frame is substantially integral. The side wires 10 and cross-wires 11 are provided with projecting ends. Combined with the wire frame is a cord or other flexible fastening 12, which is fastened at its ends to the wire frame, and at one or more intermediate points of its length, as at 13, the flexible cord 12 is looped around the projecting ends of the wire frame. In practice I have found that a package tied up in this manner can be conveniently opened by releasing one of the loops of the cord or string 12, as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 1, thus permitting the removal of a part of the package without completely untying the same.

The wire frame may, if desired, be provided with a card-holder. As shown most clearly in Fig. 2, the card-holder which I preferably employ is formed from a sheet-metal blank having laterally-projecting ears 16, which may be bent to engage the side wires 10 of the frame, and with end ears 17, which may be bent in to hold an address or identification card 15 in place.

Package-fasteners constructed according to this invention can be used to advantage in post-office stations or in all places where it is desired to tie up letters or documents into packages which can be readily opened for the removal of one or more of the letters or documents.

I am aware that changes may be made in the construction of my package-fastener and in the proportions of the parts thereof to adapt the same for different uses, and I do not wish, therefore, to be limited to the particular fastener I have herein shown and described, nor to the particular manner of wrapping the cord or flexible band about the body portion of the package; but

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a package-

fastener consisting of a wire frame having side wires and end wires joined together at intermediate points of their length to leave projecting ends, and a cord or band which may
5 be looped at two or more intermediate points of their length around the projecting ends of the wires.

2. As an article of manufacture, a package-
fastener consisting of a wire frame having side
10 and end wires which are joined together at intermediate points of their length to leave projecting ends, a sheet-metal card-holder having side clips engaging the wires of the rectangu-

lar frame with end clips for holding a card in place in the holder, and a flexible cord or band 15 which may be looped at two or more intermediate points of its length around the projecting ends of the wires.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing 20 witnesses.

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