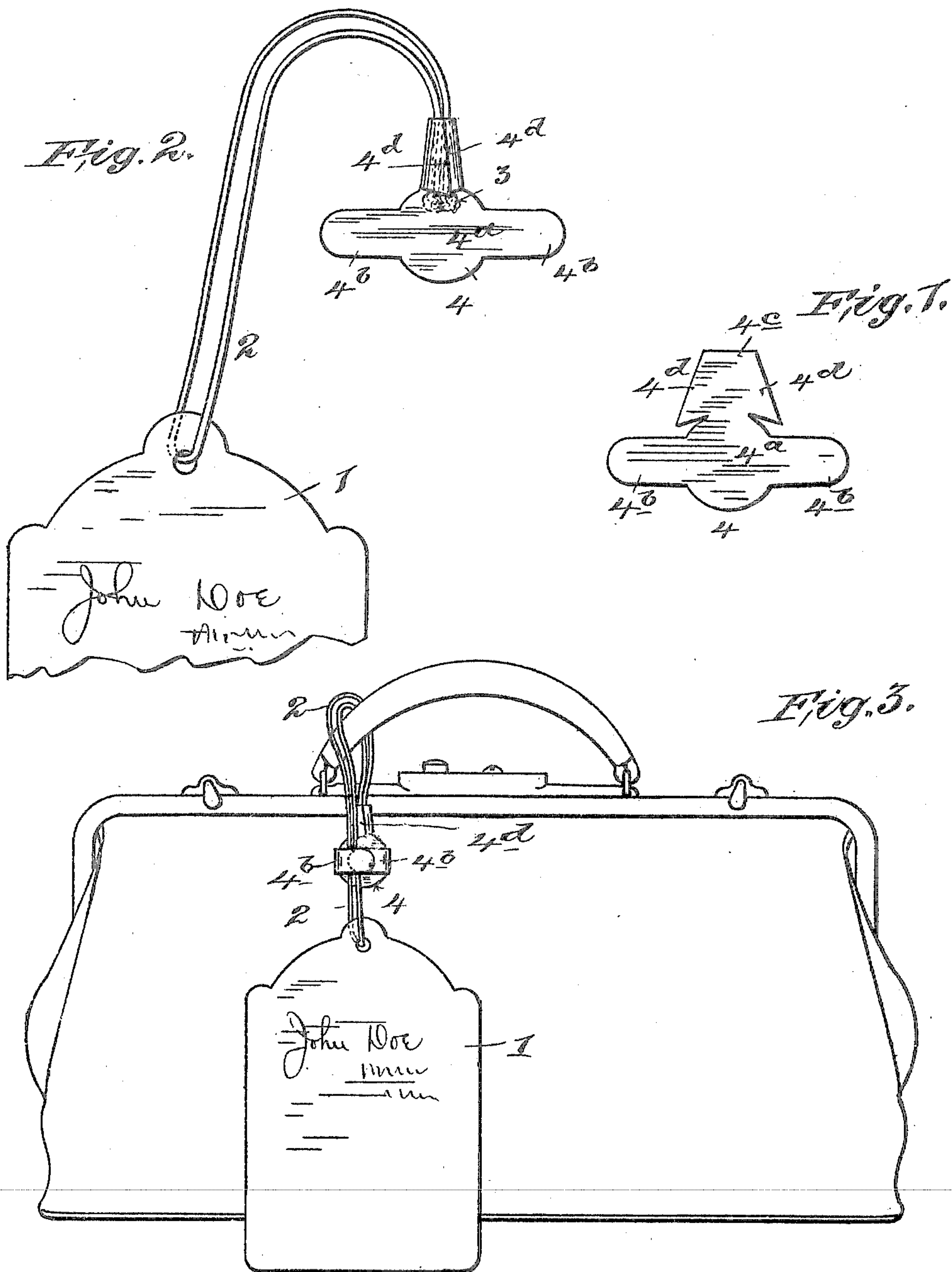


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RUDOLPH GRAS, a citizen of the United States, residing in New York city, borough of Manhattan, New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tags, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to tags and similar articles that are suspended by a cord or string, and has for its object to provide improved means for permitting the ready attachment of the tag to another article and its quick detachment therefrom.

In carrying out my invention I provide a tag, card, or the like with a string or cord, and to the string or cord I attach a metal clip or piece that has extended ears adapted to fold over the string or cord to confine the latter to the clip after the string or cord has been passed around or through an article to which the tag is to be applied.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views, and wherein—

Figure 1 is a face view of a blank or clip for attachment to the string of the tag. Fig. 2 is a detail view showing the clip and tag attached to the string ready for use, and Fig. 3 is a face view showing my improvements applied to a hand-bag.

In the accompanying drawings the numeral 1 indicates a tag, card, or the like, which may be of any well-known form and material, and at 2 is a string or cord shown looped through a hole in the tag and provided with a knot 3 at its end.

At 4 is indicated a clip which, as shown, has a central body portion 4<sup>a</sup> and ears 4<sup>b</sup> extending outwardly on opposite sides thereof, which ears are of such length that when folded over the body portion 4<sup>a</sup> their ends will overlap each other, as indicated in Fig. 3. The clip also has an extended portion 4<sup>c</sup>, which extends outwardly from the part 4<sup>a</sup> from between the ears 4<sup>b</sup> and which is provided on opposite sides with projections 4<sup>d</sup>, which projections 4<sup>d</sup> are adapted to be folded over, providing a recess to receive the string 2 to confine the clip upon the string, the knot 3 extending beyond the inner edges of the projections 4<sup>d</sup>, whereby the knot is prevented

from being pulled from the string between the parts 4<sup>c</sup> 4<sup>d</sup>, the clip thereby being securely attached to the string. The blank for the clip 4 will preferably be made of soft and pliable relatively thin metal, so as to bend readily without fracture.

When my improvements are to be used, the string is passed around the article to which the tag is to be attached and laid over the body portion 4<sup>a</sup> of the clip, and then the ears 4<sup>b</sup> are folded over the string, so as to overlap each other, whereby the string is confined between the body portion 4<sup>a</sup> and the ears 4<sup>b</sup>. Then, if desired, the string 2 may be pulled to draw the clip close up to the article to which the string is applied. To release the tag from the article, the ears 4<sup>b</sup> may be bent back by the fingers or the string may be pulled outwardly while the clip is held.

By means of my improvements considerable time can be saved in applying tags to articles over the time required in slipping the tags through the doubled strings after the strings have been looped over an article in well-known manner, for in such cases the strings have to be separated and the tag pushed between the strings, and frequently the opening left between the strings is quite small to receive the tag, whereas with my improvements by merely laying the strings against the clip and bending over the ears 4<sup>b</sup> the tag can be quickly attached to an article.

Having now described my invention, what I claim is—

As a new article of manufacture a tag provided with an eye, a string attached at one end to said eye, and a clip having a body portion, and projections folded upon the string to confine the clip upon the string, said clip having outwardly-disposed pliable ears adapted to overlap to confine the string between the body of the clip and the ears, whereby when the string is looped over an object the clip will lie between the tag and the object, the clip being arranged to slide along the string to permit the clip to be pushed along the string adjacent to the object, substantially as described.

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