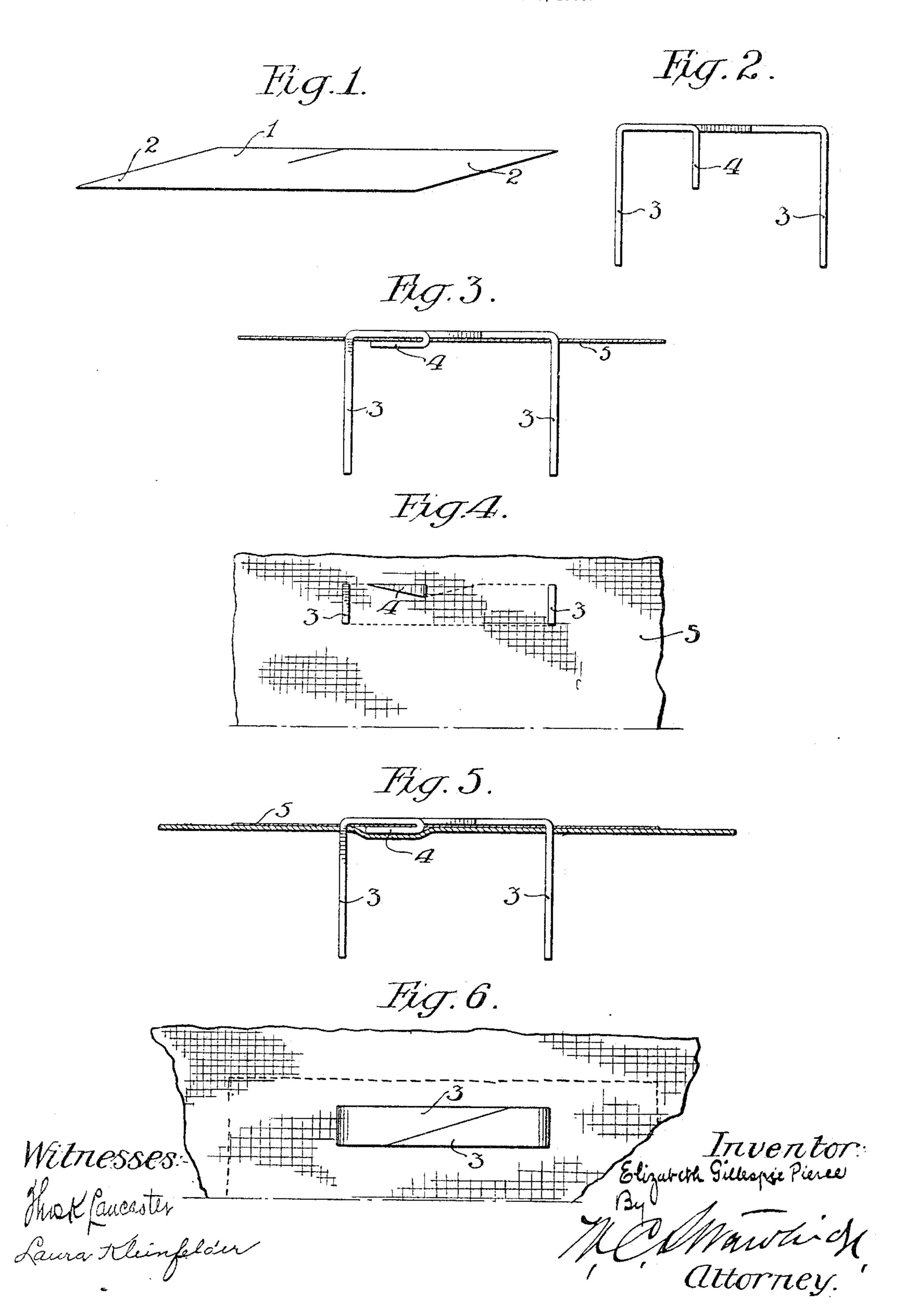
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH GILLESPIE Pierce, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Philadelphia, county of Phila-5 delphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Tag-Attaching Device, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for attaching tags to other articles, for instance, articles 10 of wearing apparel which are being laundered.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character to which a tag can be secured at such times as it may be convenient 15 to do so, the said device and the tag remaining secured together ready to be attached to an article.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, I have illustrated a 20 convenient embodiment of my invention.

In the drawings,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a blank from which the device shown in the remaining figures of the drawings is formed;

Figure 2 is an edge elevation of the device showing the several attaching prongs thereof bent into position to be passed through the tag and through the material of the article to which the tag is to be attached;

Figure 3 shows the device in edge elevation with a tag secured or attached thereto by means of the central attaching prong;

Figure 4 shows a bottom plan view of the

device and a tag secured thereto;

Figure 5 is a view similar to that shown in Figure 3 and also showing the two outer prongs of the device as having been inserted through an article to which the tag is to be secured; and

Figure 6 is a bottom plan view showing the two outer prongs bent down so as to secure the tag to an article.

Referring to the drawings,

1 designates a blank, the sides of the oppo-45 site ends of which are beveled in opposite directions, as clearly indicated at 2 in Figure 1. The opposite ends of the blank are beveled in the manner indicated so that when the opposite ends of the device are bent down in the 5° manner shown in Figure 6 of the drawings, the beveled edges will lie in contact with each other, making a smooth, uninterrupted surface.

After the opposite ends of the blank 1 are 1

beveled or cut in the manner shown in Figure 55 1, they are bent at right angles to the body of the device to form attaching prongs 3, as is shown in Figure 2 of the drawings.

It will be observed that the prongs 3 are formed by cutting diagonally across and from 60 side to side of the blank from which the said tag is constructed. By thus making the tag, the prongs 3 merge gradually into the main or body portion of the tag holding device, in consequence of which no shoulders are formed. 65 By reason of such construction, when the prongs 3 are inserted through an article to which it is desired to secure a tag, the said article readily assumes a position in contact with the body of the tag attaching device, or 70 rather in contact with a tag which has been secured previously to the said tag attaching device, as is clearly shown in Figures 3 and 5 of the drawings.

Located intermediate the attaching prongs 75 3 and upon one side of the main or body portion of the device, I have provided a third attaching prong 4 by cutting into the material of the plate, as is clearly indicated. The purpose of this third intermediate prong 4 is to 80 pierce a tag of any suitable material 5, after which the said prong 4 is bent down in the manner indicated most clearly in Figures 3, 4 and 5, to permanently secure the said tag 5 to the tag attaching device.

After the tag has been secured to the said device in this manner, it will be understood that it may be readily and easily secured to any article which is penetrable by the securing prongs 3 of the device.

To secure the tag to such an article, the prongs 3 are made to pierce or extend through: the same after which the said prongs are bent down over the said article and are brought into position side by side of each other in the 95 manner illustrated in Figure 6 of the drawings.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. In combination, a tag attaching device comprising attaching prongs at its opposite 100 ends and an attaching prong located intermediate the first-named attaching prongs, and a tag secured to the said attaching device by means of the last-mentioned prong, the said prong being passed through the said tag and 105 bent down upon the same, the said tag attaching device and the said tag being adapted to be secured to an article by inserting the firstmentioned prongs through the said article and bending the said prongs down upon the same.

2. A tag attaching device comprising a body portion, the said body portion being provided with prongs at its opposite ends which merge gradually into such body portion, and a prong located intermediate the said prongs.

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In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have hereunto signed my name this 23d day of March, A. D. 1905.

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In presence of—

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