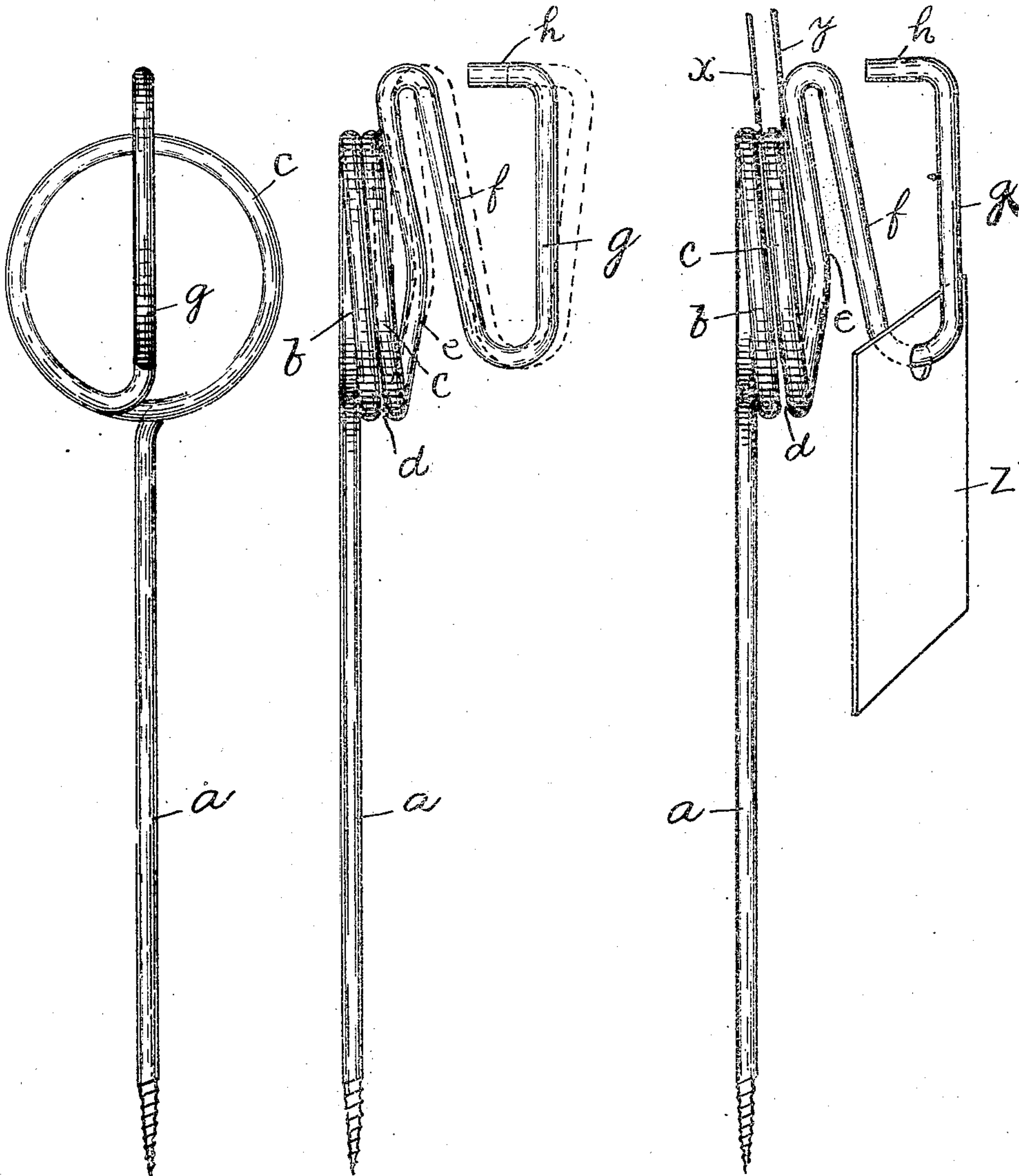


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS ROBINSON, of Haverhill, county of Essex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Tag-Holders, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like characters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention relates to that class of devices which are especially adapted to hold tags, cards and the like, and has special reference to that class of holders which are adapted to be mounted in shoe racks in a shoe factory to provide a convenient means of attaching shoe tags thereto.

In shoe factories it is customary to use tags which have a hole therein, so that they may be hung on a hook, and also to use tags which are imperforate and which are usually held in a clamp. It is further often necessary to have several different kinds of tags attached to a single rack.

My invention has for its object to provide a simple form of tag holder which incorporates in one device a hook on which the tags may be hung and a tag holding clamp which may be opened to permit ready insertion of the tag and removal thereof without tearing it. I accomplish these objects by the means shown in the accompanying drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a tag holder made according to my invention. Figs. 2 and 3 are side elevations thereof.

The tag holder is composed of a continuous piece of resilient wire bent into a particular form which comprises my invention.

The holder comprises the usual shank *a*, which is adapted to be securely mounted in the shoe rack, at the upper end of which the wire is bent to provide two circular coils *b* and *c*, said coils being arranged to lie closely together at their upper portions to provide a clamping portion at a point diametrically opposite the shank *a* in which a tag, as indicated at *x* in Fig. 3, may be inserted. These coils are sprung apart slightly, adjacent the shank *a*, to provide a space therebetween, as indicated at *d*, so that the edge of the card may be readily inserted at this point and then twisted around between them until it is grasped between the upper portions thereof.

At the end of the coil *c*, and closely adjacent the upper end of the shank *a*, the wire is bent to extend diametrically across

said coil, an arm *e* thus being provided which is extended to engage the adjacent side of the coil *c* at a point diametrically opposite the shank *a* and adjacent the clamping portion between the coils *b* and *c*, so that a tag, as indicated at *y* in Fig. 3, may be grasped between said arm *e* and the coil *c*.

The arm *e* is extended upwardly beyond the coils and is then bent upon itself twice to provide a hook composed of a downwardly extending member *f* and an upwardly extending member *g*, both members lying, approximately, in the vertical plane which is perpendicular to the plane of the coil *c* and in which shank *a* and arm *e* lie. The members *f* and *g* extend somewhat divergently from their lower ends and the member *g* is provided at its upper end with a retaining finger *h* which extends towards the member *f*. A hook is thus formed on which a perforated tag, as indicated at *z* in Fig. 3, may be hung, the finger *h* serving to retain the tag upon the hook, but also serving a further function of a finger retaining means, as will now be explained.

It will be understood that the shank *a* is firmly secured in the shoe rack, so that, if the member *g* is pulled away from the coils, the arm *e* will be drawn away from the coil *c* and the coil *c* will also be drawn away from the coil *b*, all as indicated by the dotted lines of Fig. 2. In this way the clamping portions between the coils *b* and *c* and between the coil *c* and the arm *e* will be separated to permit removal of the tags without tearing them and to permit ready insertion of the tags therebetween. The retaining finger *h* enables the operator to grasp the member *f* more securely than if it were not present, and also prevents the fingers from slipping over the end of said member in pulling it away from the coils to open the clamps.

It will be apparent that, with the above described construction, I not only provide a simple form of tag holder which comprises two separate tag holding clamps, and a hook, but also a form of holder in which the clamps may be readily opened.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A tag holder comprising a continuous resilient wire formed to provide a coiled portion; a supporting shank connected to one end of said coiled portion and an arm connected to the other end thereof, said arm



extending upwardly across a portion of said coil in clamping engagement therewith, and then downwardly and upwardly away from said arm to form a hook, substantially as described.

2. A tag holder comprising a continuous resilient wire formed to provide a coiled portion, a supporting shank connected to one end of said coiled portion and extended therefrom, an arm connected to the other end of said coiled portion and extending across an opposite portion of the coil in clamping engagement therewith and then downwardly with relation to the position in which said holder is adapted to be held and divergently upward to form a hook, said hook and said arm being disposed approximately in a plane perpendicular to the plane of said coil, substantially as described.

3. A tag holder composed of a continuous

resilient wire formed to provide a coiled portion, a supporting shank connected to one end of said coiled portion, and an arm connected to the other end thereof, said arm extending approximately in the opposite direction from said shank across the opposite portion of said coil from said shank and in clamping engagement therewith, and a hook connected to the end of said arm and disposed at the opposite side of said arm from said coiled portion, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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