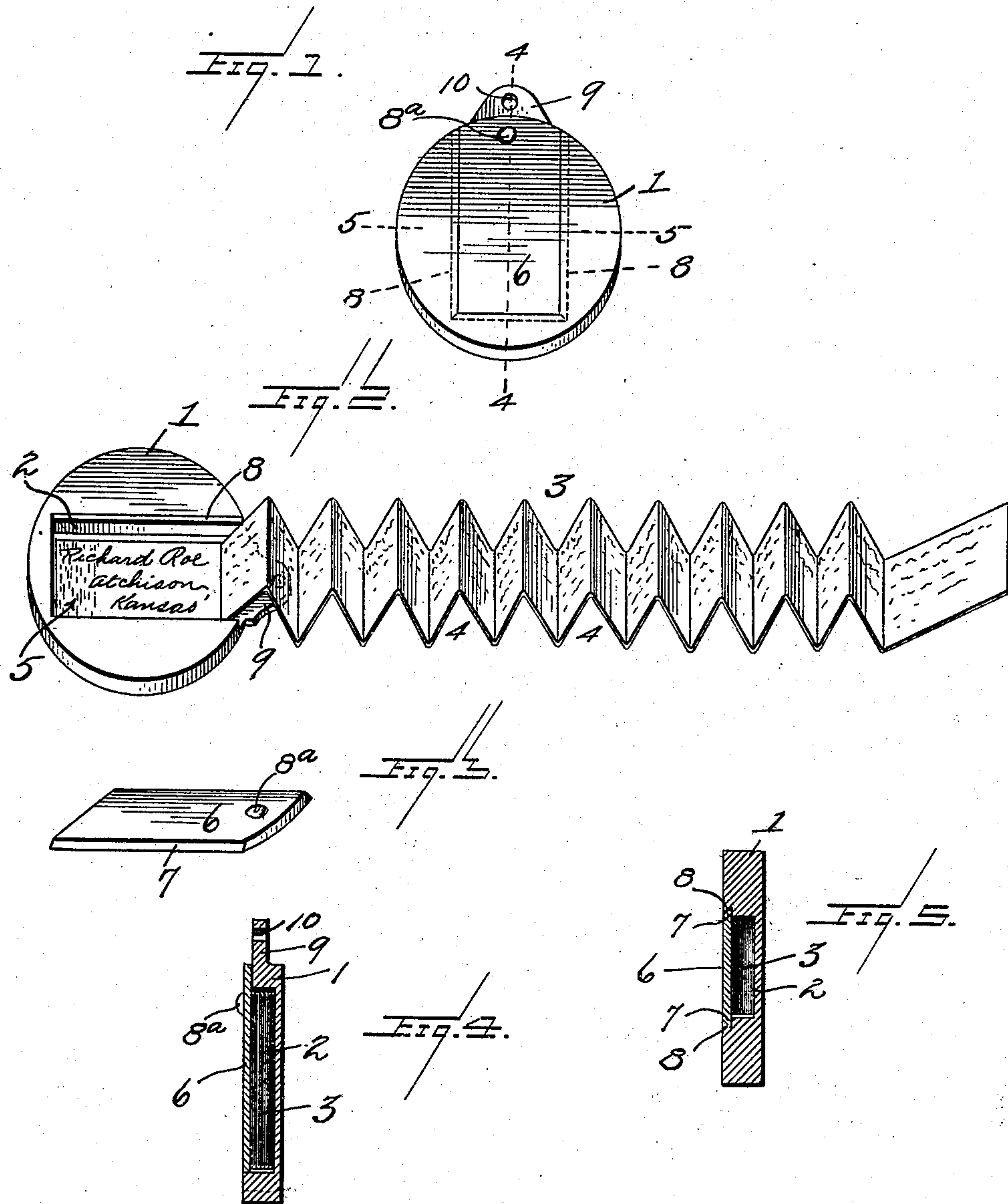


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN WALSH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atchison, in the county of Atchison and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Identification Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of identification devices that can be utilized in a variety of ways for identification purposes in connection with grips, trunks and parcels, as well as utilized as a key ring or pocket piece.

To this end the invention contemplates a simple and practical construction of identification device which may be in the form of a check, or tag, capable of being used as a baggage check or for personal use, in which means are provided for securely covering and concealing complete identifying matter and other information.

With these and other objects in view, which will more readily appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts herein-after more fully described, illustrated and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of identification device embodying the present invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the cover slide removed and the accordion folded identification strip drawn out of the keeper pocket within the holder body. Fig. 3 is a detail in perspective of the cover slide. Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the device on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a similar view on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

Like references designate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

In carrying out the invention in any design or for any particular use, the same embodies in its construction a holder body 1. This body is shown as being of a disk form, but obviously may be of any desired shape, as it is only necessary to recess one side or face of the body to provide therein a relatively deep keeper pocket 2 which is designed to accommodate and completely house therein a folding identification strip 3 having printed or written thereon identifying matter such as the name and address of the owner, as well as any other information or data which it may

be desired to place on the strip. The said strip 3 preferably consists of a long strip of paper or other flexible material having a number of accordion folds 4 which admit of the strip being drawn out to a considerable length as well as folded into a small and compact compass within the keeper pocket 2 therefor. What may be termed the inner end portion 5 of the strip 3 is preferably firmly secured to the bottom of the pocket 2 by gluing or otherwise.

The pocket 2 opens through one side or face of the holder body and is designed to be covered and uncovered by a cover slide 6 preferably provided with the dove-tailed slide edges 7 which slidably register with the undercut slide grooves 8 formed at opposite outer edges of the pocket 2 and constituting a slideway at the open side of the pocket for the cover so that the latter may be seated perfectly flush with the face of the holder body thereby leaving no projecting edges whatever.

A finger engaging element 8<sup>a</sup> may be provided on the slide 6, and it will be observed that the slideway for the cover slide is closed at one end and open at the other. Beyond the open end of the slideway the holder body is preferably provided with an attachment ear 9 having a hole 10 therein to receive a key ring, strap, wire, or equivalent attaching means for carrying the device, said attaching means necessarily acting as a lock for preventing the accidental displacement of the cover 6.

Various structural changes or modifications, and minor changes in the proportion and form of parts may be resorted to without departing from or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention, and I therefore reserve for myself any and all forms of the invention as fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

As an article of manufacture, an identification device, comprising a single-piece body disk having an angular pocket opening through its rear side and terminating short of its peripheral edges, said body furthermore having in its rear side and outside the pocket an undercut guideway, one end of which opens through one edge of the body, said edge being provided with a projecting



attaching ear that extends beyond the guideway, is of less thickness than the body and has an opening therethrough, an identification element that fits within the body,  
5 and a cover that slides in the guideway over the pocket, said cover having its outer face flush with the rear face of the body and having its end curved to conform to the portion

of the peripheral edge of the body that is located on the opposite side of the ear. 10

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

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