

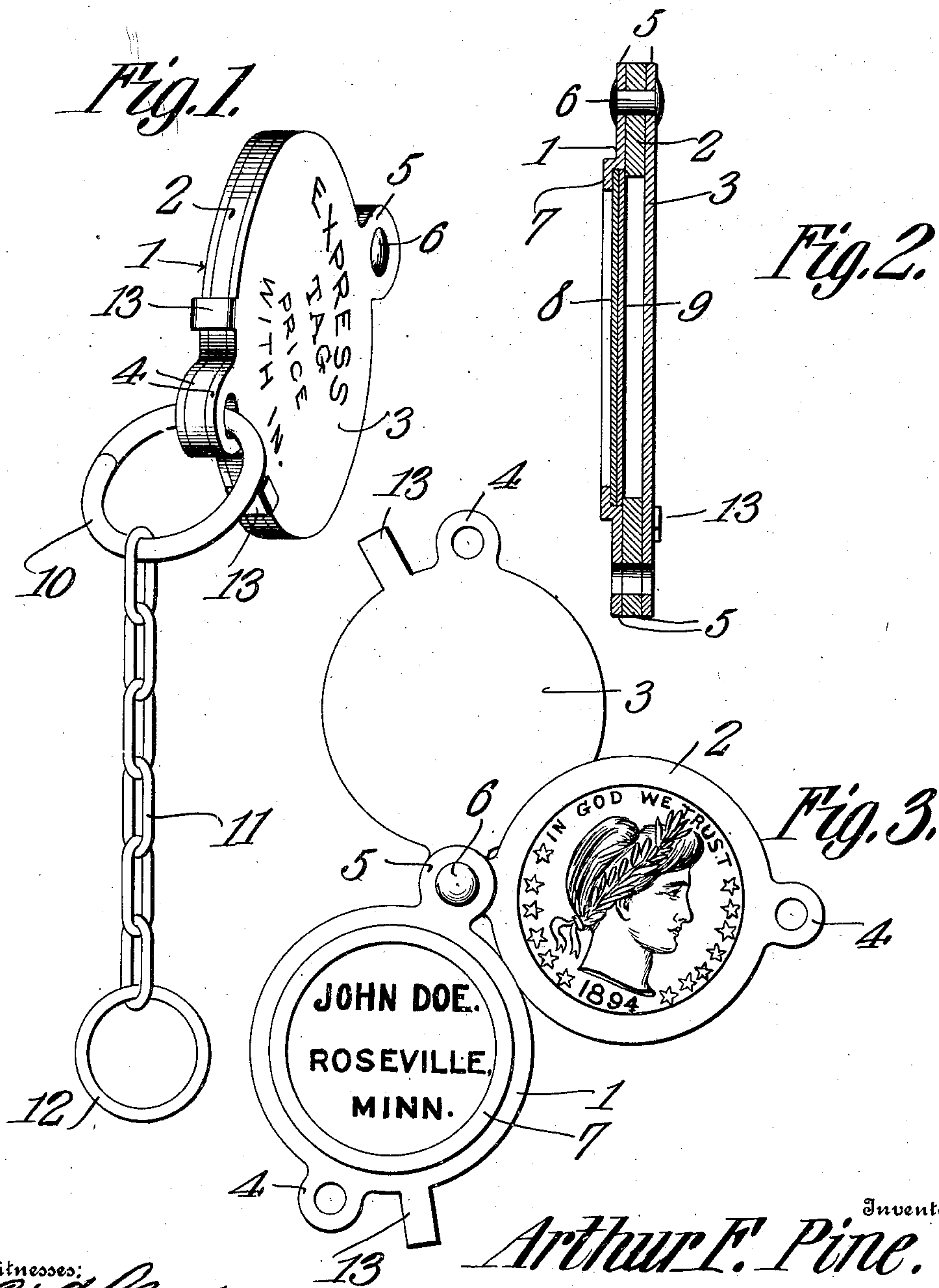
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR F. PINE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Castle Rock, in the county of Douglas and State of Colorado, have invented a new and useful Tag, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates, generally, to tags, and particularly one adapted to be attached to an article of wearing apparel, an umbrella, grip or the like.

The object of the invention is to provide a novel form of tag adapted to contain a coin of any preferred denomination, and which will be used in paying the express charges necessary to insure the return of such articles to the owner.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists, generally stated, in a tag embodying three pivotally-connected members, the intermediate one of which constitutes a coin holder. One of the outer members is provided with a transparent guard, preferably of celluloid, back of which is placed a card bearing the name of the owner of the article and his address, and the other outside member has stamped or otherwise displayed upon it a statement to the effect that there is money contained in the tag sufficient to defray the expense necessary to return the article to the owner.

As is well known, most lost articles in railway stations are found by the employees of the road and if honest the finder turns in whatever article he may have found. With the present invention, the finder will have nothing more to do than merely turn the article over to the proper person and he will then open the tag and remove the coin and ship the article to the owner.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a tag constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse sectional view through the article. Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the three members spread apart and in the position they will occupy when a coin is to be placed within the tag.

The tag comprises three approximately circular members, 1, 2, and 3, each of which is provided with two alined orificed ears 4 and

5. The ears 5 are engaged by a rivet 6 which not only serves to hold the sections assembled, but also permits of their being turned to the position shown in Fig. 3 when a coin is to be placed in the coin holder 2.

The member 1 is provided with an integral up struck bezel 7 that serves to hold in position a disk of transparent material 8, such as celluloid, and a disk 9 of cardboard or the like upon which will be printed or otherwise displayed the name of the owner of the tag and his address.

The member 3 is a flat disk and has stamped or otherwise displayed upon its outer face notice to the effect that the tag contains a coin that will be of a value sufficient to defray the expense of returning the article to the owner.

Each of the sections 1, 2 and 3, may be made of any suitable material, preferably of aluminum, although any composition of matter that will be adapted for the purpose may be employed.

The ears 4 are engaged by a split ring with which is connected a chain 11 carrying at its free end a ring 12. This chain will be used in securing the tag to an umbrella, while the ring 10 may be employed to attach the tag to a coat, as by passing the ring through a button-hole thereof.

In order to hold the three members firmly assembled against having any movement relatively to each other when the parts are assembled, as shown in Fig. 1, each of the sections 1 and 3 is provided adjacent to the ears 4 with a tongue 13 which may be integral with the members or soldered or otherwise secured thereto and which are adapted to be bent to prevent any movement of the sections when the parts are assembled, as shown in Fig. 1, thus to hold the three members firmly together. As shown in Fig. 1, the tongue carried by the member 1 is bent over the edge of the member 3, and that carried by the member 3 over the edge of the member 1.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that barring dishonesty, a person who loses an article supplied with this tag will be sure to receive it and with the least possible delay.

While it will generally be preferred to provide the member 2 with an opening large enough to receive a coin, say a quarter of a dollar, yet the invention will not be limited to this, as the opening may be large enough

to receive a silver dollar, thus to insure the return of the article from a distant point and which would require extra charges.

The improvements herein defined are simple in character and will be found thoroughly efficient for the purposes designed and will result in the return of a large percent. of forgotten and lost articles.

What is claimed is:—

10 1. A tag comprising a plurality of pivotally connected members, the intermediate one of which is adapted to support or contain a coin, and one of the outer members being provided with a sight opening and a card bearing the name of the owner of the tag, and the other side member having a legend displayed thereon stating that the tag contains the price of the express charges necessary to return the tag and article to which it is attached to the owner.

20 2. A tag comprising three pivotally connected members, one of which is provided with an outstruck bezel a sheet of transparent material and an address card dis-

posed within the bezel, the intermediate 25 member being provided with an opening to receive a coin and the other side member having displayed thereon a notice as to the use of the tag.

3. A tag comprising three pivotally con- 30 nected members the intermediate one of which is provided with an opening to receive a coin, one of the side members being formed with an outstruck bezel, a sheet of transparent material and an address card 35 held within the bezel, the other side member having displayed thereon a direction as to the use of the article, means for locking the members against pivotal movement relatively to each other, and means for at- 40 taching the tag to an article.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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