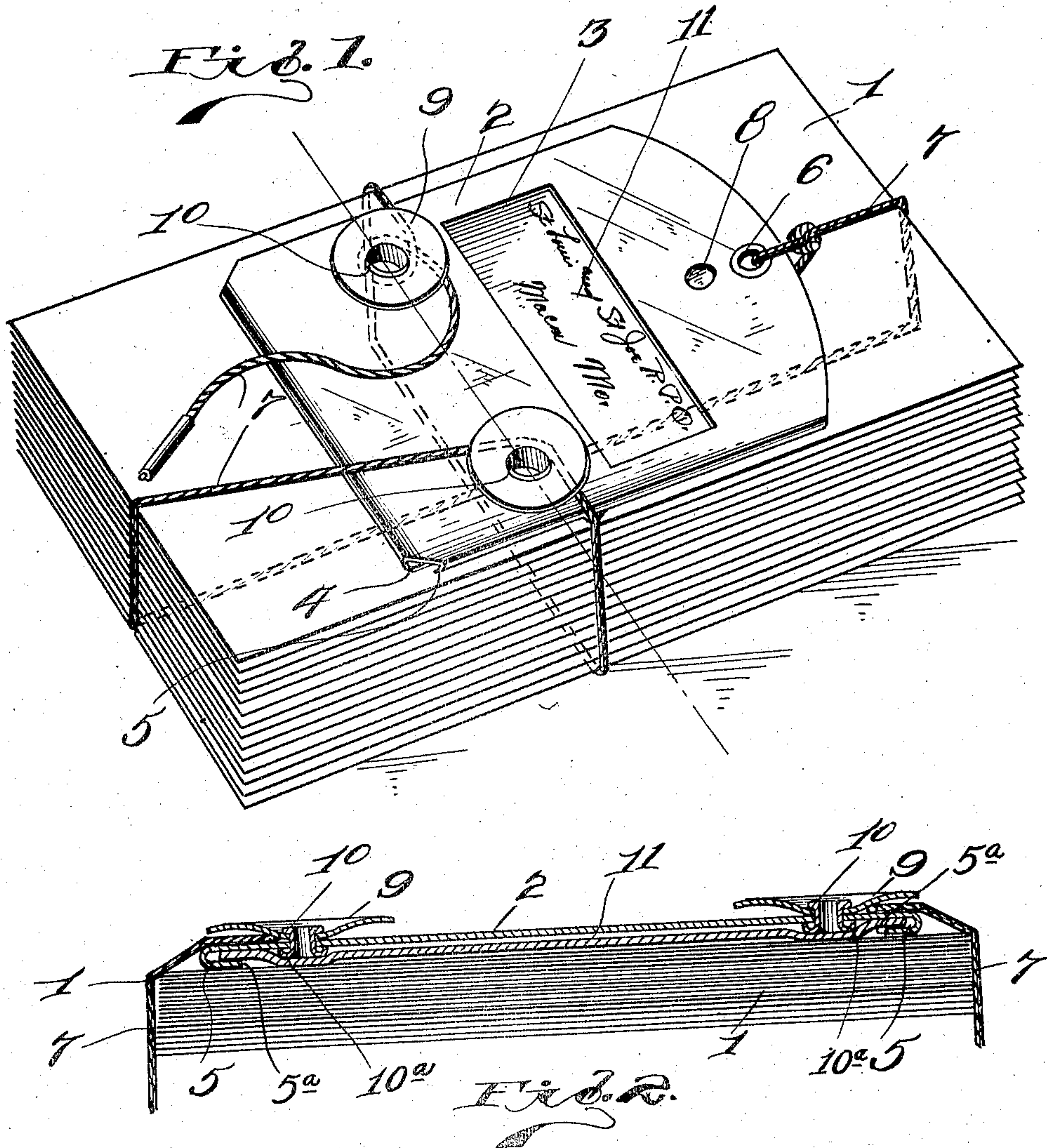


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD F. MAFFRY, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Macon, in the county of Macon and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Tying Devices and Label-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to package tying devices especially adapted for tying packages of mail, official papers, and the like, and the principal object of the same is to provide a device of the character stated that is provided with means for securely holding and effectively displaying a label, said device being formed of light but strong material that will be held compactly upon a package by the fastening string which it retains about the package.

In carrying out the object of the invention generally stated above it will be understood, of course, that the principal features of the same are necessarily susceptible of changes in details and structural arrangements, one preferred and practical embodiment of which is shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a package of mail or the like which is held in a fastened condition, by means of the improved combined label holder and package tie. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical sectional view taken on the line 2—2, Fig. 1.

Referring to the accompanying drawings by numerals, 1 designates the package that is held tied together by the improved tying device, said package for example, being mail matter.

The label holder and tie comprises primarily a flat body 2 formed of light but strong sheet metal such as aluminum and which is provided with a central transverse sight opening 3, and which has one end intumed to form an end rest and holder 4 for a label. The longitudinal sides of the body are also intumed as indicated at 5 which provides holders and guides for the label so to assure of the same being properly fastened on the underside of the body 1. The upper end of said body is preferably rounded and is provided with a central eyelet 6 to which one end of the fastening string 7 is attached, and adjacent said eye an open-

ing 8 is formed through the body which may be used for suspending the body on a suitable impaling opening or hook when not in use.

Adjacent the lower portion of the body 1 a pair of oppositely disposed concaved and preferably annular spring metal buttons 9 are fastened to the body by means of the hollow rivets 10 which pass through said body, and have their bottom portions clenched in the usual manner.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the described tie and label holder provides side guides and an end rest so that the label 11 may be readily slipped into position so that its printed matter will be displayed through the sight opening formed through the body 1.

In use the label having been fitted within the side guides and end rest as described it will be seen that the rivets of the fastening buttons will cause the label to be slightly bulged, so that when the fastening string is wrapped around the bundle and snapped in between said buttons and the body, the label will be firmly pressed upon the package, and thereby prevented from slipping, it being understood, of course, that the body is also being held immovable relative to the package by the fastening string.

In Fig. 1 one means of fastening the string about the package has been shown which consists in passing the string over one end of the package and longitudinally of the bottom thereof, thence over the other end of the package, to and around one of the buttons, thence transversely around the bottom of the package and up to and around the other button.

As will be obvious other methods of fastening the string about the package may be employed if desired.

As will be observed by reference to Fig. 2, the eyelets or rivets 10 are arranged so that they project above and below the body 2, and owing to their being located adjacent each end thereof and in proximity to the intumed flanges, the said flanges and the inner end of said eyelets provide clamping means for the label 11, so that said label will be firmly but removably held in position.

What I claim as my invention is:—

A label holder comprising a flat body portion provided with a label exhibiting open-

ing, side flanges formed upon the under
surface of said body, cord engaging means
upon the upper surface of said body near
the sides thereof, hollow rivets passing
5 through said cord engaging means and said
body, the inner ends of said rivets being
curled and outwardly bulged to cause a card
placed within said holder to be tightly

clamped in place between said rivets and
said side flanges.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my
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