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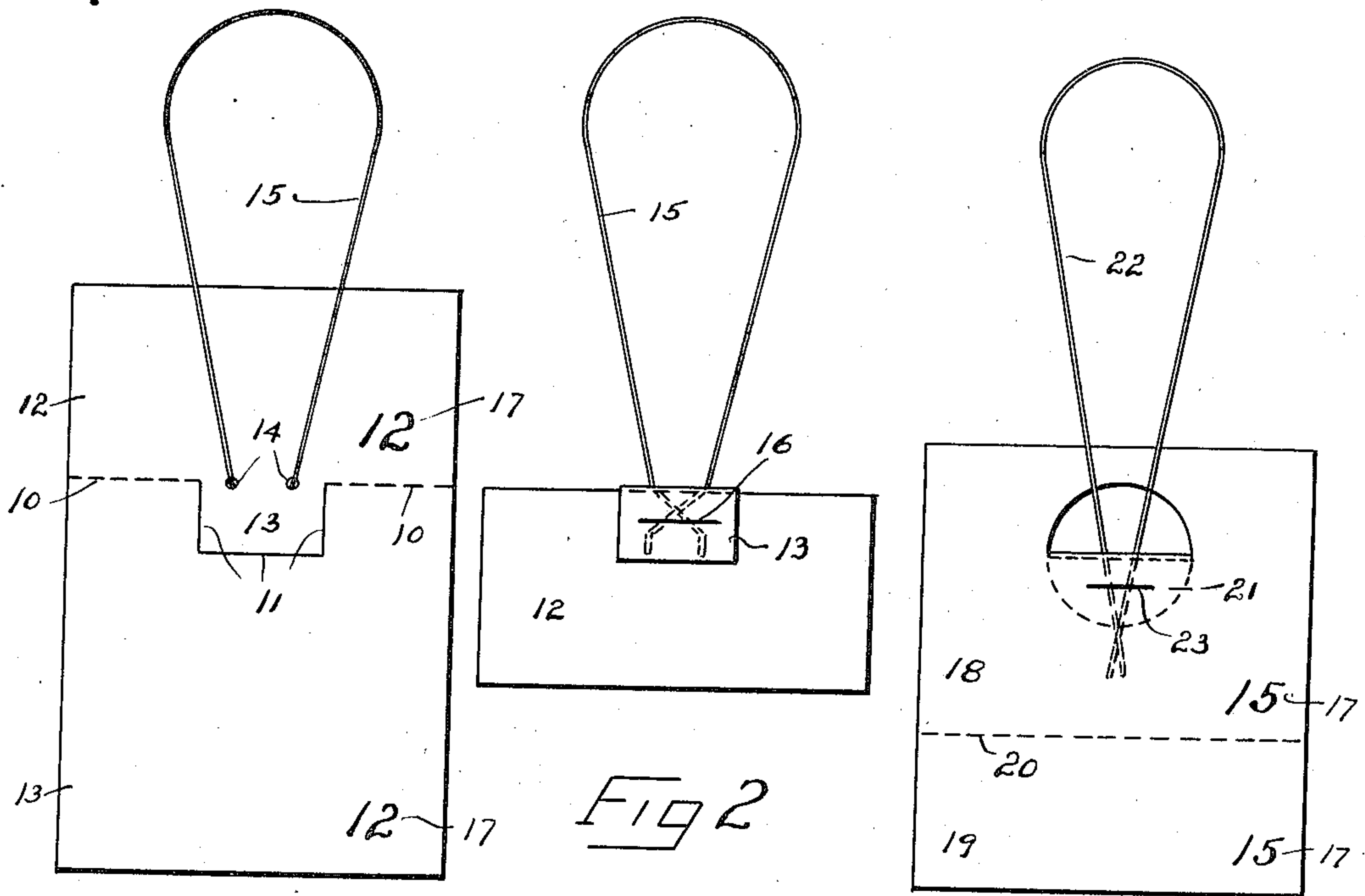


Fig 1

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Fig 3

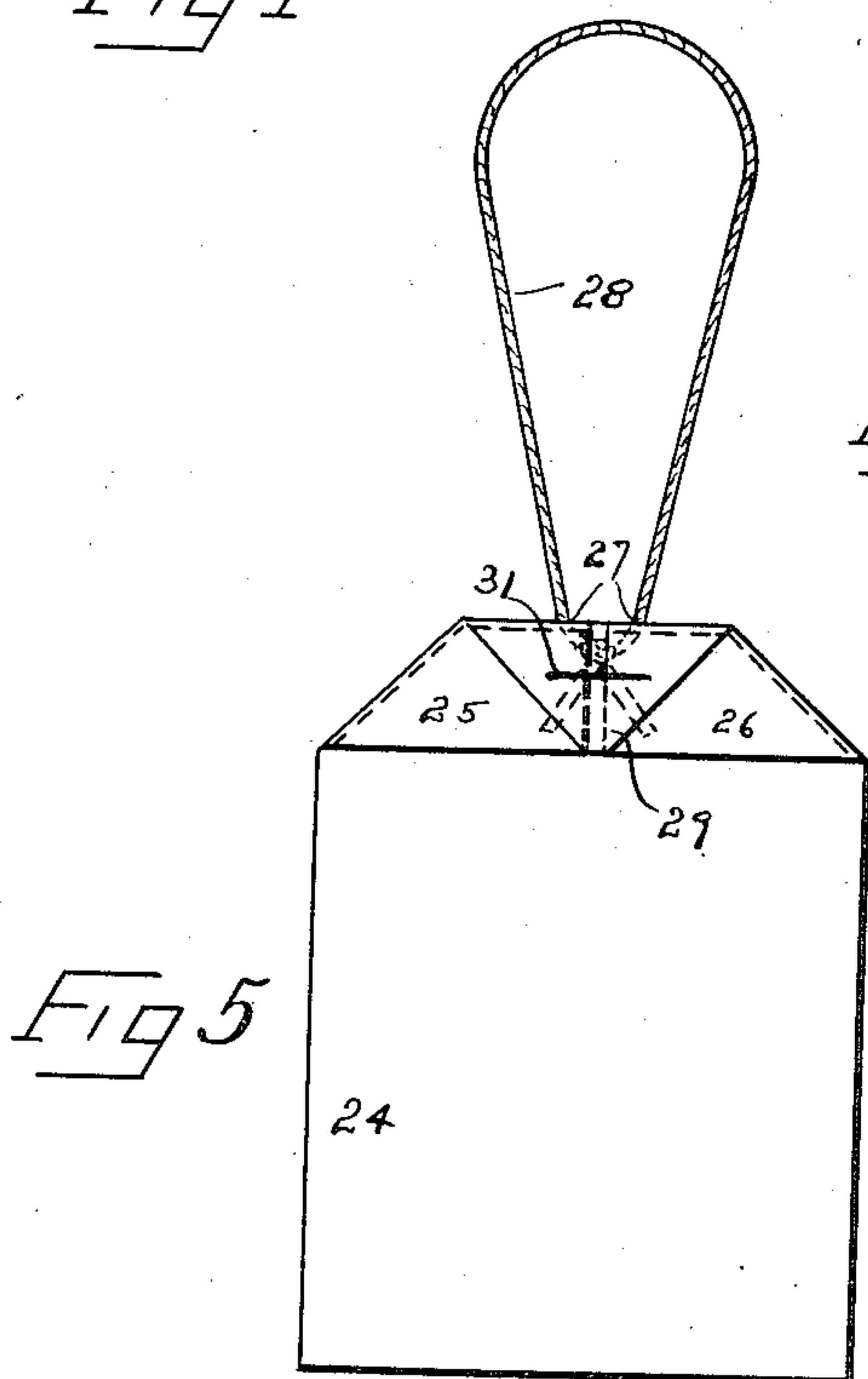


Fig 4

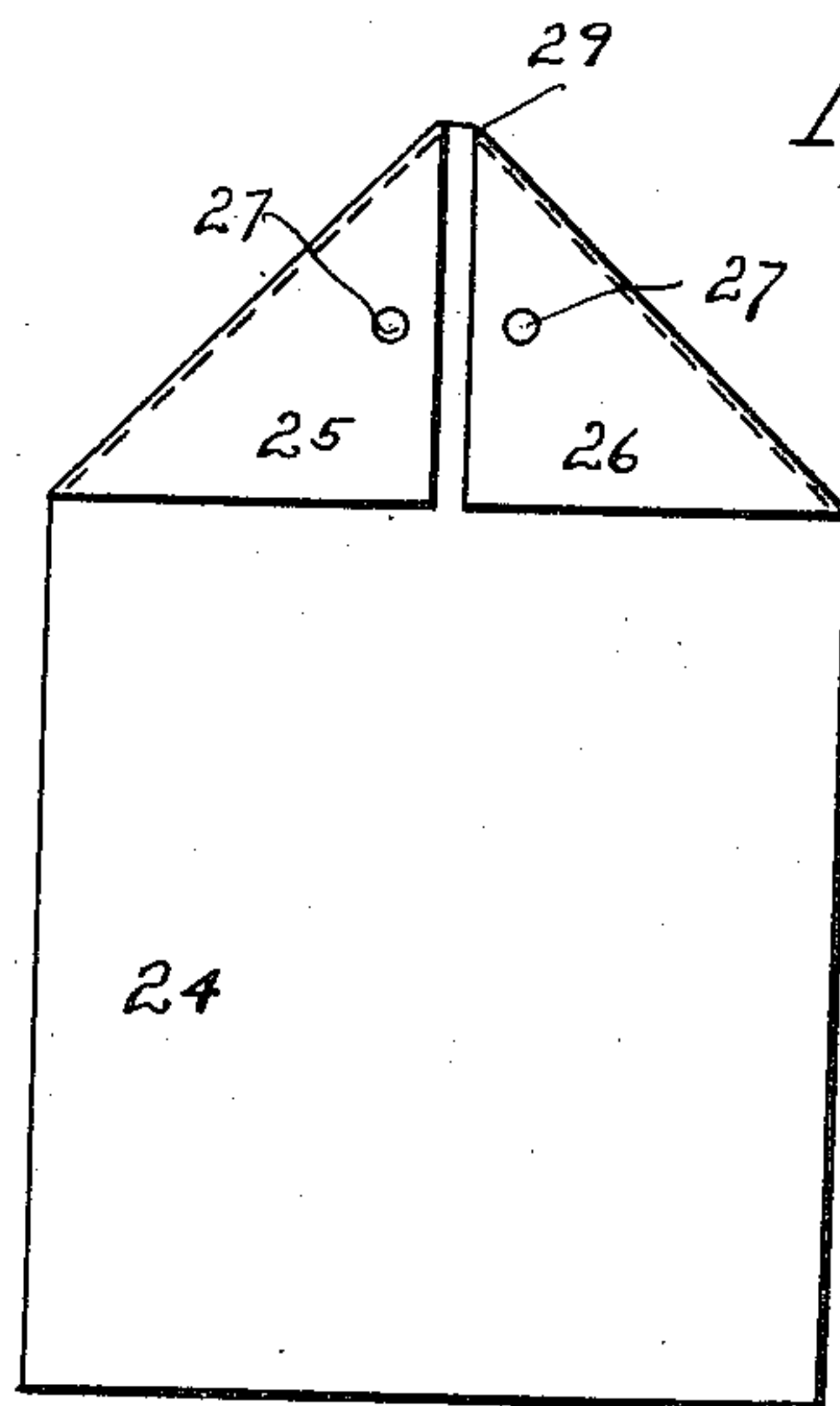


Fig 5

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The invention relates to tags used on articles which are checked for a period of time at parking spaces, checkrooms or similar places and for other purposes where tags may be used. The invention has for its main object to provide a tag which may be secured on any article, which will not readily be accidentally displaced or removed from the article, and which can not be taken of and replaced without it being noticeable. Another object is to provide a tag which once having been sealed on an article cannot be used again. A further object is to provide a tag of very simple and inexpensive construction which can be attached to any article with a minimum expenditure of time and labor.

These and various other objects and advantages will be readily understood from the following description and from the accompanying drawing of preferred embodiments of the invention, in which, however, modifications may be made without departing from the scope of the appended claims. In the drawing

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a tag made in accordance to the invention,

Fig. 2 is a rear view of part of the tag shown in Fig. 1 and shown with the tag sealed and the ticket removed,

Fig. 3 is a similar tag somewhat modified in construction,

Fig. 4 is another modification, and

Fig. 5 shows the tag shown in Fig. 4 sealed.

Referring first to Fig. 1, the tag consists of a piece of cardboard or other suitable material which is perforated, as shown at 10, and provided with a U-shaped slit as shown at 11. The perforations and the slit separate the cardboard into two pieces 12 and 13; 12 being the tag proper and 13 the ticket attached thereto. The slit 11 forms a tab 13 on the tag 12, when the two pieces are separated. Two holes 14 are punched in the tag in line with the perforations 10.

When the tag is to be attached to any article which is to be checked or otherwise stored, the ticket 13 is removed and handed to the person checking the article. The ends of a wire loop 15 are inserted through the holes 14, after having been wound around the article to be checked, and the tab 13 folded down as shown in Fig. 2. If a staple 16 is now clinched through the tag and the tab, the ends of the wire are so effectively clamped between these parts so that they cannot be withdrawn without tearing the tag or the tab.

The wires may be twisted as shown in Fig. 2, or their ends may merely be left straight under

the staple. In either case they will be imbedded so firmly in the cardboard that they cannot be withdrawn. Similar numerals 17 are imprinted on the tag and the ticket.

In Fig. 3 the tag is shown at 18 and the ticket at 19. They are separable by a line of perforations 20. In this instance, a tab 21 is formed by shearing out a semi-circular piece of the cardboard and bending it over on the tag. As in the embodiment shown in Fig. 1, holes are provided through which the ends of the wire loop 22 are inserted. A staple 23 is likewise clinched through the tab and the tag so as to clamp the ends of the wire loop.

Fig. 4 shows a tag which is particularly suitable when lighter materials are used, as for example, paper or linen. The tag 24 has its upper corners 25 and 26 folded, as shown in Fig. 4, and two holes 27 are punched through these corners and through the tag itself. The ends of the loop 28, in this case shown as a cord, are inserted through the holes 28 and the upper end 29 of the tag is folded over. The cords may if desired be knotted, as shown at Fig. 5. Finally a staple 31 is clinched through the folded tag to prevent the removal of the cord or the untying of the knot.

This, as well as the other tags shown, may be made with or without separable ticket. In like manner while we have in some instances shown wire loops and in another a cord loop, it is evident that in most cases one may be substituted for another.

In some instances the loop may be attached to the tag permanently by tying the ends together. In such cases, as for example where the tag is used on a door handle of an automobile, the tied ends may be drawn tight by pulling them through the holes in the tag. After the loop is tight, the staple is clinched as previously described.

From the foregoing it will be seen that once any of these tags have been sealed on an article it cannot be removed without detection. It will also be noted that these tags are cheap to manufacture and easy to apply, requiring only the use of a pair of stapling pliers for sealing.

Having described our invention and its objects, what we claim is new and wish to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. A tag of the class described comprising a piece of material having a bent-over portion, two holes provided in or near the bend, a looped tying member, the ends of said tying member insertable through said holes, a wire staple inserted through the tag and the bent-over part



and straddling the ends of said tying member, and said staple clinched to secure the ends of the tying member between the tag and the bent-over part.

- 5 2. A tag of the class described comprising a piece of material having a bent-over portion, two holes provided in or near the bend, a looped tying member, the ends of said tying member insertable through said holes, a wire staple inserted through 10 the tag and the bent-over part and straddling the ends of said tying member, said staple clinched to secure the ends of the tying member between the tag and the bent-over part, and a ticket provided on the tag and made separable therefrom 15 by a line of perforations.

3. A tag of the class described comprising a piece of material having a bent-over portion, two holes provided in or near the bend, a looped tying member, the ends of said tying member insertable through said holes, a wire staple inserted through the tag and the bent-over part and straddling the ends of said tying member, said staple clinched to secure the ends of the tying member between the tag and the bent-over part, a ticket provided on the tag and made separable therefrom by a line of perforations, and similar numerals imprinted on the tag and on the ticket. 5 10

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