

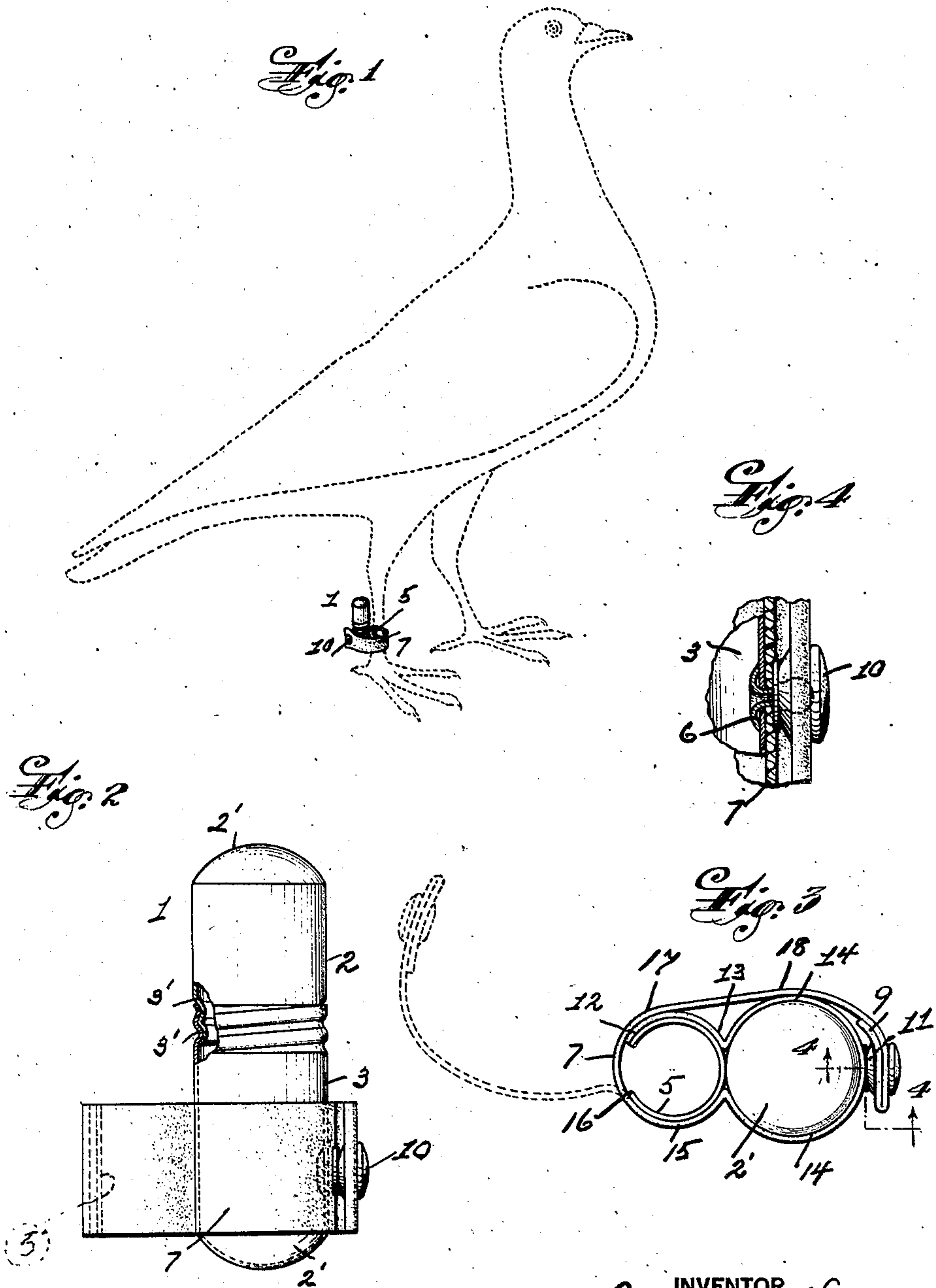
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The invention relates to improvements in mes-
sage holders to be used in connection with homing
or carrier pigeons.

Heretofore, metallic bands have been used, but
theses devices have had dangerous or inconven-
ient projections on them and have been more
complicated and expensive than necessary.

According to my invention, the message holder
has rigidly secured to it a spring clamp especially
adapted to be sprung over the usual identification
band secured to the leg of a pigeon in such a
simple and effective manner that the pigeon is
unable to detach the same either by pecking at
it or accidentally.

My improved holder, which is preferably made
of a lightweight transparent plastic material, has
secured to it in any convenient or desired manner
a leg clamp or band which consists of an open
spring member which is also made of plastic
material. This open spring member has suffi-
cient strength and rigidity in itself to securely
hold the message holder on to the identification
band on a pigeon's leg. I have also provided an
auxiliary clamp to insure further protection.

The invention will be understood by reference
to the accompanying drawing, in which the same
parts are indicated by the same letters through-
out the several views.

Fig. 1 represents the profile of a carrier pigeon,
in dotted lines, having one of the improved mes-
sage holders attached to one of the legs thereof
by means of a plastic open spring clamp,

Fig. 2 represents a side elevational view, par-
tially in section, of the message holder shown in
Fig. 1, detached from the leg of the pigeon,

Fig. 3 represents a top plan view of the message
holder, and

Fig. 4 represents a fragmentary enlarged trans-
verse sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 3,
looking in the direction of the arrow, which
clearly indicates an auxiliary clamp consisting
of a tape, the shorter end of which is secured
to one member of the message holder by means
of a metallic stud and the longer end of the band
being provided with a socket member to have
locking engagement with the metallic stud.

As shown in the drawing, the message holder 1
consists of two cylindrical members 2 and 3, of
any lightweight plastic construction, preferably
made of clear transparent cellulose acetate, each
member having rounded closed ends 2' and screw
threaded open ends 3', said screw threaded open
ends having locking engagement with each other
to provide a closed receptacle.

The leg clamp or band 5 consists of an open

circular member of sufficient width to provide
the requisite rigidity and flexibility, and is also
made of clear transparent cellulose acetate, and
securely fastened to one side of the member 3
with cellulose acetate, or in any other desired
or convenient manner.

Also secured to the cylindrical member 3 by
means of a metallic stud 6 preferably diamet-
rically opposed to the leg clamp 5 is a lightweight
cotton tape 7 impregnated with a lacquer. One
end of the tape 7 is secured to the open leg clamp
5 and the other end is folded over at 9 and pro-
vided with a socket member 10 to have locking
engagement with the metallic stud 6.

In operation, the message is placed in the
cylindrical member 3, and the cylindrical mem-
ber 2 is screw threadedly engaged there-
with, the members 2 and 3 forming the mes-
sage holder 1. The spring leg clamp 5 is then
snapped around the identification tag on the leg
of the pigeon with the message holder on the
outer side of the leg. As previously stated, the
spring leg clamp or band is also made of clear
transparent cellulose acetate of sufficient rigidity,
and which has the requisite springiness so that
when it is snapped around the identification tag
on the leg of the pigeon the message holder will
be firmly secured to the identification band, and
the accidental separation of the same from the
band is reduced to a minimum.

The folded-over end of the tape 7 is then
brought around the open end of the spring clamp
5, and fastened at 11 by means of the metallic
stud and socket arrangement hereinbefore de-
scribed.

Referring to Fig. 3 of the drawing, it will be
noted that the tape 7, forms an auxiliary clamp.
The tape 7 is securely fastened first at the open
end 12 of the clamp, around said clamp as at 13,
completely around the member 3 as at 14, then
around the other side of the clamp as at 15 to the
open end of the clamp 16. From there on the
tape hangs loose, as shown in dotted lines, until
the clamp 5 is placed on the identification tag
on the leg of the pigeon, after which the tape 7
is brought around the open end of the clamp 5,
back upon the clamp 5 as at 17 and upon the
member 3 as at 18, and fastened by means of the
stud and socket arrangement described above.
By means of the clamp which is placed upon the
identification band which all homing pigeons
wear, the message holder is enabled to be more
safely and securely fastened to the leg of the
pigeon by pulling the tape 7 back and locking
the socket member with the stud.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a message holder for use with homing pigeons, which is light in weight, safe in operation, simple and inexpensive in construction and which can easily accommodate itself to various size identification leg bands.

The foregoing disclosure is to be regarded as descriptive and illustrative only, and not as restrictive or limitative of the invention, of which, obviously, embodiments may be constructed, including many modifications, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention herein set forth and denoted in the appended claim.

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

In a message holding device for use with homing pigeons, a clamp made of resilient material, said clamp having the configuration of a longi-

5 tudinally slit tube adapted to be positioned on and to frictionally embrace the leg of the pigeon to which the device is to be secured, a message receptacle element secured to the back of said clamp, a flexible tape secured, at one end, to said clamp adjacent the longitudinal slit thereof, then wound back and secured along one side of said clamp, around the receptacle and along the other side of the clamp, leaving the other end of said 10 tape to depend freely from the other edge of said slit, to be manually wound across the longitudinal slit and around the side of the clamp opposite that from which the tape depends to close the clamp around the leg, and complementary 15 means on said device and on the free end of said tape for removably securing the tape to said element.

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