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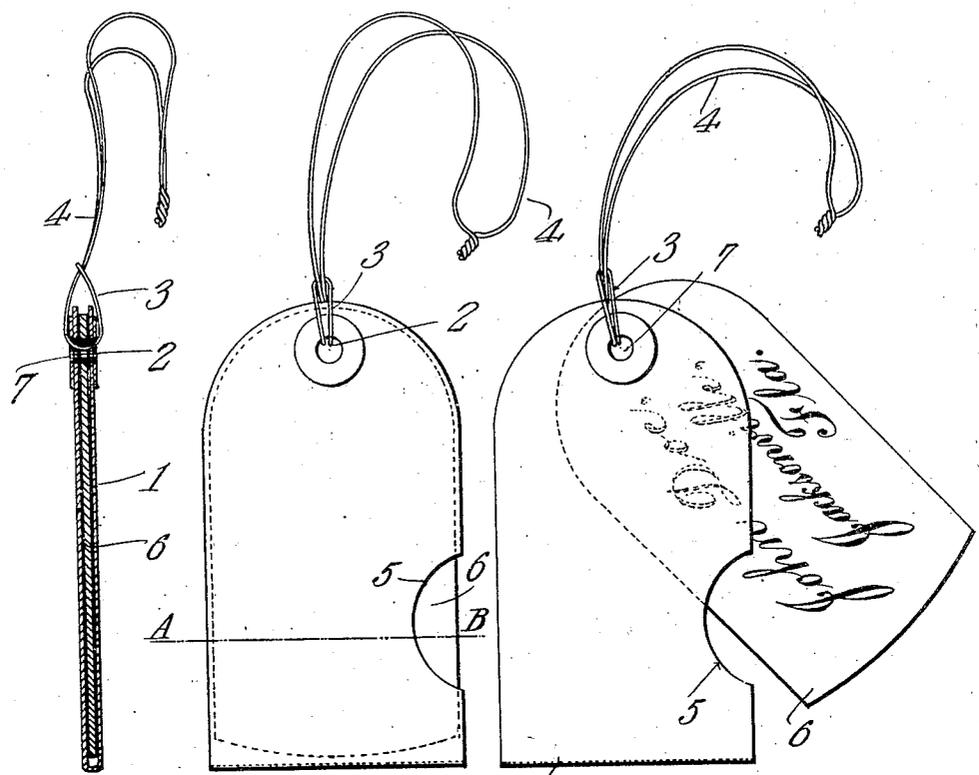


Fig. 3.

Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACKSON W. FOSTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jacksonville, in the county of Duval and State of Florida, have invented a new and useful Shipping-Tag, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to shipping tags and more particularly to tags designed to be attached to trunks, valises and the like.

The object of the invention is to provide a shipping tag made up of a housing and of a leaf movably mounted therein and designed to contain the name and address of the person to whom the tagged article is to be delivered. There is therefore no danger of this data being smeared or otherwise obliterated in transit, and, at the same time, the name and address are not revealed to the gaze of bystanders.

Another object of the invention is to provide a tag of this character in which the securing cord or wire constitutes means for pivotally connecting the leaf to the housing.

A still further object is to provide means whereby the leaf can be conveniently grasped for the purpose of withdrawing it from the housing.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings:—Figure 1 is a front elevation of a tag embodying the present improvement. Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing the leaf partly withdrawn from its housing. Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal section through the tag. Fig. 4 is a transverse section therethrough on line A—B Fig. 1.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates a housing preferably formed of a single length of metal, leather or other suitable material folded upon itself along a line extending transversely thereof at its center, the terminals of the said length of material being preferably rounded and provided with reinforced registering openings 2 designed to receive the looped end 3 of a fastening cord or wire 4. One side of this housing is formed with a recess 5 of suf-

ficient size to receive the ends of two fingers and normally exposed within and extending across this recess is a leaf 6, movably mounted within the housing and having an aperture 7 adjacent one end designed to register with the openings 2 and through which the looped end 3 extends. It will be apparent therefore that this looped end 3 constitutes a pivot on which the leaf 6 is designed to swing relative to the housing 1.

In using the device here described the leaf 6 is grasped between two fingers inserted into the recess 5 and is swung outwardly from the housing as indicated in Fig. 2. The name and address of the person to whom the object is to be shipped, are then written on the leaf 6, after which the said leaf is returned to the housing, and the tag can then be attached to the article to be shipped, the cord or wire 4 being used for this purpose. Inasmuch as the leaf 6 is normally concealed within the housing 1 it will be obvious that the data thereon will not be exposed to view and will be protected from rain. Moreover, there will be little danger of the data becoming smeared or otherwise obliterated as a result of handling. When it is desired to read the contents of the leaf 6 it is merely necessary to swing it out of position within the housing 1.

Although this device is capable of being used for all purposes where shipping tags are employed, it is especially designed for use in connection with trunks, traveling bags and the like, and can be formed attractively of metal or leather.

It is to be understood that various changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages of the invention.

It will be noted that by tightening the looped end 3 of the fastening device 4 the ends of the housing may be clamped upon the leaf, to hold it against movement.

What is claimed is:—

1. A shipping tag comprising a housing, a flexible securing device extending there-through and projecting therebeyond and constituting the sole connection between the sides of the housing at one end, and a leaf pivotally mounted upon said device and within the housing and movable laterally beyond the housing.

2. A shipping tag comprising a housing

having a marginal recess, a flexible securing device extending through the housing, and a leaf pivotally mounted upon said device and normally located within the housing, a portion of said leaf being constantly exposed within the recess.

3. A shipping tag comprising a housing having spaced end portions, there being a marginal recess within the housing, a flexible securing device extending through the spaced ends of the housing and constituting means for drawing said ends together, and a leaf pivotally mounted upon said connection and within the housing, a portion of said leaf being constantly exposed within the marginal recess.

4. A shipping tag comprising a housing

closed at one end, a flexible securing device extending through the other end, and a leaf pivotally mounted within the housing and upon that portion of the securing device extending through the housing, said leaf being movable beyond the housing, and the housing have a marginal recess, a portion of the leaf being constantly exposed within the recess.

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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