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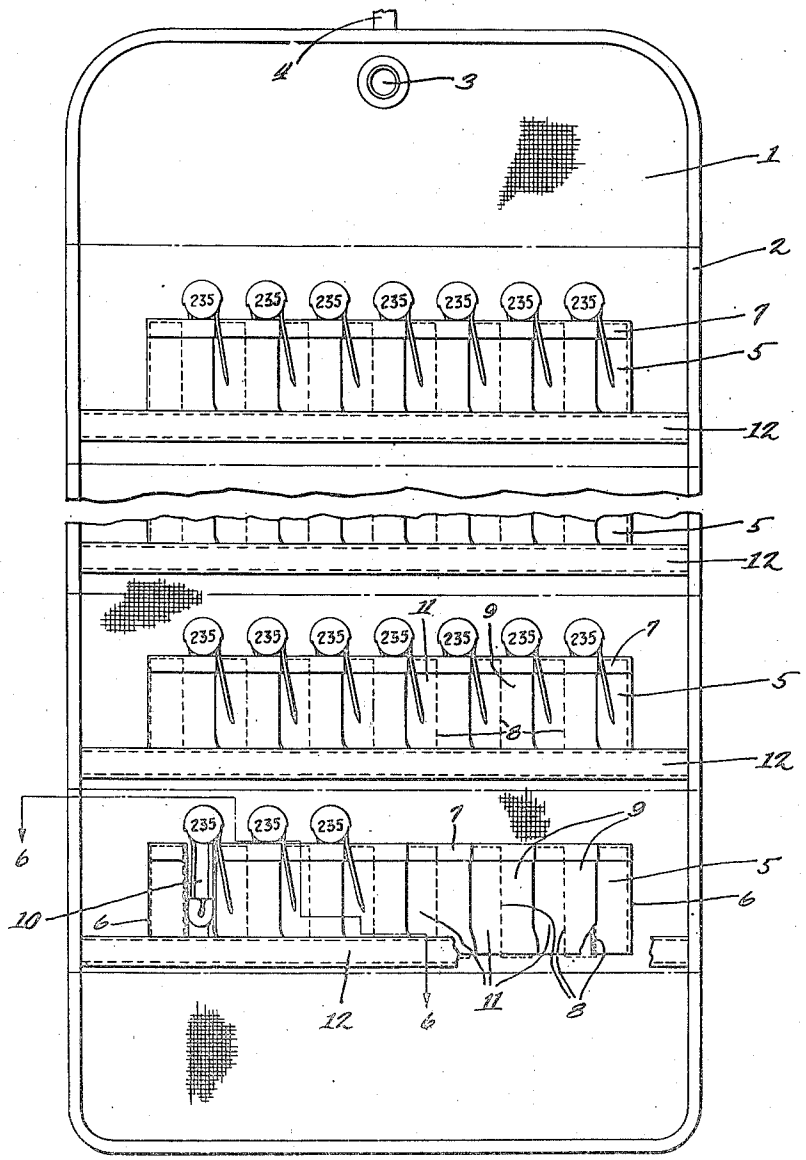


Fig. 1

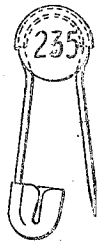


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Fig. 4

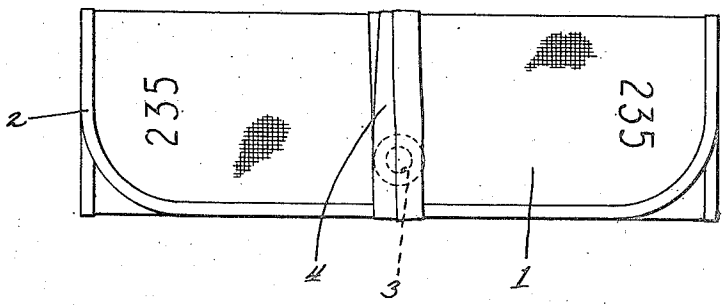


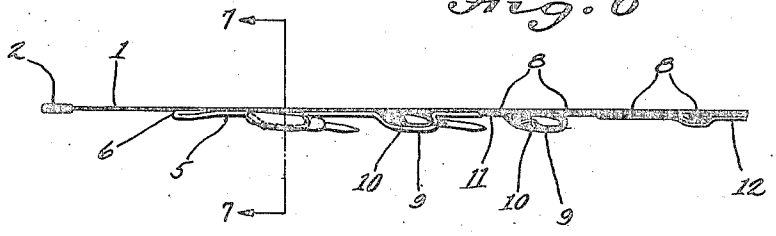


Fig. 5



Fig. 3

Fig. 6



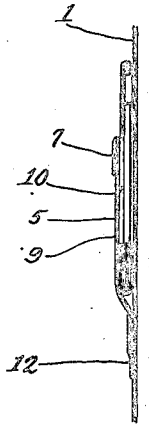


Fig. 7

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This invention relates to holders for laundry marking pins, which are used in laundries, etc., to individually mark the pieces of a wash so that upon completion of the washing or other operations the pieces of each individual wash may be readily identified and collected.

The object of the invention is to provide an improved holder for laundry marking pins which is provided with a plurality of pockets or compartments, so formed as to enable the laundry marking pins to be readily inserted therein and removed therefrom in open position, without liability of the pin points engaging the holder and thereby interfering with the insertion or withdrawal of the pins, and which pockets are so formed as to snugly receive and hold the sheaths of the pins and prevent lateral or turning movement thereof within the pockets.

A further object of the invention is to provide such a holder for laundry marking pins which may be easily supported in open position during use thereof so that the pins are readily accessible and the absence or presence of any or all of the pins readily noted or detected, and which holder when not in use may be folded into a roll, not only minimizing the amount of space necessary therefor, but also preventing the escape or loss of any of the pins.

Further objects of the invention are in part obvious and in part will appear more in detail hereinafter.

In the drawings, which represent one suitable embodiment of the invention, Fig. 1 is a plan view of my improved holder in open position; Fig. 2 is a plan view of one of the laundry marking pins; Fig. 3 is a side view thereof; Fig. 4 is a plan view of the holder folded into a roll; Fig. 5 is an end view thereof; Fig. 6 is a cross sectional view of part of the holder, taken on the line 6—6, Fig. 1; and Fig. 7 is a vertical sectional view through one of the pockets or compartments with a marking pin therein, the section being taken on the line 7—7, Fig. 6.

While my improved holder is suitable for use with laundry markers of various kinds, it is particularly adapted for use with laundry marking pins, as it enables the pins to be readily inserted into and removed from the pockets or compartments thereof in open position, without the liability of the pin points engaging the holder and thereby interfering with the insertion or withdrawal of the pins. One preferred form of laundry marking pin with which the present holder is adapted to be used is shown in Figs. 2 and 3, said pin being substantially U-shaped, with the usual sheath at the end of one of the legs to receive the pointed end of the other leg, the closed loop end of the pin being provided with a substantially circular metal member suitably secured thereto, such as by having a portion thereof bent over or around a portion of the pin loop, as indicated in Fig. 2. Said metal member is provided on its outer face with the usual number or other identifying indicia corresponding to the set to which the pin belongs and the same mark is borne by the holder, as indicated in the drawings.

The holder for said pins, which forms the subject matter of the present invention, comprises a body portion 1 which forms the support for a plurality of individual pin receiving pockets or compartments, later to be described. Said body portion is made of any suitable flexible material, such as canvas, and of any suitable size and shape, being here shown as rectangular. The edges of said body portion are preferably covered or bound with a suitable binding tape or band 2 to prevent said edges from fraying or unraveling. Said body portion is provided near the top thereof with an aperture 3 for use in supporting the holder in open position during use thereof, in which position the laundry marking pins are readily accessible and the absence or presence of any or all of the pins readily noted or detected. When not in use, said holder is adapted to be folded into a roll, as indicated in Figs. 4 and 5, which not only minimizes the amount of space necessary therefor but also prevents the escape or loss of any of the marking pins. To hold the holder in such closed form, the body portion 1 is preferably provided with a band 4 having its inner end suitably secured to the top edge of the body portion 1 and which band is adapted to be wrapped around the holder when folded to hold the same in such position.

The pockets or compartments for receiving the laundry marking pins are formed by cross strips 5 which may also be of canvas and which are suitably spaced along the body portion 1, as indicated in Fig. 1. Each of the cross strips 5 is so secured to the body

portion as to provide a row or series of individual pin receiving pockets or compartments, and as the several cross strips are identical throughout, a description of one will suffice for all.

The end edges 6 of each cross strip are preferably turned in before securing them to the body portion 1 of the holder, the turning in of such edges preventing fraying or unraveling thereof. The top edge portion of each cross strip is preferably hemmed, as indicated at 7, with the hem on the outside to provide a smooth interior, which hem not only prevents fraying but also stiffens the edge and thereby facilitates the insertion of the marking pins into the pockets or compartments. The cross strips 5 preferably do not extend the entire width of the body portion 1 but a space or margin is left at each end thereof so that the pins are held within the holder.

In the formation of the pockets, each of the cross strips 5 is secured to the body portion 1 by a plurality of vertically disposed rows of stitches 8, and between certain of the rows of stitches a fullness is provided, as indicated at 9, forming a series of vertically disposed pockets or compartments 10 for receiving the sheaths of the laundry marking pins, and alternate flat portion or spaces 11. The distance between the rows of stitches forming each pocket is slightly less than the width of the pin sheath so that its insertion tends to bulge the pocket beyond the stitches 8, thereby snugly holding the pin sheath in the pocket without turning movement. After the cross strips 5 have been secured to the body portion 1 of the holder in the manner described, the pockets 10 are pressed down or flattened to bring the fullness 9 of each pocket to the same one side, to the right, as shown, where it extends over the row of stitches 8 at that side and over the adjacent flat portion of space 11, thereby spacing this edge of the pocket outwardly from the body portion of the holder. The planes of the now substantially flat pockets are therefore inclined to the body portion 1, with a pleated or shingled appearance when viewed endwise and when the sheaths of the laundry marking pins are inserted into said pockets, the planes of the pins are correspondingly inclined so that the pointed end portions of the pins pass down freely between pockets, and over but spaced from the adjacent flat portions or spaces 11. There is, therefore, no liability of the points of the pins engaging the material of the cross strips 5 or the body portion 1 and thereby interfering with the insertion or withdrawal of the pins or the rolling up of the holder into closed form.

The pockets 10 are held in such position, to wit, with the fullness 9 of each pocket to one side thereof, by suitable bands or tape 12 which overlap the bottom edges of the cross strips and close the bottoms of the pockets or compartments 10, said bands being suitably secured to the body portion 1 of the holder.

Other objects of the invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art to which it relates.

What I claim is:—

1. A marking pin holder, comprising a body portion, and a flexible strip suitably secured thereto along lines of securement to produce a series of pocket forming members, said lines of securement being more remotely spaced along the strip than along the body portion to provide fullness in each pocket forming member, the material of all of said members being crowded or folded over laterally in the same direction into pleated or shingled relation, and means at one end of said members for closing the same and securing them in pleated relation, whereby the successive pockets lie in planes inclined to the plane of the body portion.

2. A marking pin holder, comprising a body portion, a flexible strip suitably secured thereto along lines of securement to produce a series of pocket forming members, said lines of securement being more remotely spaced along the strip than along the body portion to provide fullness in each pocket forming member, the material of all of said members being crowded or folded over laterally in the same direction into pleated or shingled relation, and a binding strip extending along the ends of said members and secured thereto through the body portion to close said pockets and secure them in pleated relation, whereby the successive pockets lie in planes inclined to the plane of the body portion.

3. A marking pin holder, comprising a body portion, a flexible strip suitably secured thereto along lines of securement to produce a series of pocket forming members, said lines of securement being more remotely spaced along the strip than along the body portion to provide fullness in each pocket forming member, the material of all of said members being crowded or folded over laterally in the same direction into pleated or shingled relation, and means at one end of said members for closing the same and securing them in pleated relation, whereby the successive pockets lie in planes inclined to the plane of the body portion, successive pairs of lines of securement being separated by intervening flat spaces and forming the edges of but a single pocket.

In testimony whereof I hereby affix my signature.

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