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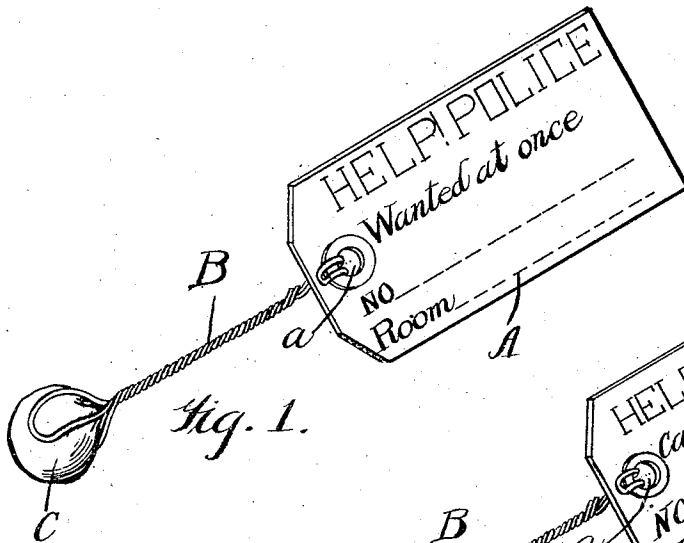


Fig. 1.

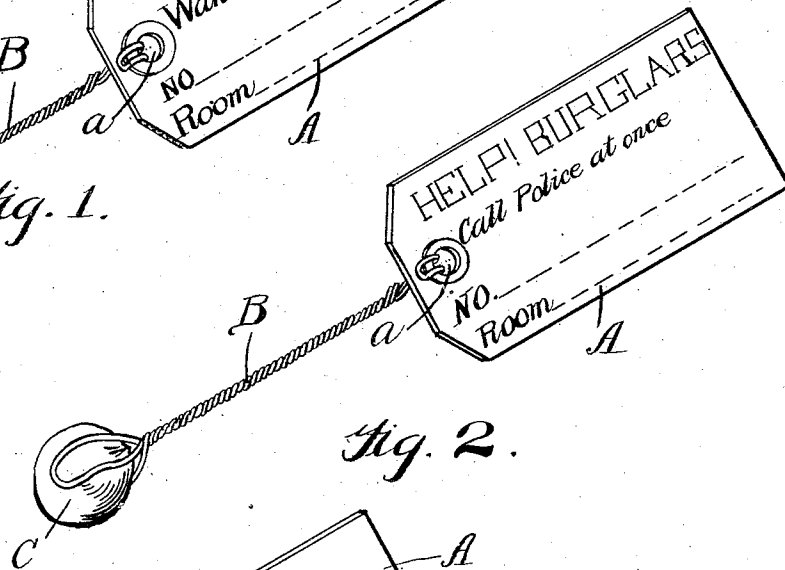


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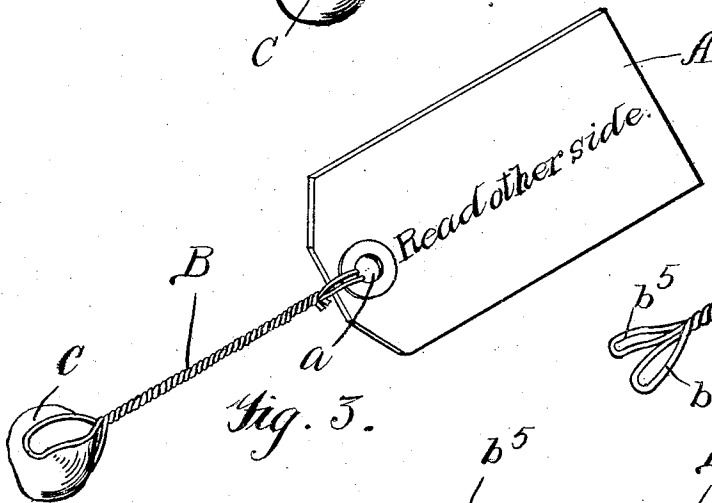


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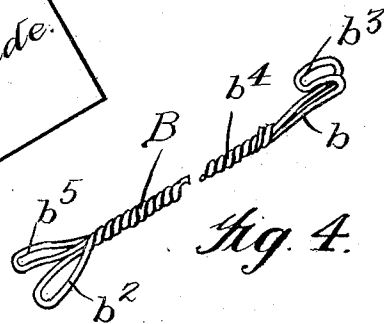


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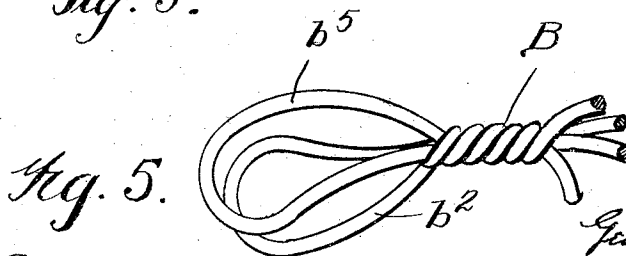


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. RIDEOUT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Alarm Devices, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive, thoroughly efficient, and most ingenious alarm-device, for the protection of persons in dwellings, hotels, offices, etc., when threatened with burglary, assault, and the like, or in case of fire, or other emergency, by attracting the attention of persons passing on the street adjacent to and near the particular building and quickly informing them of the particular danger or catastrophe threatened or occurring.

With this object in view, the invention comprehends the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts of a device characterized by my invention, as will be hereinafter fully described in the specification, summed up in the claims, and illustrated in the drawings, in which latter:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device, the parts being assembled for use, and the information-card or tag bearing a certain inscription or legend; Fig. 2 is a perspective view, similar to Fig. 1, the information card or tag bearing a different inscription or legend; Fig. 3 is a similar view, looking at the side of the tag the reverse of that shown in Figs. 1 and 2; Fig. 4 is a detail view of the torpedo-holder removed from the tag; Fig. 5 is a collective detail view of the two members or parts of my wire-holder for the torpedo.

Referring to the drawings in detail, A represents a tag, which may be of any material, but preferably, on account of cheapness, of manila paper, and bearing, on one side, any desired legend or inscription, such as "Help! Fire! Ring the alarm! No. Room.," or "Help! Burglars! Call police!" etc.; and the other side may and preferably does bear the words "Read the other side."

Attached to the tag, as by engagement with the usual orifice *a* therein, is a torpedo wire-holder B, comprising, preferably, two parts or members, one part *b* having a loop or coil *b*¹ at the upper end thereof and, at its lower end, bent or turned in a direction parallel to the length or shank of the member,

as shown at *b*², so as firmly, but removably, to grasp the tag A at the perforation *a* thereof. The other part or member *b*³ is formed with a similar coil or loop *b*³ at its upper end, and its shank is twisted around the shank of the member *b*, so as to be removably held thereon. It will be noted that the two loops or coils form a skeleton-cradle or holder for a torpedo C, or the like explosive, disposed and held therein by the loops gently binding against the torpedo, so that the torpedo is held frictionally in the cradle.

My holder is formed throughout desirably of wire having both the qualities of flexibility and, to a certain extent, of resiliency, and the torpedo is thus capable of being removed from the cradle of the holder, and the lower end of the holder detached from the tag. But it is to be understood that, though I have shown a most convenient form and desirable construction of holder, I do not limit myself to this specific form, as multifarious variations may be made from the illustrated and described shape, without departing from the spirit of my invention, or sacrificing any of its advantages. It will also be understood that I do not confine myself to the use of paper for my tag, as the tag may be formed of tin, or the like; but, on account of cheapness, I prefer paper, the weight of the torpedo being depended upon quickly to carry the device to the ground when thrown from an elevation, as from the window of a building.

The manner of using my device is so obvious as to require no exemplification or explanation. My invention is susceptible of use in a variety of connections, in innumerable exigencies or emergencies, and on countless occasions.

Without limiting myself to the details of construction, or to the material of which any part of my device is made, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters-Patent is:

1. In a device of the character described, a tag, and, attached thereto, a missile-carrying holder formed, at the outer or free end into a cup or cradle.
2. In a device of the character described, a tag, and, attached thereto, a missile-carrying holder, formed, at the outer or free end, into a cup or cradle, and a missile frictionally held by and disposed within the cradle or cup.
3. In a device of the character described, a tag, and a missile-carrying holder attached

thereto and comprising two parts formed of wire, one part attached to the tag and the second part having its shank twisted around the shank of the first part.

5 4. In a device of the character described, a tag, and, attached thereto, a missile-carrying holder formed of wire, and comprising two parts, the shank of one part being twisted
10 around the shank of the other part, and each part formed with a loop or coil at the outer end forming a cradle or cup for the missile.

5. In a device of the character described, a tag bearing a legend or inscription, and, removably connected with the tag, a missile-

carrying holder formed of wire, and comprising two parts, the shank of one part being twisted around the shank of the other part, and each part formed with a loop or coil at the outer end forming a cradle or cup for the missile; and a missile frictionally held by and
20 disposed within the cradle or cup.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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