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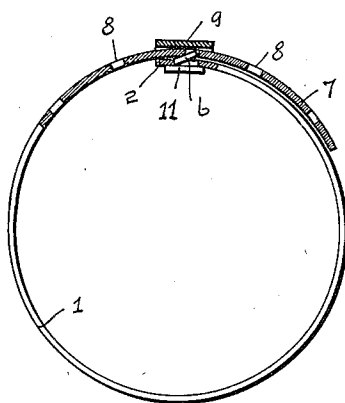


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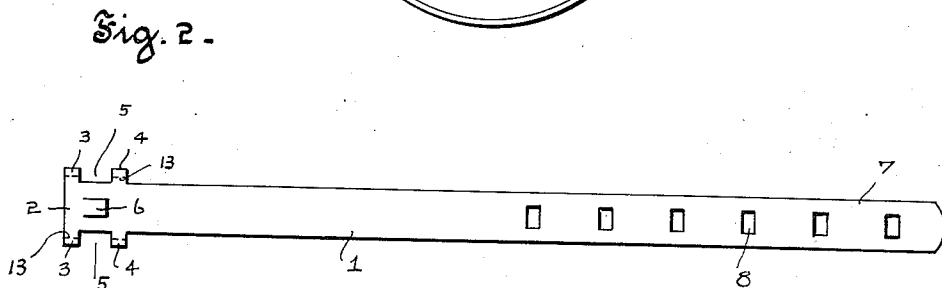


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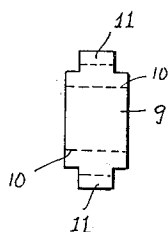


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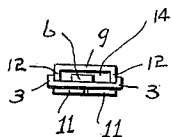
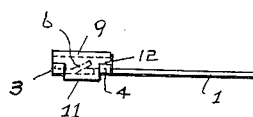


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH B. THOMAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Leg-Band for Fowls, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to leg-bands for fowls and has for its object to provide a band of the kind, bearing marks of identification for fowl and bird, being adapted to encircle legs of varying thickness, and when thus applied, to be so locked in place that the band must be destroyed before permitting its removal from the leg of a fowl or bird; furthermore to provide a leg band having a hidden lock of a simple and inexpensive construction.

The objects of my invention are accomplished as hereinafter described and illustrated in the drawings in which,

Figure 1, is an enlarged side view of my band, showing the lock, and part of the body of the band in section. Fig. 2, is a plan view of the body of the band before the lock guard is assembled therewith. Fig. 3, is a plan view of the lock guard. Fig. 4 is a front view of the band with the guard assembled and Fig. 5, is a partial side elevation of the band showing the band and the lock guard assembled.

The band comprises a body portion 1 of suitable length, width and thickness, being provided at the end 2 with integral lugs 3 and 4, which extending respectively in pairs from opposite sides of the band are separated as to form a gap 5 between them, at each side of the band. 6 designates a spring catch struck up from the body of the band between the pairs of side lugs 3 and 4. The opposite end 7 of the band is provided with a plurality of slots 8 being spaced equidistant and having their length disposed transversely to the length of the band.

The lock-guard comprises a body portion 9 which is folded on line 10 to offset the top from the band body 1 and is provided with side extensions 11 which are of a width adapting their insertion between the respective gaps 5 between the lugs 3 and 4 of the band. In assembling the lock-guard to the

body of the band, the body portion of the band 9 is folded on lines 10 forming side walls 12 which, with the extensions 11 in place between the respective gaps, bear upon and are supported by the extension lugs 3 and 4 of the body of the band 1. When the lock guard is thus formed and placed, the free ends of the respective extensions 11 of the guard are folded inward against the underside of the body of the band 1, the side extensions 11 being preferably of such length as to jointly cover the under face of the band 1 and thereby cover the struck up spot utilized for forming the spring catch 6. The free portions of the respective lugs 3 and 4 are folded on lines 13 against the side walls 12 to secure same in position.

The band 1 with the lock-guard in place and assembled thereto form conjointly a gap 14 into the area of which the spring catch is located, the gap 14 being of an area permitting free insertion of the slotted end of the band.

In use, the band, bearing marks of identification, is bent around the leg of a fowl and the slotted free end of the band is inserted into gap 14 and drawn through said gap to form an encircling band for the leg of a fowl or bird. This drawing-through process of the band is stopped when one of the slots 8 coincides with the catch 6 at a diameter of the band, that results of no injury to the fowl by pressure upon the leg to which the band is applied. The extending free end of the band is preferably cut off.

It will be apparent from the foregoing that I have provided a leg-band for fowls and birds that is adapted to encircle legs of varying thickness, and which band, placed upon the leg of a fowl or bird cannot be removed except by destroying the band and that by making the band body, and the lock body separate and assembling the same as described, a band may be produced at a minimum cost of stock and tools.

What I claim is,

In a leg-band for fowls and birds, the combination of a leg-band body provided at one end with an integral spring catch and with projections arranged in pairs at opposite sides of the band adjacent to said spring

catch, an inclosure for the spring catch comprising a top and side walls the latter being adapted to respectively bear upon the side projections of the band and each side
5 wall having a tongue passing between said pairs of projections and foldable against the body of the band, the band projections being folded against the respective side

walls, said band being provided in the opposite end with a plurality of slots. 10

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 12 day of May, 1914.

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