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Fig. 1.

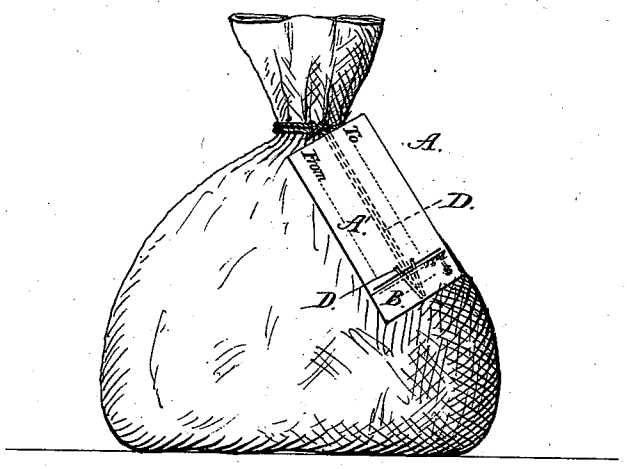


Fig. 2.

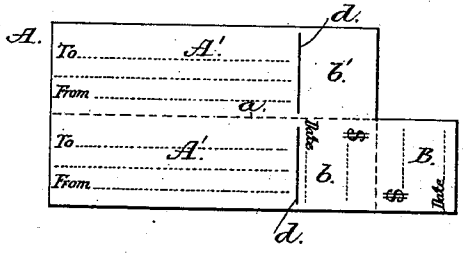
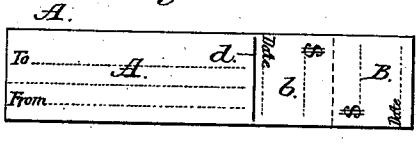


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR A. SPRAGUE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tags for Money-Bags and Similar Packages, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a tag for money-bags and similar packages, and has for its object to produce a tag quickly and conveniently applied to the fastening of valuable packages, whereby the said fastening cannot be detached or loosened without destroying or mutilating the tag.

The invention consists in providing a blank of flexible material having an integral extension at one end, in covering the back with adhesive material, and producing upon the face various duplicate directions, and in the manner of folding said blank upon the fastenings of a package, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a money-bag having the tag attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the tag fully opened out, and Fig. 3 is a plan view of one side of said tag when partially folded.

In carrying out the invention a blank, A, is provided, rectangular in form, and provided at one end with a flap or extension, B, about one-half the width of the body A, as shown in Fig. 2. The blank may be constructed of any pliable material—such as paper, or paper backed with muslin—and the body of the blank is adapted to be folded centrally and longitudinally upon the dotted line *a*, which divides it into two compartments, A'. Upon each side the central dotted line, *a*, three or more parallel lines are drawn longitudinally the body, and the words "To" and "From," or other equivalent words, are printed at the head of the top and bottom lines.

Near the extension end of the body a vertical line, *d*, is drawn, whereby two rectangular spaces, *b b'*, are produced, equal in area to the area of the extension B, and in the space *b'*, aligning the said extension, the dollar-sign may be printed, likewise the word "Date," the same data being oppositely printed upon the extension B.

The back of the entire blank is covered with a coating of suitable adhesive material, such as mucilage.

In operation the cord or tape D is held in any well-known and secure manner to the package, the ends of the said cord or tape being left of a length slightly longer than the greatest length of the blank. The blank, after having had the proper matter written thereon, is dampened upon the under side and folded over upon itself, as shown in Fig. 3, and likewise upon the cords, as shown in Fig. 1, the ends whereof project beyond the ends of the extension. The extension B is now folded over upon the blank space *b'*, the cord being carried with it and securely attached to the body, the ends of the cord projecting slightly beyond the inner end of the extension, as shown also in Fig. 1. Thus the tag is made to securely embrace the ends of the string upon both sides, and the said string cannot be tampered with to open the package without tearing or mutilating the tag. The tag being prepared with the same data upon both sides, the directions are at all times visible.

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

1. The tag for money-bags and similar packages herein described, consisting of a rectangular body adapted to be folded centrally upon itself, and provided with a flap at one end half the width of the body, the back of the flap and body being coated with adhesive material, substantially as shown and described.

2. A blank tag for money-bags and similar packages, consisting of a body, A, divided in two sections by a central longitudinal line, *a*, and two smaller sections, *b b'*, by a vertical line, *d*, the large sections containing duplicate printed matter, the section *b* different printed matter, the section *b'* being blank, and a flap, B, one-half the width of the body, aligning the section *b* and similarly marked, the entire blank covered at the back with an adhesive material, substantially as shown and described.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, a tag for money-bags and similar packages, consisting of a blank having the back covered with adhesive material, the said blank com-

prising a body, A, and flap B, the said body divided into two large compartments, A′, printed in duplicate, by the line *a*, and two smaller end compartments, *b b′*, by the vertical line *d*, the one compartment, *b*, having matter printed therein and the compartment *b′* being blank, the aforesaid flap B, aligning the compartment *b*, having the same matter printed adversely thereon contained in the said compartment *b*, substantially as herein set forth.

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