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TAG FASTENER.

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Fig. 1.

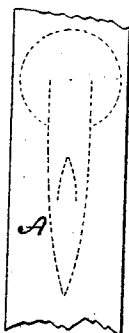


Fig. 2.

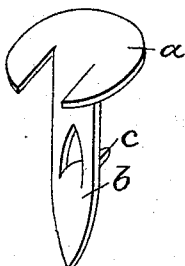


Fig. 3.

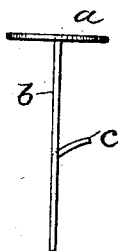
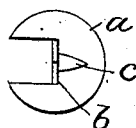


Fig. 4.



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TAG-FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE H. TAYLOR, of Lynn, county of Essex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Tag-Fasteners, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

The object of my invention is the production of a fastener which may readily be inserted into the soft or flexible article upon which the tag is to be applied, and which will be self-retaining.

My invention consists, essentially, in a tag-fastener composed of flattened or sheet metal cut to form a head and shank, the latter being provided with a barb punched through from the shank, the shank being turned down from the head, all as shown.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a piece of metal, the dotted lines representing the lines in which it will be cut for the production of one of my improved fasteners; Fig. 2, a perspective view of a completed fastener; Fig. 3, a side elevation; and Fig. 4, an under side view of Fig. 2, all the said figures being enlarged.

A sheet or strip of flattened metal, A, will be cut by a punch and die in the lines represented in Fig. 1 to form a blank for the production of a fastener. The fastener so produced has a head, a, and a pointed shank, b,

bent substantially at right angles to the said head and integral therewith. A part of the shank is struck or cut to form a prong, c, which will catch the soft material into which the shank is forced and prevent the same from dropping out.

The metal forming the shank, instead of being bent at right angles from the periphery of the head, is bent down from the head at or near the center of the latter, the two slots made into the head-forming portion of the blank from its periphery substantially to its center enabling the shank to occupy a nearly central position with relation to the head.

I do not broadly claim a barbed fastener.

I claim—

The herein-described tag-fastener, cut from metal and composed of the head portion and shank, the shank being cut into and bent down from within the periphery of the head, and being provided with a barb struck through from and made integral with the shank and pointed toward the head, as shown and described.

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

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