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Fig. 1.

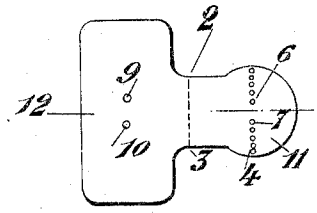


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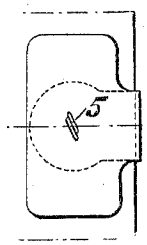


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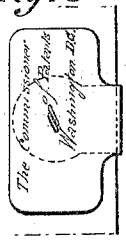


Fig. 3.



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SAFETY-SEAL FOR NEWSPAPERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGÈNE CIRJEAN, manufacturer, a citizen of the Republic of France, and a resident of 31 Rue St. Georges, Paris, France, have invented a Safety-Seal for Newspapers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to new safety devices used for sealing newspapers, pamphlets, magazines, books, and the like in order to prevent the intermediate agents from returning to the administrations, printers, or publishers as unsold the papers, pamphlets, magazines, or books which have been already opened and read by people to whom they were originally sold, and, further, to prevent their resale.

These devices essentially consist of a small strip of any shape and any suitable metal or of paper, parchment, cardboard, leather, cloth, celluloid, or any other material which can be either torn or broken or even distorted. This strip is folded up in order to fasten or secure the leaves of the newspapers, pamphlets, magazines, or books. According to this arrangement any person wishing to open the paper, book, or the like must tear the paper bound under the seal or tear or break the latter. If the seal or seals are no longer inviolate, the said papers, pamphlets, or magazines cannot be returned as unsold.

The seal (shown as being unfolded, Fig. 1, and secured in position, Figs. 2, 3, 4, and 5) is fastened upon the publication by means of a clip of metal wire. It consists of a strip *a a* of paper having the shape shown in Fig. 1 or of any other suitable material and size, this seal being folded according to line 2 3 in order to turn both parts *a a* down upon each of the two faces of the publication. One of these parts is provided near its end with a perforated line 4, interrupted in the middle by a full part of the same width as the metal staple 5, the latter consisting of a metal wire bent twice, so that the parallel arms thereof will be at a suitable distance from another to pass through the holes 6 and 7, limiting the central full part amidst the perforated line. An oblong notch 8 of suitable size has been formed at a suitable distance from the edge of the publication in view of the passage of staple 5. The two arms of the staple entering the holes 6 and 7 are let into the notch or recess 8 and pass through the other portion of the seal provided with two holes 9 and 10 at the same distance as the holes 6 and 7. The free ends thereof are then brought down upon the said face. In order to remove the seal when it is desired to open the book, it is only necessary to tear off by following the perforated line. The part of the strip and the staple being no longer maintained upon this side can be easily removed from the other side with the seal itself.

For the purpose of utilizing the seal as a wrapper for sending I give to one of its ends, preferably the end 12, the required width to allow to easily write thereon the address of the person to whom the paper or the like is sent and also a rectangular or any other appropriate shape. Fig. 5 shows a seal applied and used in this manner.

I claim—

1. The combination of a newspaper having a hole in it, and a safety-seal therefor, consisting of a strip of paper folded on the two faces of said newspaper, a metallic staple connecting the two opposing parts of said paper strip, and passing through said hole in said newspaper, substantially as described.

2. The combination of a newspaper having a hole in it, and a safety-seal therefor, consisting of a strip of paper folded on the two faces of said newspaper, a metallic staple connecting the two opposing parts of said paper strip, and passing through said hole in said newspaper, and a series of transverse holes within one bent part of the said paper strip, substantially as described.

3. The combination of a newspaper having a hole in it, and a safety-seal therefor consisting of a strip of paper folded on the two faces of said newspaper, a metallic staple connecting the two opposing parts of said paper strip, and passing through said hole in said newspaper, one part of said strip being of a form such that a name and address may be written on it, while the other has a series of transverse holes, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

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