

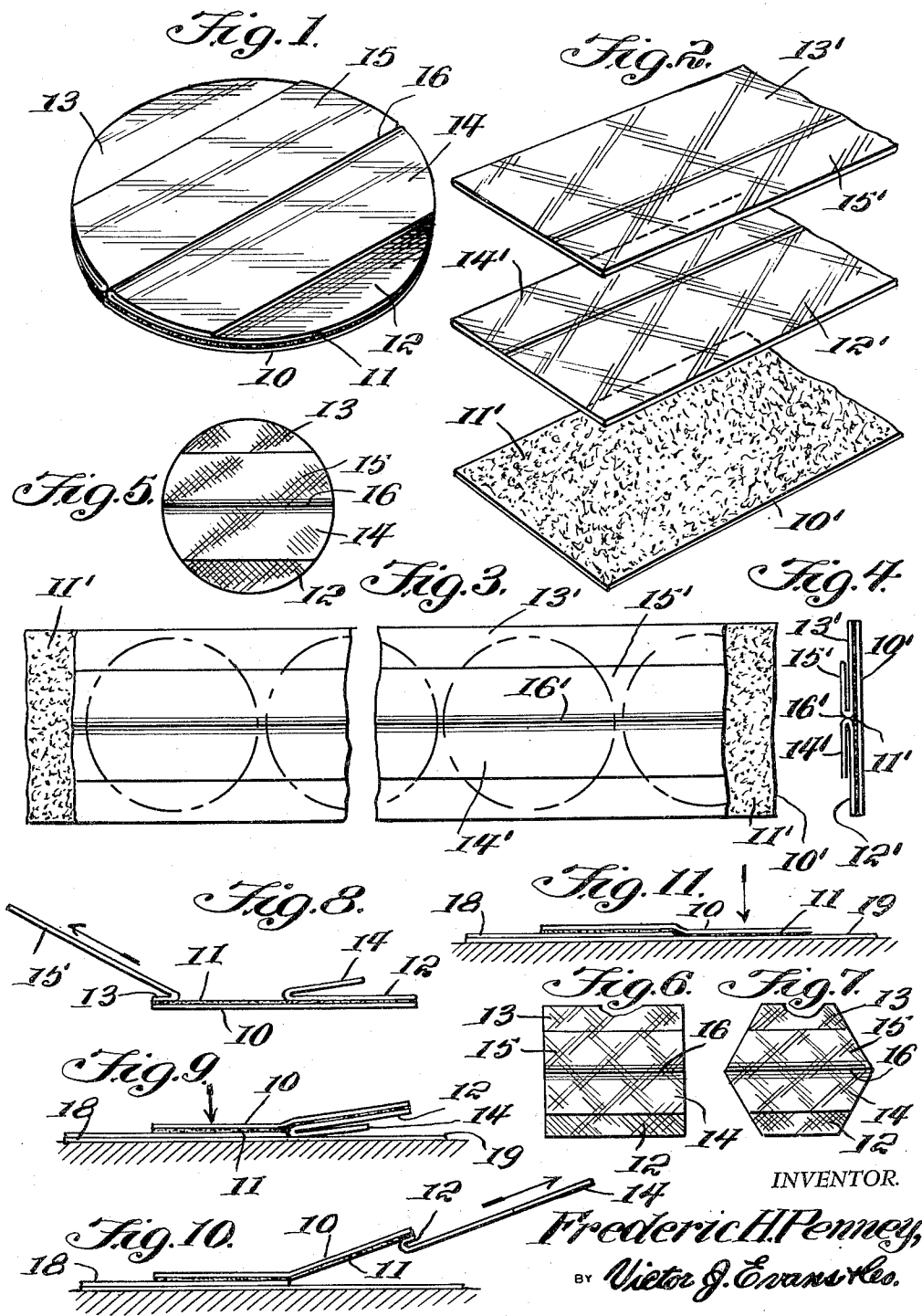
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The present invention relates to adhesive tabs and the method of making and applying the same and it consists in the combinations, constructions and arrangements of parts herein described and claimed.

Generally, the invention contemplates the provision of an adhesive tab having its tacky side normally covered with a pair of cover pieces each provided with an integral handle portion. The tabs may be used as substitutes for metal paper clips, as a substitute for thumb tacks or staples for drafting paper, for the attachment of flyers and inserts to letters, for price tags, labels, stamp album hinges, advertising stickers and for many other purposes.

Accordingly, it is an object of the invention to provide a novel construction in an adhesive tab.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a novel method of manufacturing such tabs in quantity production.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a novel method of application of adhesive tabs to the materials to be connected.

Other and further objects of the invention will become apparent from a reading of the following specification taken in conjunction with the drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a completely assembled adhesive tab made in accordance with the provisions of the invention.

Figure 2 is an exploded view showing the various parts of the invention before assembly.

Figure 3 is a plan view, partly broken away, showing one stage of the assembly of the invention.

Figure 4 is a end elevational view of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a plan view of a completed tab.

Figures 6 and 7 are views similar to Figure 5 but showing other shapes the tabs may take, and

Figures 8 to 11, inclusive, show graphically, in elevation, the method of application of a tab to a pair of sheets of material to be connected thereby.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, there is shown therein an adhesive tab comprising a material engaging member 10 having a coating 11 of a tacky gelatinous adhesive known in the trade as a pressure sensitive adhesive compound and to the tacky side of which is removably affixed a pair of covers 12 and 13 having integral folded handle portions 14 and 15, respectively, the edges of the folds being contiguous as indicated at 16 to completely cover the member 10.

The method of assembly is as follows: A strip of material 10' which may be of paper, imitation leather, cellophane or any other thin flexible material is provided with a pressure adhesive coating 11'. Over one-half of the area of the strip 10' is longitudinally placed a strip 12' of

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cover material which may be of leather, cloth, paper, cardboard, plastic or other like material and a portion 14' is folded back upon itself. A like piece of material 13' is placed longitudinally upon the remaining half of the strip 10' and a portion 15' of the same folded back upon itself. These operations are preferably completed by a strip folding machine. The complete assembly may then be punched out as indicated by the dotted lines 17 to form the tab as shown in Figures 1 to 5 but may, of course, be punched in many other shapes as, for example, those shown in Figures 6 and 7.

The method of application of these tabs is illustrated in Figures 8 to 11, inclusive, wherein, for example, it is desired to fasten a sheet 18 to a sheet 19. The handle portion 15 of the cover 13 is grasped by the fingers of one hand and pulled so as to remove the cover from the material engaging member 10 thus exposing the adhesive 11. The tab is now placed upon the sheets 18 and 19 in such manner that the exposed portion of the member 10 lies upon the sheet 18. The handle 14 is then pulled and the cover 12 removed, as shown in Figure 10, and the remainder of the member 10 pressed against the sheet 19, as indicated in Figure 11.

While but one form of the invention has been shown and described herein, it will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art that many minor modifications may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

1. An adhesive tab comprising a material engaging member, a coating of pressure sensitive adhesive upon one side of said member, a pair of covers detachably mounted upon one side of said member and an integrally formed handle portion for each of the covers, each of said handle portions being provided by a fold in the cover and the edges of the folds being immediately contiguous to completely cover the adhesive and the member.

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