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SHIPPING TAG.

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FIG. 1.

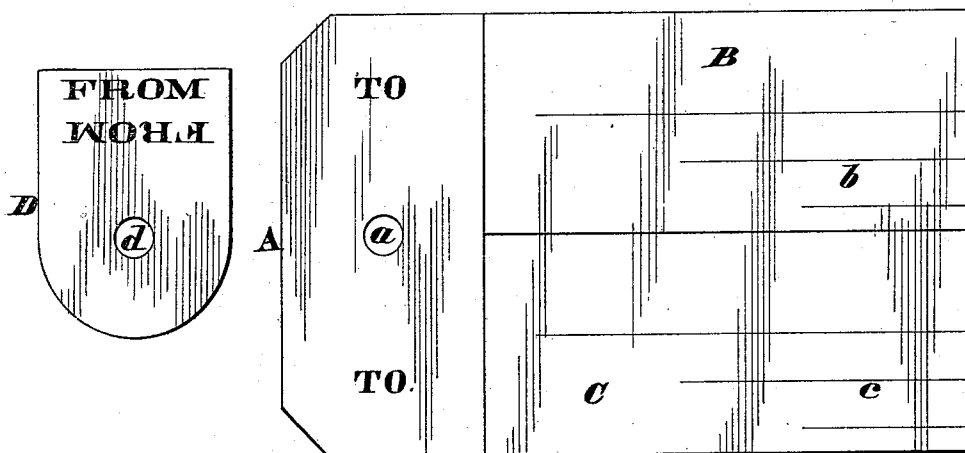


FIG. 2.

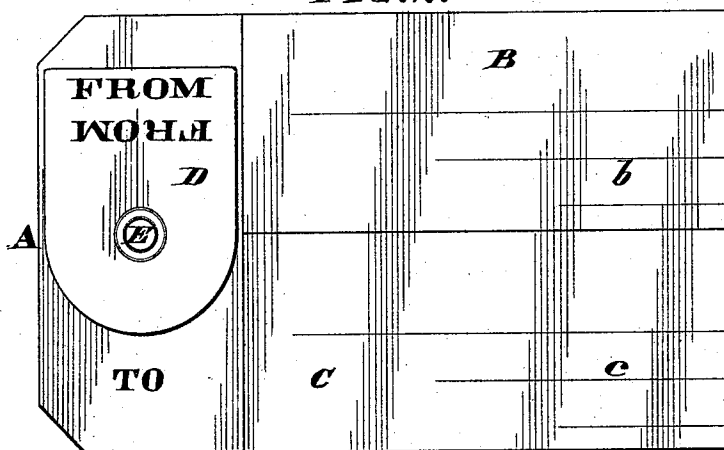
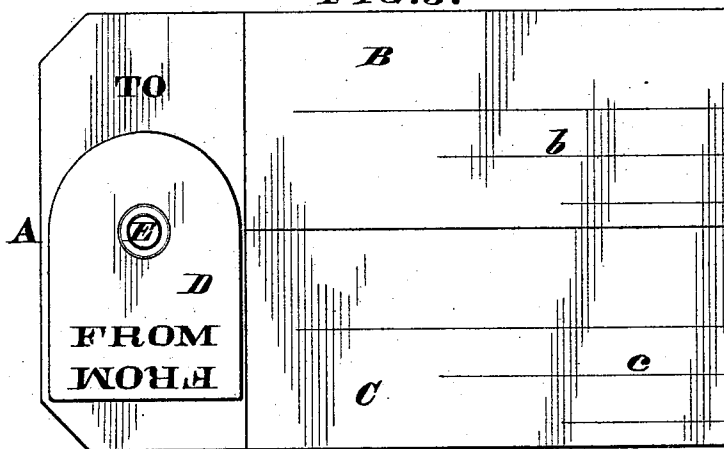


FIG. 3.



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SHIPPING-TAG.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. EDWARDS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shipping-Tags, of which the following is a specification.

This is an improvement on the peculiarly-constructed shipping-tag for which I filed an application in the United States Patent Office December 1, 1882. In the present case the head of the tag, card, or label has pivoted to it a supplementary tag or card, near the free end of which is printed or otherwise inscribed the words "From" "From," arranged in an inverted manner with reference to each other, said head having inscribed upon it the words "To" "To," disposed respectively in line with the address of the consignor and consignee. When this supplementary tag is in a certain position it indicates from whom the box or other receptacle is shipped and where it is to be delivered; but by simply swinging this tag around to an opposite position the address then shows that the empty box is to be returned to the consignor, as hereinafter more fully described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a plan showing the two members of my tag detached from each other. Fig. 2 is a plan of the complete device, the supplementary tag being set to indicate from whom the box is sent and where it is to be delivered. Fig. 3 is another plan, but showing the supplementary tag shifted to indicate that the "empty" is to be returned to the consignor.

The main label, card, or tag, which may be made of any suitable material, includes the head A and two tablets or spaces, B C, said head being pierced at *a* to admit an eyelet or other pivot, E. Furthermore, these spaces B C are ruled respectively at *b c*, to indicate where the addresses of the consignor and consignee are to be written; but when a great number of the tags are to be used the proper directions may either be printed, stenciled, or otherwise portrayed on these spaces. Printed on the head A, and practically in line with the spaces B C, are the words "To" "To," arranged to be read without turning the tag around.

D represents the supplementary card, label, or tag, which has near one end an opening, *d*, to admit the eyelet E, wherewith this supplementary device is coupled to the head A of the main tag, as seen in Figs. 2 and 3. The free

end of supplementary tag D has printed on it the words "From" "From," arranged in an inverted manner with reference to each other, said tag being of such a length as to conceal one of the words "To" when coupled to the main tag and turned directly across its head A. This supplementary tag having been properly applied to the head A, and it being desired to ship a box from the party whose address appears on the space B to the party indicated on the other space, C, said tag D is disposed transversely of head A, as seen in Fig. 2, and is then secured in this position with a tack or otherwise. The tag now shows clearly from whom the box is sent and to whom it is to be delivered, the inner word "From" of the tag D being inverted, and therefore not liable to be read and cause confusion; but when the box or other "empty" is to be returned to the consignor the supplementary tag D is swung around to an opposite position, as seen in Fig. 3, in which reversed position of said tag the outer word "From" ceases to be conspicuous on account of being inverted. It will thus be seen that the simple provision of the coupled supplementary tag D enables one main tag to be used for an indefinite period of time, provided the box is sent back and forth by the same parties.

When the device is to be attached to bags, &c., the head A can be notched in line with the eyelet E, and the opposite edges of tag D can be similarly notched to allow the fastening-cord to be tied therein for the purpose of preventing accidental shifting of said supplementary tag D. Finally, instead of the words "From" "From" and "To" "To," the card or tag may have inscribed upon it other words or characters or symbols capable of conveying similar instructions.

I claim as my invention—

A shipping card, label, or tag having spaces B C for the address of the consignor and consignee, and a head, A, inscribed with the words "To" "To," disposed as herein stated, said head having coupled to it the supplementary tag D, whose free end has portrayed upon it the words "From" "From," arranged in an inverted manner with reference to each other, for the purpose explained.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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