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FIG 1

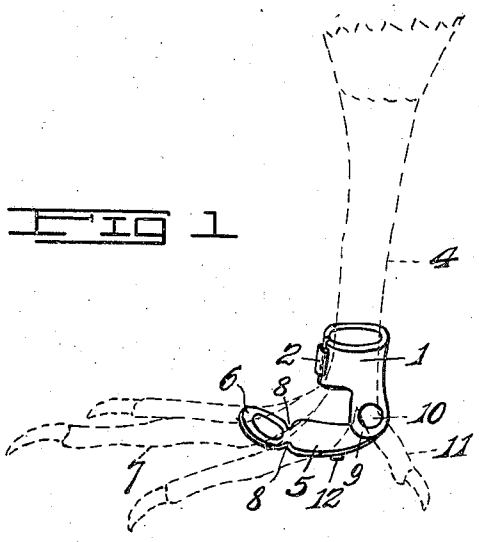
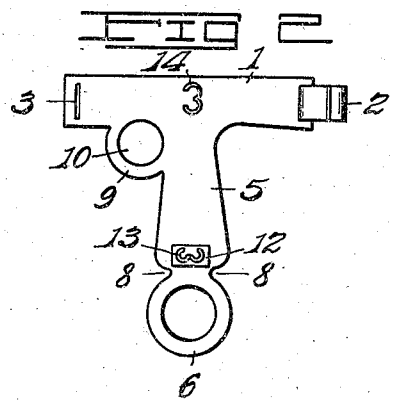


FIG 2



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FOWL-IDENTIFICATION DEVICE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. KISNER, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Watson, county of Marion, and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fowl-Identification Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates broadly to fowl markers, and more specifically to an imprinting pad for the feet of domestic fowls.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a pad for attachment to the feet of domestic fowls which not only serves to carry a designating number or character by means of which such fowls may be identified, but also affords means whereby an imprint of such designating character may be applied to a strip of paper as such fowl leaves the nest, thereby to enable an attendant to maintain a record of the fowls which have occupied the nest.

A further object is to provide a device of the character mentioned which has a form that insures its being at all times held properly in place on the foot of a fowl to which it is attached.

In describing the invention in detail, reference is herein had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention, illustrating its application; and—

Figure 2 is an enlarged plan view of the same in its blank, or open, form.

The entire device which constitutes the present invention, except the clasp by means of which it is secured in place and the imprinting character, is made of a single piece of flexible sheet fabric, preferably rubber; and it comprises a band or anklet 1 carrying at one end a readily bendable attaching hook or clasp 2 adapted to be engaged with a slot 3 provided at the opposite end, whereby said anklet is securely fastened in place about a fowl's leg, indicated in dotted lines at 4, Fig. 1.

Extending downward from the anklet 1 is a tongue-like member 5 which terminates in a ring portion 6. Said member 5, which constitutes a pad for underlying the foot of a fowl, is designed to be directed forward beneath the foot and to be held in place by the middle forwardly directed toe of said foot, indicated in dotted lines at 7 in Fig. 1, said ring portion 6 being turned or inclined upward and having said toe directed therethrough. Notches 8 may be provided in the opposite lateral edges of the pad 5 adjacent to the ring 6 for facilitating the more or less abrupt flexure necessitated in inclining the ring with respect to the adjacent portion of said pad.

The device is further secured or anchored in place by the provision at one side of the base of the tongue-like pad 5 of an ear or lug 9 having an eye 10 through which the hind toe 11 is directed.

Suitably mounted upon the under face of the pad, preferably at a point wherein it will directly underlie the ball of the foot to which the device is attached, is an imprinting device comprising a base 12 carrying in relief thereon a rubber type number or character, as shown at 13.

It is contemplated that the device hereinbefore described shall be employed for imprinting upon a strip of paper the character 13 borne by the pad 5, it being designed that an inking pad and such strip of paper shall be appropriately located to be successively stepped upon by the fowl as the latter departs from a nest, as is disclosed in my companion application, Serial No. 558,327.

A character 14 corresponding with the character 13 may be borne by the anklet for admitting of ready identification of the fowl.

What is claimed is—

1. A fowl identification device comprising an anklet, a tongue-like pad depending from said anklet for underlying the foot of the fowl, means for attaching the end of said pad to the foot, and an imprinting character carried by said pad.

2. A fowl identification device comprising an anklet, a tongue-like pad depending from said anklet for underlying the foot of the fowl, said pad having a ring-like terminal through which a toe of the foot is directed, and an imprinting character borne on the under face of said pad.

3. A fowl identification device comprising an anklet, a tongue-like pad depending from said anklet, for underlying the foot of the fowl, said pad having a ring-like terminal through which a forwardly-extending toe of the foot is directed, an apertured lug

disposed for having the hind toe directed therethrough, and an imprinting character carried by said pad.

4. A fowl identification device comprising an anklet of flexible material, a clasp for securing said anklet in place, an integral tongue depending from the rear portion of said anklet and having a ring-like terminal, said tongue being adapted to form a pad for the foot of the fowl, and to have a toe of such foot directed through said terminal, and an imprinting character borne by said tongue.

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

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