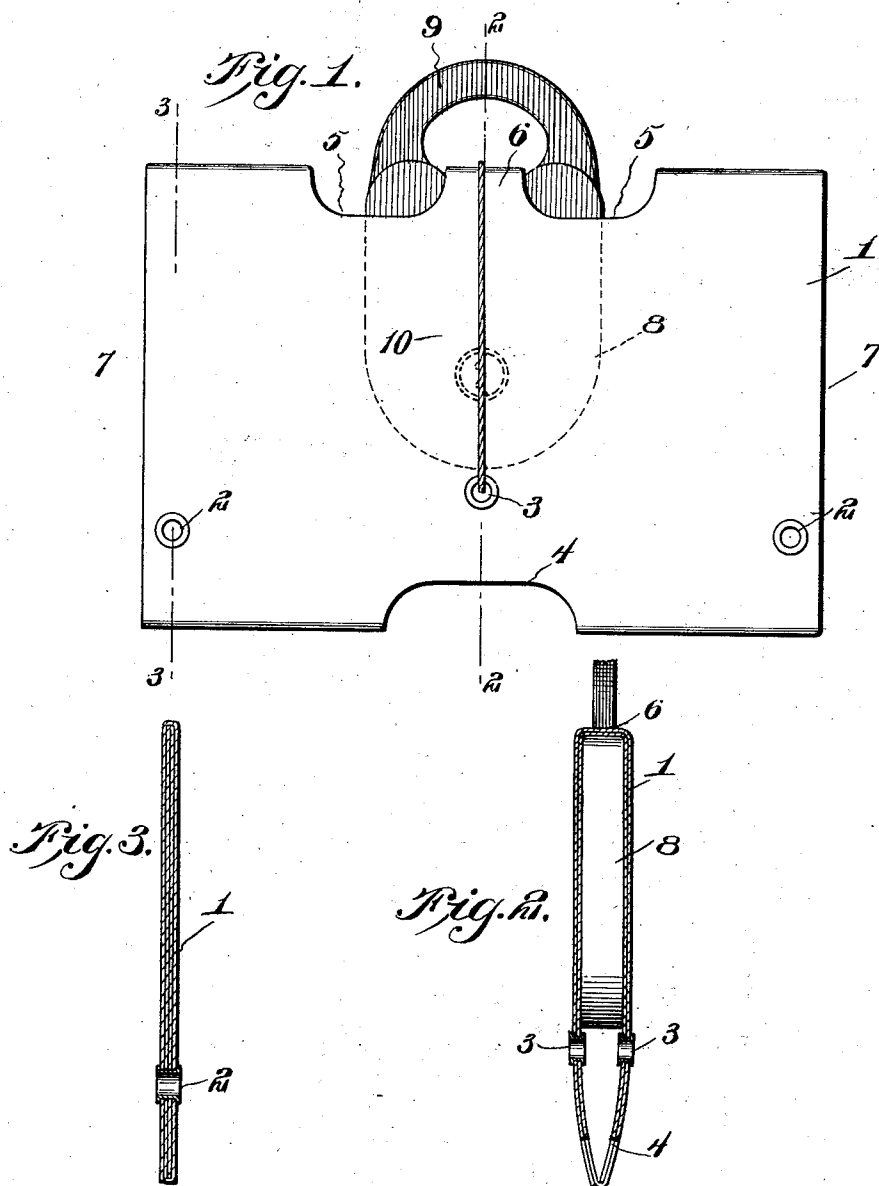


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES A. DAUGHERTY, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combined Tags and Seals, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combined tags and seals, and one of the principal objects of the same is to provide a tag to be secured to a shipping crate or to the doors of a freight car by means of a padlock connected to the tag in a manner to prevent the lock from being released or unlocked without mutilating the tag and seal.

Another object of the invention is to provide means within which to inclose a padlock so that its keyhole is not accessible excepting through the tag, and hence will prevent the lock from being unlocked except upon mutilation of the tag and seal.

These and other objects may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a combined tag and seal made in accordance with my invention, and showing a padlock inclosed within the seal, and locked therein. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view on the line 2-2, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a similar section on the line 3-3, Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawing for a more particular description of my invention, the numeral 1 designates the combined tag and seal, which may consist of a sheet of paper or other suitable material bent upon itself to form one or more thicknesses at the front and back of the tag and seal, the front portion being utilized to give the address of the party to whom the goods are shipped, and the reverse side of the tag containing certain conditions or other suitable information. The layers of the paper or other suitable material are held together by means of eyelets 2 near each end and a centrally disposed eyelet 3. The eyelets 2 pass through all of the thicknesses of the material, while the eyelets 3 may extend through each half or layer forming the tag and seal, as shown more particularly in Fig. 2. At the lower edge of the tag a recess 4 is formed by removing a portion of the material at that point to form an outlet for rain or snow, while at the upper edge two recesses 5 are formed by cutting away the material and leaving a central pro-

jecting portion 6. The ends 7 of the tag and seal are left open in order that a padlock of any suitable construction may be inserted between the two layers forming the front and back of the tag and seal. The padlock 8, after the bail 9 has been unlocked is inserted through one of the ends between the two layers forming the tag, and the free end of the bail is passed through one of the recesses 5 and positioned to straddle or span the projection 6. When the bail 9 has been engaged with a staple on the car doors or upon a box or crate, the bail is pushed down into the padlock and locked by means of a spring in the lock. In this condition the keyhole of the lock 8 is inaccessible without mutilating the tag and seal. As a provision for further safety a cord or string 10 may be passed through the eyelets 3 and around the lock and its ends secured together in any suitable manner.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that a combined tag and seal made in accordance with my invention will effectually prevent unauthorized persons from tampering with the lock without discovery.

The device may be manufactured at slight cost, can be quickly attached, and will be found very efficient for its purpose.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. A combined tag and seal comprising layers of sheet material secured together near the outer ends thereof and provided with recesses cut from the body of the blank, and provided with a projection between said recesses, the ends of the tag and seal being open, substantially as described.

2. A combined seal and tag consisting of a front and back portion having open ends, a projection upon one edge and recesses at opposite sides of said projection.

3. A combined tag and seal for padlocks comprising a front and back portion, open ends, a projecting portion provided with oppositely disposed recesses, and a cord passing through an eyelet, and adapted to go around the seal and padlock, substantially as described.

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

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