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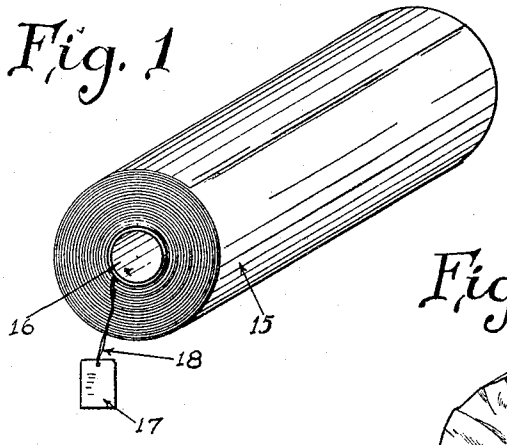


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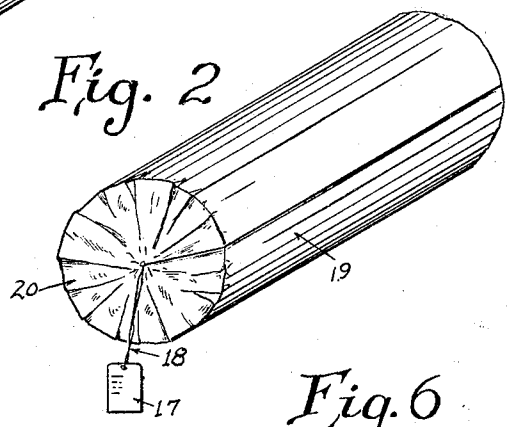


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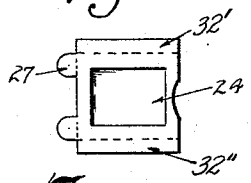


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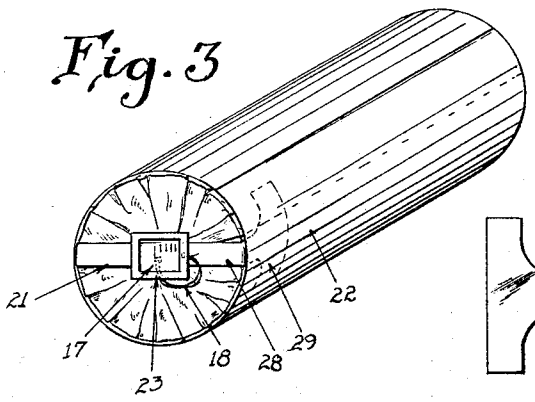


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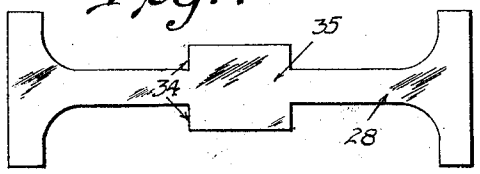


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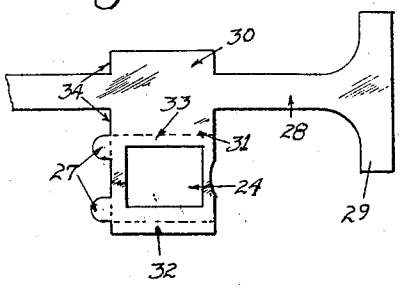
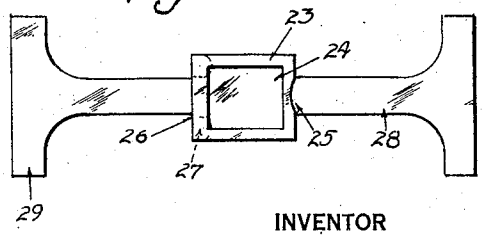


Fig. 4



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Fig. 8

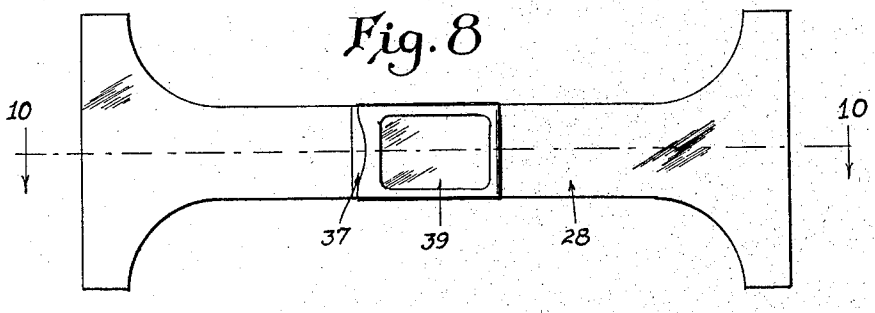


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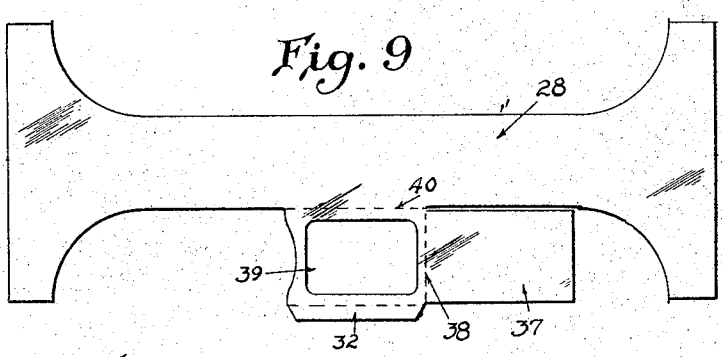


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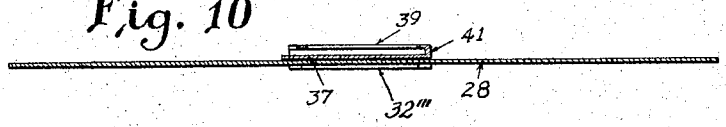
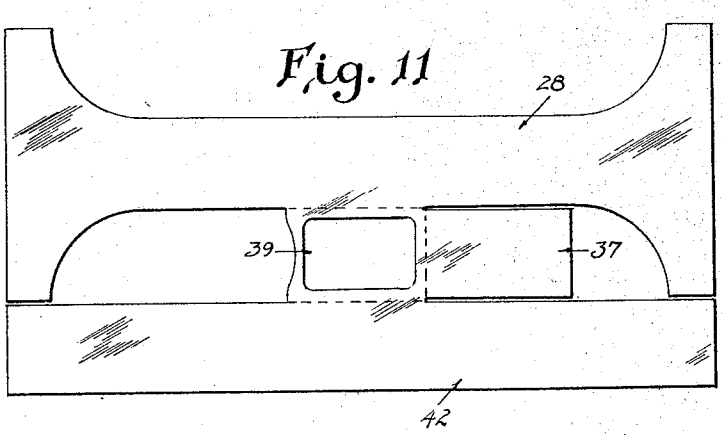


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This invention relates to a card holder and more particularly to a holder for a tag or label to be applied to a roll of textile fabric, such as silk, cotton and the like for indicating certain data concerning the material, such as price, order number, quality etc.

It is the present practice in the textile industry, particularly in the silk industry, to prepare the fabrics for retail distribution, by rolling the same on a hollow rigid tube, to form a bolt, and to identify each particular roll by a tag or label depending from a cord attached to the end of the roll. The rolls are wrapped in an inner covering of paper which is folded over the end of the roll and this in turn is wrapped in an outer covering which does not extend across the end of the roll.

The tags or labels contain information for the retailer, such as the order number and a space for a record of cuts made from the roll and therefore, it must remain attached to the roll after the wrappings have been removed. It also contains identifying data utilized by the wholesale merchant or manufacturer as an aid in filling orders. It is essential, therefore, that the label be available for inspection, while the inner and outer wrappings are still around the bolt. This may be accomplished by extending the cord, to which the label is attached, through the wrapping extending over the end of the roll and permitting the card to dangle from the end of the wrapped roll of material. In as much as these dangling cards are troublesome, becoming entangled with each other when two rolls are placed adjacent each other, it is the customary practice to tuck the cards in between the inner and outer wrappers, from which position they may be removed for inspection, when required.

The rolls of fabric material are piled on shelves in the wholesale or manufacturing establishment, with the ends carrying the tags, foremost, and when it is necessary to fill an order, the order clerk goes along the row of shelves and examines the tags until the proper roll is located. This necessitates that each card be removed from between the inner and outer wrappers, inspected and replaced. This procedure is time consuming and bothersome.

It is one of the objects of my invention, therefore, to provide a card holder which may be readily attached to the wrapping of the roll or package and which will support the card or tag in a position adjacent the end of the roll, with the identifying data thereon exposed.

Another object is to produce a tag or card holder for rolled fabrics or similar material, which is inexpensive, which may be easily applied to the roll and which presents a neat appearance.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and appended claims.

In accordance with my invention I employ a tag or label which is secured to the inner tube or core of the roll by a cord which extends through the inner wrapping in the customary way. I then provide a card holder consisting of an open-faced envelope or card receptacle secured to a band or strap of paper, cloth or other relatively tough and durable material. The card holder is applied to the roll after the inner wrapping has been put on, with the card receptacle positioned substantially centrally of the end of the roll and the band extending across the end of the roll and along each side thereof a short distance. The outer wrapping may then be applied and serves to hold the card holder in place. The card may be inserted in the envelope with the identifying data visible through the window of the envelope.

Obviously, other means of attaching the card holder to the roll may be employed, such as an adhesive material.

In order that the invention may be more fully understood, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a roll of material before the wrapping has been applied;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the roll after the inner wrapping only has been applied;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the roll

with the inner and outer wrappings applied and embodying my invention;

Figure 4 is a view of one form of my card holder unattached from the roll;

Figure 5 is a view of the blank from which the card holder of Figure 4 may be produced;

Figures 6 and 7 are views of a different form of blanks from which the card holder may be produced;

Figure 8 is a view of a modified form of card holder;

Figure 9 is a view of a blank from which the card holder of Figure 8 may be constructed;

Figure 10 is a sectional view on the line 10—10 of Figure 8; and

Figure 11 is a view of a modified form of blank from which the card holder shown in Figure 8 may be produced.

Referring first to Figure 1, I have shown a roll of textile fabric 15 which is wound upon a central rigid tube 16 of any suitable material, such as cardboard. A tag or label 17 is permanently secured to the end of the tube 16 by a cord 18. The card 17 contains information individual to the particular roll, such as the order number, price, quality, etc.

The roll 15 is first wrapped in an outer covering 19 of paper which is folded over the ends of the roll, as at 20, to cover and protect the ends. The cord 18 is extended through the wrapping with the card 17 exteriorly thereof.

The card holder 21, which forms the subject matter of the present invention, is next applied to the end of the roll prior to wrapping the roll in its outer covering 22. The outer covering 22 preferably consists of heavy paper.

The card holder comprises an open-faced envelope or card receptacle 23 having a window 24 therein. One end 25 of the envelope is open and the opposite end 26 is partially closed by a pair of tabs 27. The envelope is secured to or formed integrally with a band or strap 28, medially thereof, and the ends of the band 28 are flared or widened at 29.

In Figure 5 I have shown one form of blank from which the card holder may be produced. The band 28, at its midsection, has transversely extending portions 30 and 31. The part 31 has the window opening 24 therein, the tabs 27 thereon, and a tab 32. The envelope is formed, as will be obvious, by folding the part 31 along the dotted line 33, onto the part 30, the tab 32 being bent around the outer edge of the part 30 and glued to the back side thereof. Likewise, the tabs 27 are bent around the edges 34 and glued to the back side thereof. As stated before, the tabs 27 serve to partially close one end of the envelope, the opposite end being open to permit the card to be inserted.

The card holder is applied substantially centrally of the end of the roll, with the flared ends 29 of the band 28 bent over the sides of the roll, prior to the applying of the outer wrapping 22 to the roll, so that the ends 29 are held firmly in place by the outer wrapping. The card 17 which is still secured to the tube 16, by the cord 18, is then placed in the envelope with the identifying data visible through the open window 24.

Figures 6 and 7 show another form of blank in which the window portion of the envelope is made separate from the back portion thereof. This results in economy of paper, permitting a greater number of card holders to be cut from a sheet of definite size. The tabs 32′ and 32″ of the window portion, are bent around the edges of the central part 35 of the band and the tabs 27 are bent around the edges 34 and glued to the back of the central part of the band.

With the form of card holder shown in Figure 4 some difficulty has been experienced with the portion of the envelope extending beyond the band 28 catching on various objects during handling of the rolls, and tearing or mutilating the band at the juncture of the envelope therewith. To avoid this difficulty, I have shown a modification, in Figure 8, in which the band 28 is made of substantially the same width as the envelope.

As shown in Figure 9, the blank from which this form is produced, is somewhat different from that shown in Figures 5, 6 and 7. In the blank shown in Figure 9, a flap 37 is provided, having a width equal to the width of the envelope. This flap is folded along the line 38 over the open faced portion 39 of the envelope after which the portion 39 is folded along the line 40 onto the band 28, which is of a width at least equal to that of the envelope. The tab 32‴ is then bent around behind the band and glued to the back side thereof. The flap 37 may be glued down to the face of the band 28, if desired, but this is not necessary. The flap 37 forms an end closure 41 for the envelope.

In Figure 11 I have shown a form which requires no gluing whatsoever. The blank is similar to that of Figure 9 except that in place of the small tab 32, I have provided a flap 42 which is of substantially the full length of the band 28. The flap 42 folds around the back of the band 28 and is held in position by the band 28 when the device is applied to the end of the roll.

It is obvious that the device may take a variety of other forms, and that many changes may be made therein without departing from the invention, and therefore, I do not desire to be limited to the exact details shown and described except in accordance with the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. In combination, a roll of fabric, having an outer wrapper, a strip of flexible material extending across the end of such roll and

having its ends disposed beneath said wrapper, and means medial of said strip for supporting a card in a visible position.

2. A card holder for rolled fabrics having an inner wrapper extending over the ends of said roll and an outer wrapper extending over the sides only of said roll, comprising a strip of flexible material extending across one end of the roll over said inner wrapping, and having its ends disposed between the inner and outer wrappers, and means on said strip for supporting a card at the end of said roll with a portion thereof exposed.

3. In combination, a roll of fabric having an outer wrapper, a strip of flexible material extending across the end of such roll and having its ends disposed beneath said wrapper, and an open-faced envelope arranged medially of said strip for supporting a card in a visible position.

4. A card holder for rolled fabrics having an inner wrapper extending over the ends of said roll and an outer wrapper extending over the sides only of said roll, comprising a strip of flexible material extending across one end of the roll over said inner wrapper, and having its ends disposed between the inner and outer wrappers, and an open-faced envelope arranged on said strip for supporting a card at the end of said roll with a substantial portion thereof exposed.

5. The combination of a rigid core, a fabric wound thereon to form a roll, an inner wrapper thereon extending over the ends of said roll, a tag exterior of said wrapper, means extending through said wrapper for securing said tag to said core, an outer wrapper extending over the sides only of said roll, a band extending across the end of the roll over said inner wrapper and held in position by said outer wrapper, and an envelope carried by said band adapted to support said tag with a portion thereof exposed.

6. A card holder comprising a strap adapted to be supported in definite position by its ends, and an open-faced envelope arranged medially of said strap, said envelope being formed integrally with said strap and comprising a lateral extension of the strap having an open-faced portion folded against said strap, said open-faced portion having an extension at one end folded upon the open-faced portion intermediate the same and the strap, to form an end closure for the envelope, and means extending around the back of the strap to hold the open-faced portion in position against said strap.

7. A card holder comprising a strap adapted to be supported in definite position by its ends, and an open-faced envelope arranged medially of said strap, said envelope being formed integrally with said strap and comprising a lateral extension of the strap having an open-faced portion folded against said strap and a portion extending beyond said open-faced portion, folded around the back of said strap, to hold the open-faced portion against the strap, said strap beyond the ends of the envelope being of a width at least as great as the width of the envelope.

8. A card holder comprising a strap adapted to be supported in definite position by its ends, and an open-faced envelope arranged medially of said strap, said envelope being formed integrally with said strap and comprising a lateral extension of the strap having an open-faced portion folded against said strap, said open-faced portion having an extension at one side folded around the back of the strap, to hold the open-faced portion against the strap, said extension being of a size commensurate to the size of the strap whereby it is held in position against the back thereof by the strap, when the card holder is applied to a package or article.

9. A card holder for rolled fabrics having an inner wrapper extending over the ends of the roll and an outer wrapper extending over the sides only of the roll, comprising a strip of flexible material extending across one end of the roll over said inner wrapper and having its ends disposed beneath said outer wrapper, and an open-faced envelope arranged on said strip for supporting a card at the end of the roll with a portion thereof exposed, said envelope being formed integrally with said strip and comprising a lateral extension of the strip having an open-faced portion folded against said strip, said open-faced portion having an extension folded around the back of the strip, to hold the open-faced portion against the strip.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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