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SHIPPING TAG

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Fig. 1.

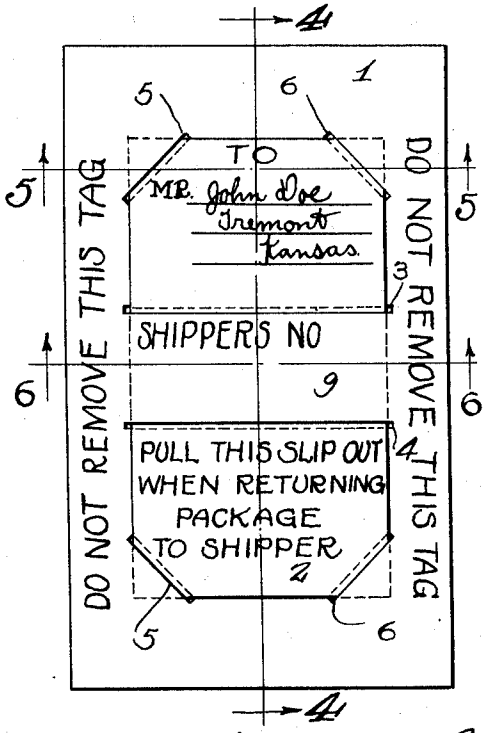


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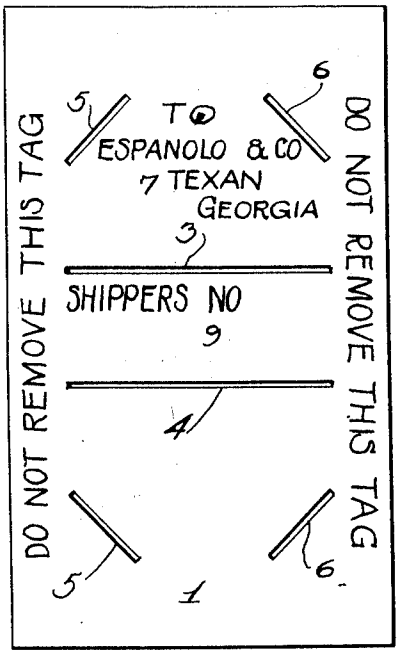


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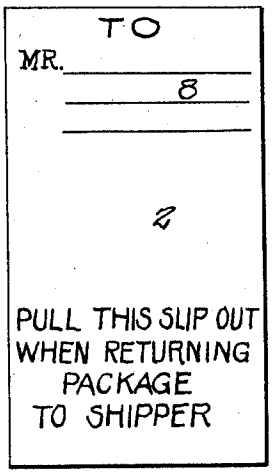


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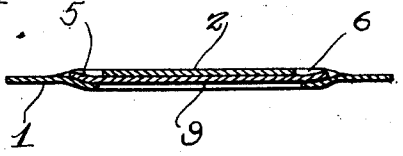
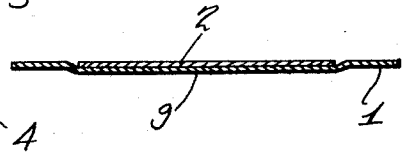


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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in shipping tags to be attached to containers or other articles of merchandise, or anything to be shipped, or sent by mail or otherwise, and is designed more particularly as an improvement upon that general class of tags or the like designed to be used as a return receipt for the goods sent, so that the shipper may have positive evidence of the safe receipt of the goods and also the date of receipt, if desired, the tag embodying a member which will serve as a record of the shipment and receipt.

The present invention has for its objects among others to provide a simple, cheap, yet most efficient shipping tag for the various uses to which a tag of this general character may be readily put, and in which the main or body portion of the tag is the portion to be returned to the shipper, the said body portion being formed with slits to receive and hold the removable member, the slits being so formed and arranged as to securely hold the said removable member, which latter may be easily removed when the package arrives at its destination, and the removal of this member leaves the body member ready to be returned to the shipper, without the necessity of anything being done to either member, the name and address of the sender being placed on the same before shipment of the goods. The removable member cannot be accidentally removed, and may contain all the data necessary in such cases.

The present invention has for a further object the production of such a shipping tag as above briefly outlined at small cost, and one that will be durable and which can be manufactured by simple machinery.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claims.

The invention, in its preferred form, is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the numerals of reference marked thereon, from a part of this specification, and in which

Figure 1 is a face view of the tag as it is to be attached to the goods to be shipped.

Figure 2 is a face view of the body portion with the removable member detached and showing the tag as it is to be sent to the shipper of the goods.

Figure 3 is a view of the removable member, removed from the body portion.

Figure 4 is a section as on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a cross section as on the line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Figure 6 is a cross section as on the line 6—6 of Figure 1.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings

1 designates the body portion, and 2 the removable member.

The body or main portion 1 is provided with substantially parallel cross slits 3 and 4 at requisite distances from each other upon opposite sides of the median centre of the portion 1, as seen best in Figure 2, and terminating at their ends within the edges of the said portion as seen clearly in Figure 2.

In each portion of the member 1 between each cross slit and the adjacent end of the member 1 are two oppositely inclined slits 5 and 6 as seen in Figure 2.

Upon the member 1 may be printed or written, or otherwise applied, the name and address of the shipper, such, for instance, as seen in Figure 2 at 7, this serving as the return address to which may be returned the container, or the goods in case the person to whom they are addressed cannot be found.

This member 1 may also have thereon any further printed or written matter, such, for instance as shown in this instance "Do not remove this tag", or any other desired instructions, etc.

The member 2 is of less dimensions than the main or body portion 1, as seen in Figures 1 and 3 and may have thereon any desired data, for instance, as seen in Figure 3 it has a place and data to indicate to the party sending the goods where to place the name and address of the party to whom the goods are to be shipped, as at 8, and below, at a point where it will be readily seen when the goods arrive at their desination, the words "Pull this slip out when returning package to shipper" or, such other instructions as may be desirable.

The members 1 and 2 are intended to be of any suitable material, such as card-board or some similar goods upon which the writing or printing may be readily applied, and of sufficient stability as to stand the usage

to which shipped goods often are subjected.

The main or body portion 1 may have thereon, the space between the two cross slots or slits 3 and 4 the words "Shipper's No." or other desired matter.

In the manufacture of the tag as above described, the printing and cutting of the main or body portion 1 will be completed in one operation, so that when marking the shipment all that will be necessary will be to write or print the name of the consignee and destination of the shipment in the margin provided for that purpose.

In marking the shipment for its initial transportation the member 2 will be inserted in place on the member 1, the said member 2 being slipped under the centre flap or portion 9 between the cross slits 3 and 4, placing each of the four corners of the member 2 into their respective corner angular cuts 5 and 6 as shown in Figure 1. The goods are shipped, and upon their arrival at their destination the member 2 is removed from the main or body portion 1 and returned, either with or without the container, to the shipper.

By means of the cross slits and the diagonal or angular slits the member 2 is held securely in place and cannot become detached accidentally during shipment. There are no projecting parts to become caught in other packages, and there is nothing to be done by the party receiving the package except to remove the member 2 and attach the member 1 to the container, or return it to the sender.

In view of my invention and disclosure variations and modifications to meet individual whim or particular need will doubtless become evident to others skilled in the art, to obtain part or all of the benefits of my invention without copying the structure shown, and I therefore claim all such in so far as they fall within the reasonable spirit and scope of my invention.

For instance, I may sometimes make the body portion of this sheet of metal, struck up, or otherwise made to the desired form, and this may be made to contain a number or multiplicity of removable members 2, and the device used for purposes other than as a shipping tag. It may be conveniently used for the transportation of picture films or the like, the various members 2 being designed so that the film may be forwarded in the same body portion from one theatre to another, the members 2 being removed, one at a time, as occasion may require, and the members 2 used in any desired way, the members 2 being designed to be signed upon the backs thereof by the receivers of the shipment and the members 2 preserved as a record.

What is claimed as new is:—

1. A shipping tag embodying a body portion with transverse and angularly-disposed slits, and a removable member detachably held by means of said transverse and angularly-disposed slits, the corners and central portion of said member all being upon the side of the body portion opposite to that of the other portions of said member.

2. A shipping tag embodying a body portion with median transverse slits and angularly-disposed slits upon opposite sides of the first-named slits and adjacent the corners of such member, and a member removably held to the body portion by said slits, with a portion of the said member disposed upon the back of the body portion between the median slits.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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