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MARKING TAG.

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Fig. 1.

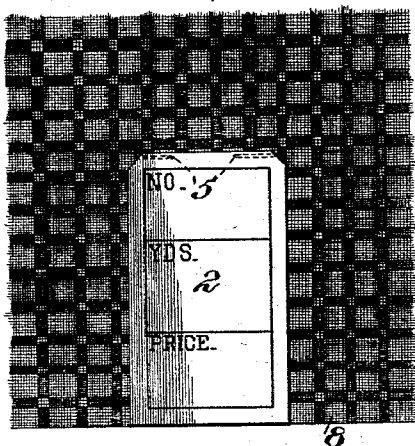


Fig. 2.

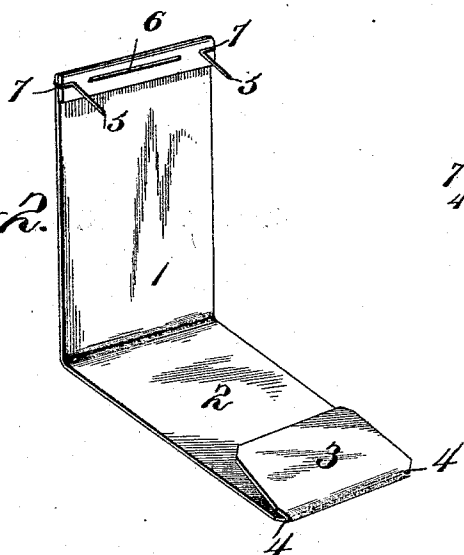
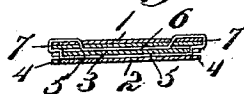


Fig. 3.



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MARKING-TAG.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES WINKLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Palestine, in the county of Anderson and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Marking-Tag, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to marking-tags which are designed to embrace the edge portion of the merchandise to which they are applied, and has for its object to secure the tag at the four corners, so as to obviate curling of the corners and to protect the ends of the fastener employed for securing the tag to the goods, whereby scratching of the hands and injurious contact of the points of the said fastener with the goods or merchandise are wholly obviated.

With this and other objects in view, which will become apparent as the nature of the invention is disclosed, the improvement consists of the novel features which hereinafter will be more fully set forth and claimed and which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a detail view showing the invention applied. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the tag and fastener, showing the said tag partially unfolded. Fig. 3 is a detail view in section showing the manner of housing or protecting the ends of the tag-fastener.

The tag is preferably formed from a single blank or strip, and comprises the members 1 and 2 and an end flap, 3, the latter being folded upon the member 2 so as to come between the latter and the member 1 when the tag is applied to the merchandise. The corners formed by folding the flap 3 are cut away, as shown at 4, to give clearance for the projecting ends or points 5 of the fastener. The free end of the member 1 is reinforced in any desired manner, preferably by folding a portion of the blank or strip, and the purpose of reinforcing the said end is to prevent the tearing out of the wire fastening 6.

The wire fastening has its end portions thrust through the reinforced end of the tag a short distance from the edges of the latter, and said end portions are bent to embrace the edges of the tag, as shown at 7, and terminate in the projecting ends or points 5, which are intended to be passed through the merchandise when it is required to apply the tag thereto. The members 1 and 2 embrace the edge portion of the goods 8 between them, and the

points 5, after being passed through the said goods, are bent toward each other and are located between the flap 3 and the member 2, whereby the said points are housed or concealed from view and possible injury to the hands and merchandise avoided.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the tag is positively secured at its four corners and the latter prevented from curling, thereby diminishing the liability of the tag being detached from the goods in the handling of the latter.

The invention is susceptible of a variety of uses, and the tag may assume various shapes. Therefore in the adapting of the invention to a particular style and pattern of tag it is to be understood that changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. The combination with a folded tag having a free folded flap at one end, of a wire fastening at the opposite end thrust through the body of the tag from one side and bent outwardly in opposite directions and around the edge portions of the tag, the projecting ends or points of the said fastening being adapted to be bent around the edges of the said free folded flap and come in the space between the said folded flap and the adjacent portion of the tag, substantially as set forth.

2. In combination, a folded tag having a free folded flap at one end, and having the corners of the fold cut away, a wire fastening at the opposite end of the tag thrust through the body thereof and having its end portions bent outwardly in opposite directions and around the edge portions of the tag, the points or projecting extremities of the said fastener being adapted to be bent around the edges of the said free folded flap opposite the said cut-away corners and to lie between the said flap and the body of the tag, substantially as described for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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