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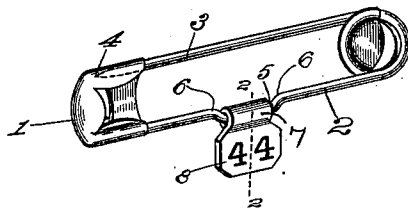


Fig. 1.

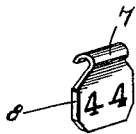


Fig. 2.

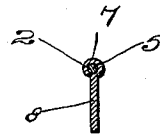


Fig. 3.

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MARKING-PIN.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LINFORD J. DAVIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Battlecreek, in the county of Calhoun and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Marking-Pin, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a marking-pin; and the object of the same is to provide a simple device of this character which can be repeatedly used to designate separate articles of clothing and the like in laundries and for other purposes where applicable, so that the articles or devices may be readily distinguished and separated or otherwise recognized and assembled in accordance with some prearranged system.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the several parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pin embodying the features of the invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section on the line 2 2, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the marking-tag.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The numeral 1 designates a suitable form of safety-pin, having the usual stationary back bar 2 and a movable pointed bar 3, co-acting with a cap 4 in the ordinary manner. The back bar 2 has an outstruck or bent intermediate portion 5 to form a seat, with opposite terminal shoulders 6, and engaging the said seat is the bendable tongue 7 of a metal or other tag 8, bearing an identifying character thereon—such as a number, letter, or sign—a number being shown to illustrate the use of the device.

As before indicated, the improved pin is adapted to be employed for marking separate

articles to be laundered, the articles belonging to one person, for instance, all having pins with tags bearing similar numbers, letters, or signs, so that they can be more readily separated and assembled after being cleansed and finished. The improved device can also be used for marking goods and articles in stores, both as to price and quantity. The tags can be easily replaced in the event of breakage or wear, and by having the tongues located between the shoulders 6 and surrounding the seat portion 5 the tags are prevented from sliding longitudinally on the back bar. It will also be understood that the pin member or movable bar 3 can be readily inserted in or withdrawn from a portion of the article to which it is to be attached, and when attached will be prevented from becoming accidentally disengaged by seating the point thereof in the cap 4.

The improved pin is strong and durable and can be cheaply produced and will be materially more economical than perishable marking devices now commonly employed.

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

A laundry marking-tag comprising a safety-pin having a back bar with an outwardly-struck seat at an intermediate point, and a flat metal plate tag to receive an identifying character having a bendable tongue at one side edge arranged around said seat, said tongue having a free swinging movement to avoid offering a rigid tearing projection to clothing that may be adjacent thereto.

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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