

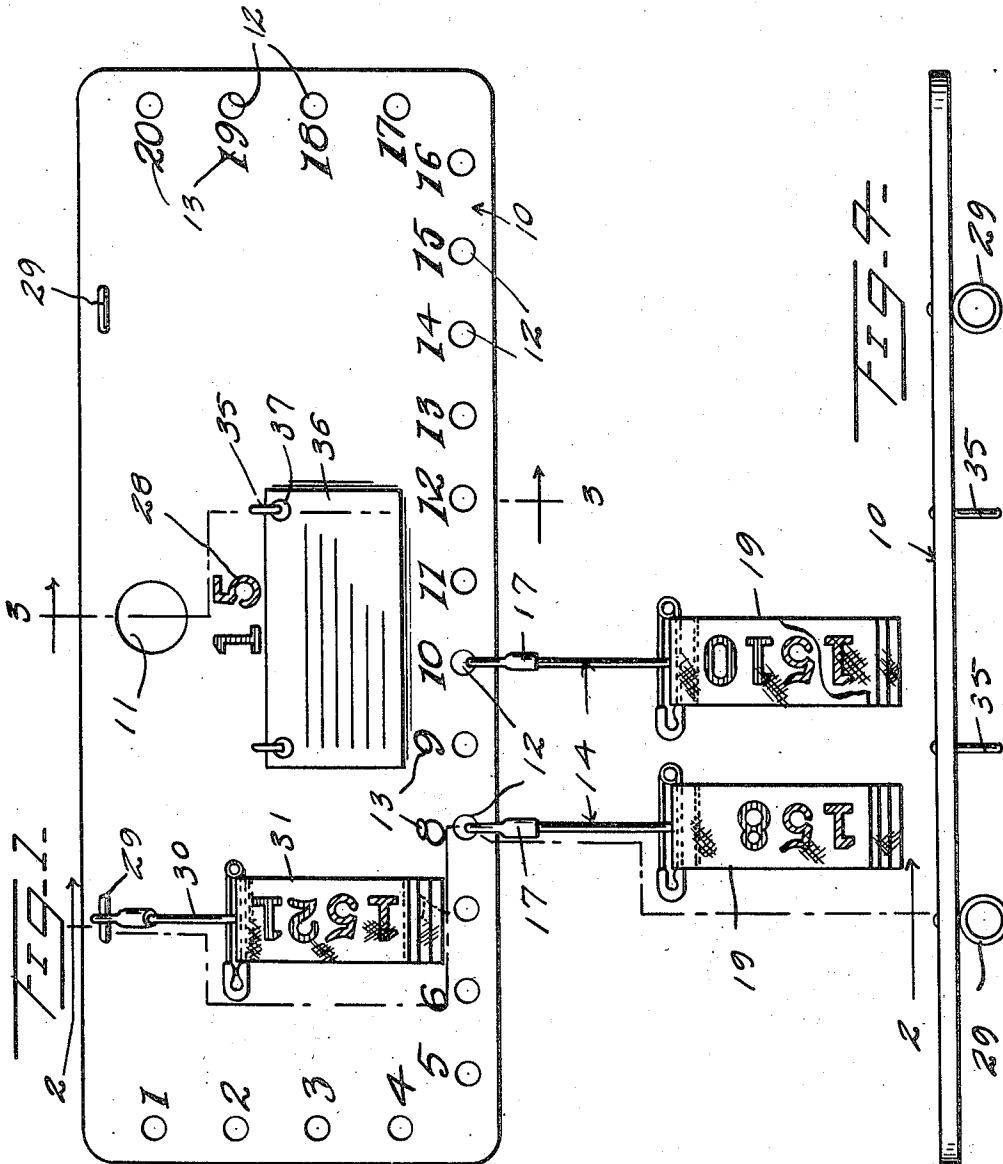
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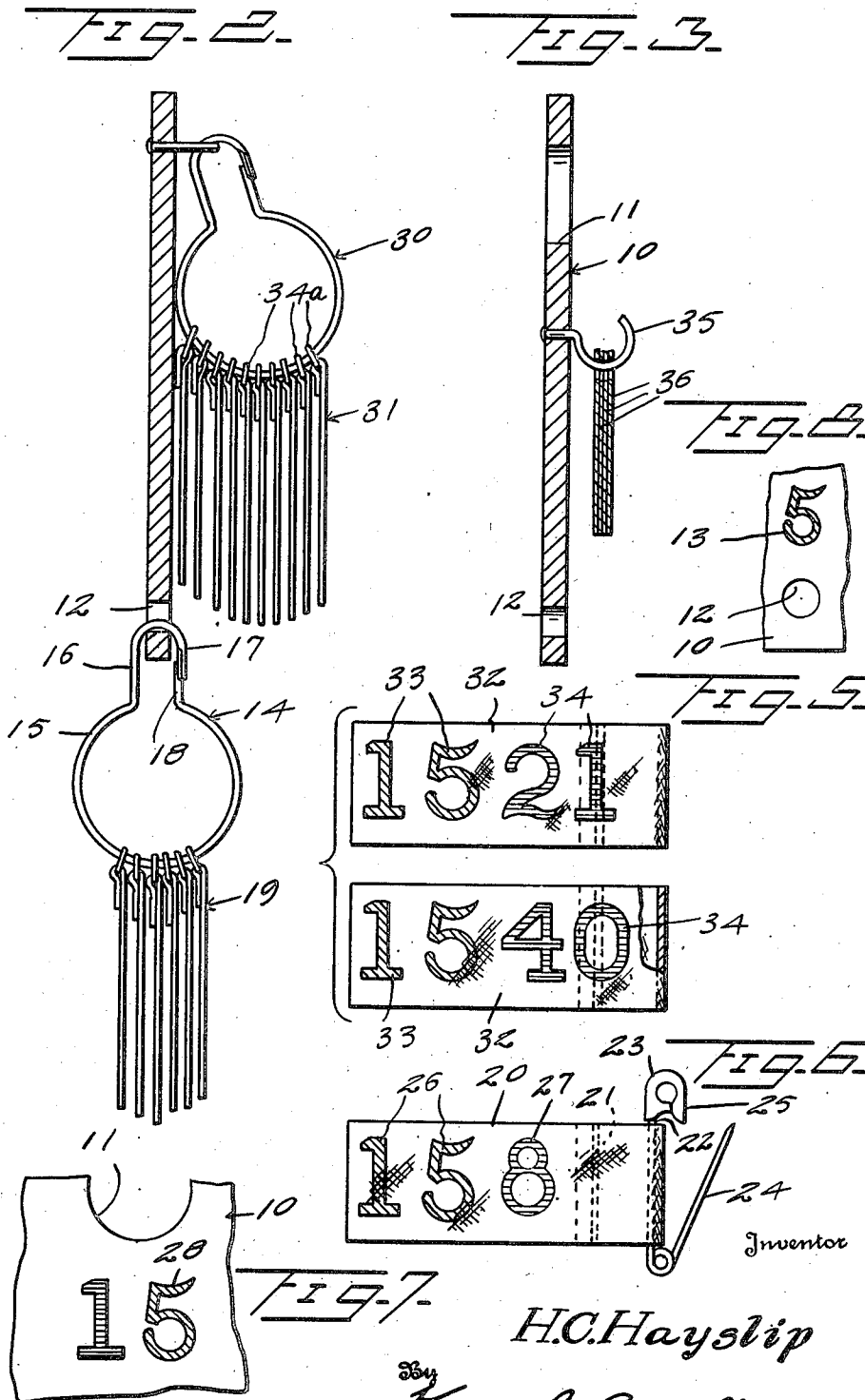
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1 Claim. (Cl. 40—19.5)

1 This invention relates to an improved system and apparatus for laundries and for cleaning establishments for identifying the articles and providing a positive check on the number of articles of each customer.

An object of this invention is to provide a checking system which includes tags which may be removed from a board and applied to the articles, and the tags having identifying indicia for identifying both the particular board and the particular customer's cleaning order. The board has groups of these tags removably mounted thereon with a specific number in each group, so that in the final checking out of the cleaned garments or other articles, the worker can first check the number of tags remaining in one group, and will immediately know from the number of tags left on the board of one group exactly how many articles to look for in order to complete the order.

The tag board has a number of groups of tags with like identifying indicia for each group, and also has groups of tags with progressively arranged members for use with orders having only single pieces. The board also has supporting hooks for the order sheets which upon final check of the cleaned articles is to be pinned or otherwise fastened to the articles.

With the above and other objects in view my invention consists in the combination, arrangement and details of construction disclosed in the drawings and specifications and then more particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings,

Wherein similar reference characters designate similar parts throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a detail front elevation of a tag carrying board constructed according to the embodiment of this invention, having several groups of tags mounted thereon.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a fragmental sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the board.

Figure 5 is a front elevation partly broken away and in section of a pair of tags.

Figure 6 is a front elevation of one of the tags with a safety pin.

Figure 7 is a fragmental front elevation of a sectional portion of the board.

Figure 8 is a fragmental front elevation of a marginal portion of the board.

Referring to drawings, the numeral 10 designates generally a substantially rectangularly shaped member which may be made out of ply-

wood or the like, and is formed with a relatively large opening 11 adjacent the upper margin thereof and in the transverse median whereby a hanger hook or the like may be inserted in the opening 11 for suspending a board 10 for suitable support.

The board 10 is provided about three of the marginal edges thereof, with a plurality of spaced apart openings 12 which are identified by the indicia 13. The openings 12 are provided for receiving tag suspending loops or eyes, generally designated as 14. The loops or eyes 14 include a substantially open loop or eye 15 having extending therefrom a straight bar 16 terminating in a reverted keeper 17.

The eye or split ring 15 is also formed with a straight portion 18 which is engageable with the keeper 17 for closing the elongated loop formed by extension 16 and keeper 17. Keeper 17 is adapted to be extended through one of the openings 12 for suspending a group of fabric tags 19 from the board. Each tag 19 includes a fabric strip or tape 20 formed with a hem or tunnel 21, within which one side 22 of a safety pin 23 is adapted to be extended. The pin portion 24 of the safety pin is engageable with the keeper 25, and when the tag is suspended from the tag suspending member 14, the pin 24 will engage with the keeper 25.

The tag also includes indicia 26 and indicia 27. The indicia 26 are in the form of one or more numerals which are secured to the tape or strip 20 by stitching or the like, and the indicia 26 are preferably of a color differentiating from the color of the numeral or indicia 27. The indicia 26 is of the same color as the board identifying indicia or numeral 28 which is applied to the front face of the board 10 at the opening just below the opening 11. In other words, as an example, indicia 26 may be of a green color and indicia 28 may also be of a green color. A contrasting color such as blue or the like may be used for indicia 27.

The indicia of each tag are of a permanent color characteristic and may be applied to the tape forming the tag by stitching or other suitable means. In the present instance, the marginal tag suspending members 14 have six of the tags 19 mounted thereon and there may be as many tag suspending members as the board 10 will allow by the three marginal edges thereof.

The board 10 is also provided with a pair of forwardly projecting screw eyes 29 adjacent to the upper marginal edge thereof, on opposite sides of the opening 11. The eyes 29 are adapted

to have engaging therewith tag suspending members 30 which are identical with the tag suspending members 14.

A plurality of tags 31 are removably engaged with the suspending members 30 and each tag 31 includes a fabric tape 32 having board identifying indicia 33 stitched or otherwise mounted thereon. Tags 31 also include indicia 34 which are of a color contrasting from the color of the numeral or indicia 33. The indicia 33 may be colored green, similar to the indicia 28, and indicia 34 are preferably of the same color as indicia 27. Safety pins 34a are engaged with each one of the tag members 31 and when these tags are not in use they will be mounted on the suspending members 30.

The board 10 is also provided on the front face thereof with a pair of hook members 35. The hook members 35 are disposed on opposite sides of the indicia 28 for removably supporting order slips 36, having holes 37 for suspending the slips 36 from the hooks 35.

The indicia 13 may be of the same color as one or the other of the numerals forming board identification indicia, and in the present instance, the indicia 13 is colored green which is the same color as indicia 28.

In the use and operation of this board, the garments or articles which are to be cleaned each have an identifying tag 19 or 31 pinned thereto. Where there is more than one piece in a single order, the tags 19 of the suspending member 14 are used. Where there is only one article or piece, then the tags 31 are used.

The tags 31 bear the larger order identifying indicia and the indicia 34 run consecutively from 21 to 30, and 31 to 40. In other words, there are ten of these tag members 31 on each suspending member 30, whereas there are only six tags 19 on the suspending member 14. It will, of course, be understood that there may be as many tags on the suspending members as may be desired, the number of tags being dependent only on the average or maximum number of articles which are received by the cleaning establishment from a single customer.

After an order has been initially taken in and each article has pinned thereto a tag such as tag 19, the order slip is mounted on suspending hooks 35. The garments are then cleaned and finished and when the garments are to be checked out by the cleaning establishment, the checker will take board 10, which may represent a single days work or a part of a days work. The checker will then take each suspension member 14 and check the remaining tags 19 on one suspension member and will know from the remaining number of tags on the suspension member exactly how many pieces to look for.

When the correct number of pieces have been found, these pieces are gathered together and tags 19 removed therefrom the articles and replaced on the particular suspension member which is identified by numeral 13. The individual tag suspension members 30 are then checked as to tags 31 and as these tags are numbered in progression, it is a relatively simple matter to obtain the necessary articles which are correlated with the order slips 36.

With a system as hereinbefore described, the cleaning establishment has a careful check on the articles both entering and leaving the establishment so that there cannot be any mistake in the articles which are checked out without the mistake being immediately caught.

What I claim is:

In an article cleaning identifying system, a plurality of supporting members, each member having an identification indicia, a plurality of groups of article identification tags for each member, tag suspending members for said tags carried by each supporting member, means removably securing each of said tags on its respective suspending member, indicia carried by said tags correlated with said identification indicia of said supporting member for identifying each tag relative to said supporting member, certain groups comprised of a plurality of said tags on the same suspension member having additional indicia arranged in consecutive order, indicia on said supporting member adjacent the suspension means for the remaining groups of tags, the remaining groups each comprising a plurality of said tags having additional indicia corresponding to the indicia on said supporting member for each of said remaining groups.

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