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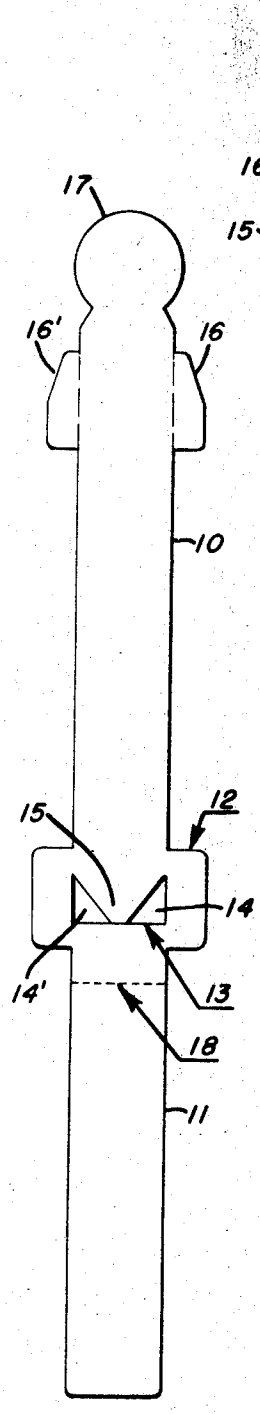


FIG. 1

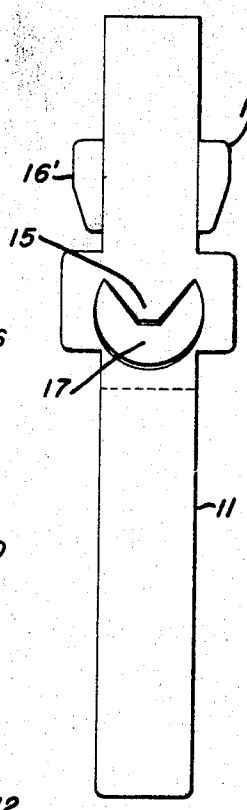


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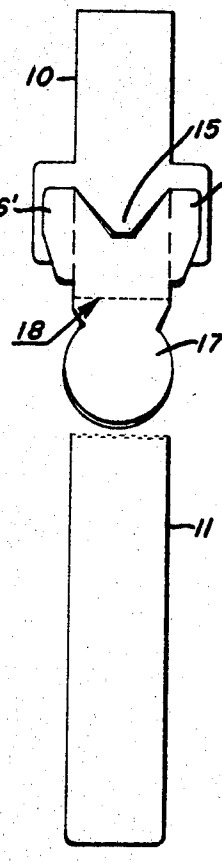


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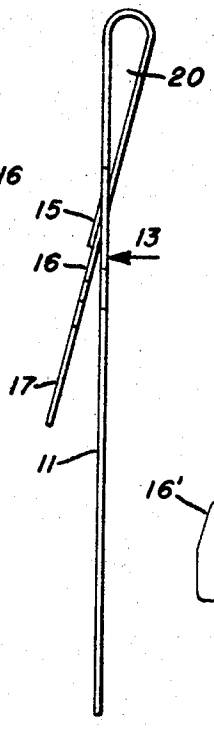


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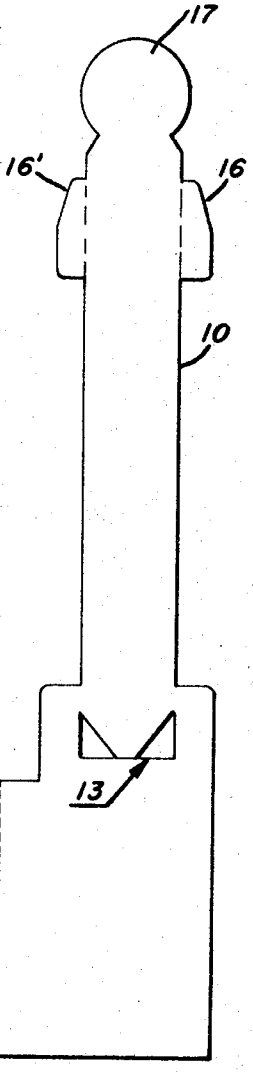


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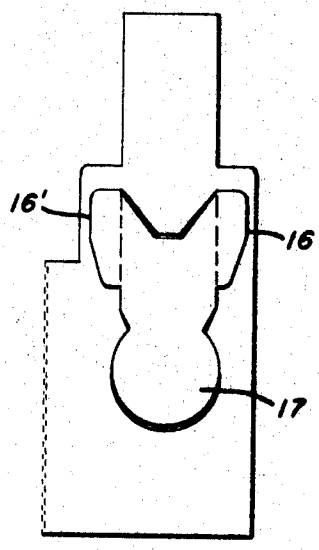
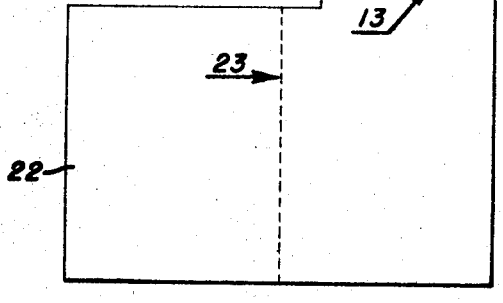


FIG. 6



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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A tag having a co-acting aperture and locking tabs for attachment of the tag to the handle of a piece of luggage and including a tear-off portion serving as a receipt.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Baggage tags of various constructions and configurations are known in this art. Generally, the prior baggage tags are of unnecessarily complex and costly construction.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A baggage tage made in accordance with this invention comprises a strip of heavy paper, or other suitable material formed into a desired configuration by a single stamping operation. An aperture is provided substantially in the center portion of the strip. One end of the strip includes a pair of pre-scored locking tabs which are adapted for insertion through the aperture, thereby to form a loop to encompass the handle of a piece of luggage, said tabs and aperture co-acting in locking relationship to retain the tag attached to the handle. The other end of the strip includes a receipt portion defined by a perforated line.

An object of this invention is the provision of a baggage tag of simple, economical construction and which includes integral, cooperating locking elements for attachment of the tag to the handle of a piece of luggage or other anchoring means.

An object of this invention is the provision of a one-piece tag comprising a strip of flexible material having an aperture, formed therein, a pair of oppositely directed locking tabs adapted for co-action with the aperture to retain one portion of the strip in the form of a loop, and a tear-off receipt portion attached to another portion of the strip.

The above-stated and other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following description when taken with the accompanying drawings. It will be understood, however, that the drawings are for purposes of illustration and are not to be construed as defining the scope or limits of the invention, reference being had for the latter purpose to the claims appended hereto.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the drawings wherein like reference characters denote like parts in the several views;

FIG. 1 is a plan view showing a baggage tag made in accordance with this invention, and in the flat condition;

FIG. 2 is a similar view showing the upper portion of the tag folded back and with the circular end thereof partially inserted through the aperture formed substantially in the midportion of the tag;

FIG. 3 is a similar view showing the locking tabs passed through the aperture and the scored receipt portion of the tag separated from the main body;

FIG. 4 is a side elevational view corresponding to FIG. 3 but with the receipt portion attached;

FIG. 5 is similar to FIG. 1 and showing a modification of the receipt portion of the tag; and

FIG. 6 shows the tag of FIG. 5 formed into a loop.

Referring now to FIG. 1, the tag is die cut from a single piece of heavy paper, or other flexible, strong material, to form upper and lower strips **10** and **11**, respectively, and a somewhat wider central portion **12** having an aperture **13** formed therein. This aperture, having an effective width corresponding to that of the strip **10**, is defined by two triangular openings **14**, **14'**, having two, downwardly-converging base lines, thereby resulting in a generally-triangular flap **15**. A pair of pre-scored locking tabs **16** and **16'** extend from opposite sides of the strip **10**, which strip terminates in a circular end **17**. A perforated line **18** is provided, whereby the strip **11** may be torn off to serve as a receipt for the baggage or other other article to be checked.

To attach the tag to a luggage handle, the strip **10** is bent back and the circular end **17** inserted into the aperture **13** and under the flap **15**, as shown in FIG. 2. The locking tabs **16** and **16'** now are folded back and pulled completely through the aperture. Thereafter, these tabs are unfolded and pulled back against the corners of the aperture formed at the base of the flap **15**, thereby locking the strip **10** in the form of a loop **20** as seen in FIG. 4. The overlying flap **15** serves to retain the locking tabs **16** and **16'** in the extended positions, thereby preventing the accidental unlocking of the tag. In FIG. 3, the receipt portion **11** is shown detached from the tag.

In the modification shown in FIGS. 5 and 6, the upper portion of the tag is the same as that shown in FIG. 1 and corresponding parts are identified by similar reference numerals. However, the lower portion of the tag is of an increased width to provide an enlarged receipt portion **22** defined by the perforated line **23**.

Having now described the invention, those skilled in this art will be able to make various changes and modifications without thereby departing from the scope and spirit of the invention as defined in the following claims.

I claim:

1. A baggage tag comprising:

(a) a normally flat strip of material having a relatively narrow upper portion, a central portion of increased width and a lower portion,

(b) an aperture formed in the said central portion of the strip, said aperture being defined by a straight wall having a length substantially equal to the width of the upper portion of the strip, two side walls extending from said straight wall and aligned with the side walls of the upper portion of the strip, and a pair of converging walls directed toward the center line of the upper portion of the strip and terminating at points spaced along the said straight wall, and

(c) a pair of locking tabs extending from opposed side walls of the said upper portion of the strip, said tabs being foldable against the strip to pass through the said aperture.

2. The invention as recited in claim **1**, including means forming a line of perforations in the said lower portion of the strip to define a tear-off receipt.

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