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Fig. 1

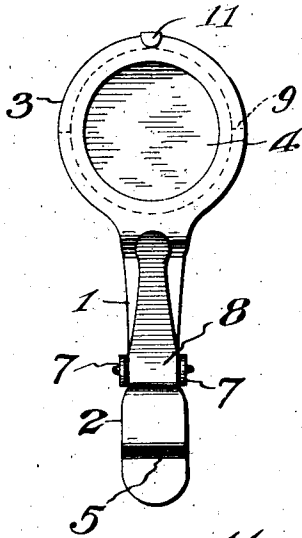


Fig. 2

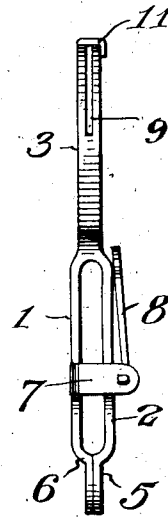


Fig. 3

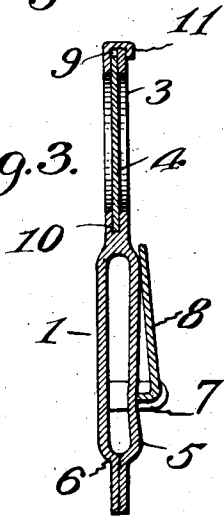
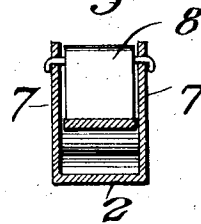


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. LOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Walker, in the county of Cass and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Identifying Devices, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention is an identifying device.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and practical device of this character which may be conveniently carried in a vest pocket and readily applied to a hat, 15 coat, or other article of apparel or to an umbrella or other article which it is customary to leave in a public place such as a cloak room, hotel, restaurant, etc. such device bearing a distinctive mark, whereby the 20 owner of the article to which the device is attached may quickly identify his own among similar articles belonging to others.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel features 25 of construction and the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1 and 2 are front and side views 30 of my improved identifying device; and Figs. 3 and 4 are longitudinal and transverse sectional views.

The invention comprises a body 1 carrying a clamping means 2 whereby it may be 35 attached to a hat, coat, umbrella, overshoe or other article without injuring the same, and also a holding means 3 for a plate or disk 4, which latter bears some distinctive mark, symbol, design, picture or the like, whereby 40 the owner of the device will quickly recognize it as belonging to him. As illustrated, the body 1 is formed from a strip of resilient metal bent on itself into U-form so that its two ends form flat or smooth clamping jaws 45 5 and 6 which will engage an article without danger of injuring or mutilating the same. From the opposite side edges of the intermediate portion of the lower jaw 6 are struck up pivot ears 7 between which is pivoted 50 a cam lever 8 which is of right angular shape and has a finger piece at its long end and a cam portion at its short end adapted to engage the jaw 5 to press the same against the jaw 6. While this is the preferred con-

struction of the attaching clamp, it will be 55 understood that for it may be substituted any desired form of clamping device by means of which the invention may be readily applied to and removed from an article without injuring the latter. 60

The disk or plate holder 3 is preferably attached to the closed end of the body 1 and is in the form of a ring split circumferentially, as shown at 9, for the reception 65 of the identifying plate or disk 4. Said transverse slit 9 extends approximately half way around the upper portion of the circumference of the holder or member 3, as shown in full lines in Fig. 2 and dotted lines 70 in Fig. 1. The disk 4 is inserted between the flat faces of the split portion of the ring 3 and the inner portion of its edge is retained in a groove 10 in the inner portion of the 75 ring by forming on the outer portion of one section of the ring a nib 11 and bending the latter over the edge of the disk and 80 around the other section of the ring, as clearly shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings. The plate or disk 4 may be made of any suitable material and, as above stated, may 85 bear any device which may be applied in any manner by the owner for the purpose of enabling the owner to quickly identify the device and hence the article to which he may apply it. 90

In practice, the identifying devices are made small so that one or more of them may be conveniently carried in a vest pocket and the owner, in using the device, clamps it 95 upon his hat, overcoat, umbrella or other article which he may place in a cloak room of a hotel, theater or other public place. Since the mark or design upon the disk 4 of the device is distinctive the owner will be able to instantly recognize his own hat, 95 coat or the like among numerous others which are so similar to each other that it is difficult to distinguish them.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

10 The herein described identifying device, comprising a body having at one end an attaching clamp, the other end of said body being of open annular or ring-like form and 105 having in its outer portion a transverse slit extending approximately half way around its circumference to provide spaced sections, the inner portion of said ring-like end of

the body being formed with an internal, semicircular groove communicating with said slit, and an identifying disk arranged in said slit and groove, and an integral
5 tongue formed upon the outer edge of one of the spaced portions of the split outer end of the ring-like member and adapted to be bent across said slit and over upon the outer

face of the opposing portion of said member to retain said disk in position.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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