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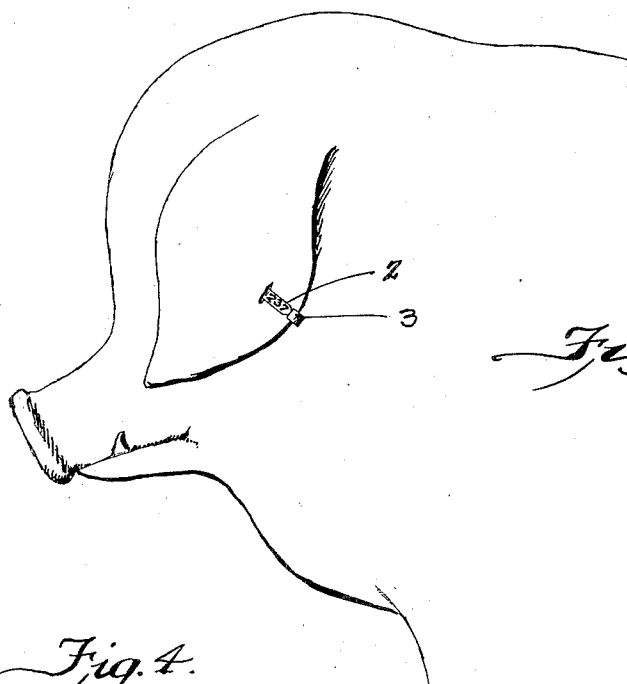


Fig. 1.

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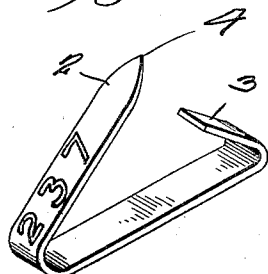


Fig. 2.

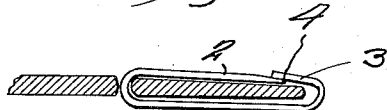
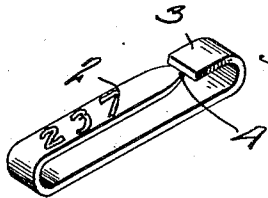


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERTHA M. HAWLEY, citizen of the United States, residing at Hudson Falls, in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tags; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in tags generally more especially that type for application to the ears of animals.

The invention has for its object to provide for applying the tag with facility and quickly, and in producing the tag in the minimum time and in a light manner and inexpensively.

A further object is to provide the ready application of data to the tag and for the ready reading of said data without fingering the tag and disturbing the animal.

Other objects of the invention will be apparent from the following description of the construction, arrangement and operation thereof.

The invention therefor consists of a device or tag formed of a metal strip or piece conformed in general outline to provide in its initial application for suspension from an animal's ear, in which connection it has been found particularly useful, one terminal of said tag being attenuated or needle-pointed and the other terminal stubbed, the attenuated terminal being adapted to be forced or sprung past and clenched upon the other terminal of the tag upon its opposite side, substantially as hereinafter described and covered by the appended claim.

The accompanying drawing illustrates the preferred embodiment or one sample of my invention wherein it will be understood that various changes and modifications as relates to the detailed construction and arrangement of parts may be made without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention as covered by the claim, and in which drawing—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of

my invention or tag, with the ends or terminals thereof disconnected or in initial position. Fig. 2 shows the ends of the tag interlocked and applied to an ear, which is in section. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the tag with its ends interlocked. Fig. 4 is a perspective view with the ends of the tag free.

As characteristic features of my invention I take a piece or strip of metal, preferably rectangular having flat sides, and suitably bend it into the required initial outline say into substantially the shape as shown in the drawing, preferably oblong or oval, the terminals or ends initially being left spaced apart. The ends or terminals of the device are tapered or pointed, and stubbed or made blunt as at 2, 3, respectively. The attenuated or tapered terminal 2 is beveled or caused to vanish along its longitudinal edges toward its apex or point and thus adapted to provide for having a puncturing action as suitable pressure or force is applied thereto, as hereinafter explained. The pointed or attenuated terminal 2 is initially adapted to extend in a plane to one side of the blunt or stubbed terminal as shown in Fig. 1, just sufficiently to provide for bringing the narrowed or attenuated portion thereof in a position for bending or clenching the point 4 into position upon the opposite side of the stubbed terminal 2 and thus provide for an interlocking action therebetween as shown in Fig. 2. The point 4, it will be understood, as the terminal 2 is sprung or bent toward the other terminal 3, is caused to puncture and be passed through the lobe of the animal's ear in effecting the clenching or interlocking action between the terminals 2, 3 and thus provide for securing or attaching the tag to the animal, which, it will be seen, is carried out quickly and effectively and in the minimum time and with the least trouble. It is also observed that in the use of my tag, the same is adapted, being of flat metal, to provide for readily receiving or placing the data thereon and for easily or readily reading the data or information without fingering the tag or dis-

turbing the animal, the tag depending in a position with the flat side of the tag having the data therefrom presented to view.

Having thus described my invention what
5 I claim is—

An animal marker comprising a wire having a flattened data-receiving surface and bent into substantially C-shape, one ex-

trernity being pointed, the opposite extremity having a flattened inner surface adapted to bear upon and retain the pointed extremity when both are bent toward the opposite side of the C, completing substantially a closed ellipse.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature. 15
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