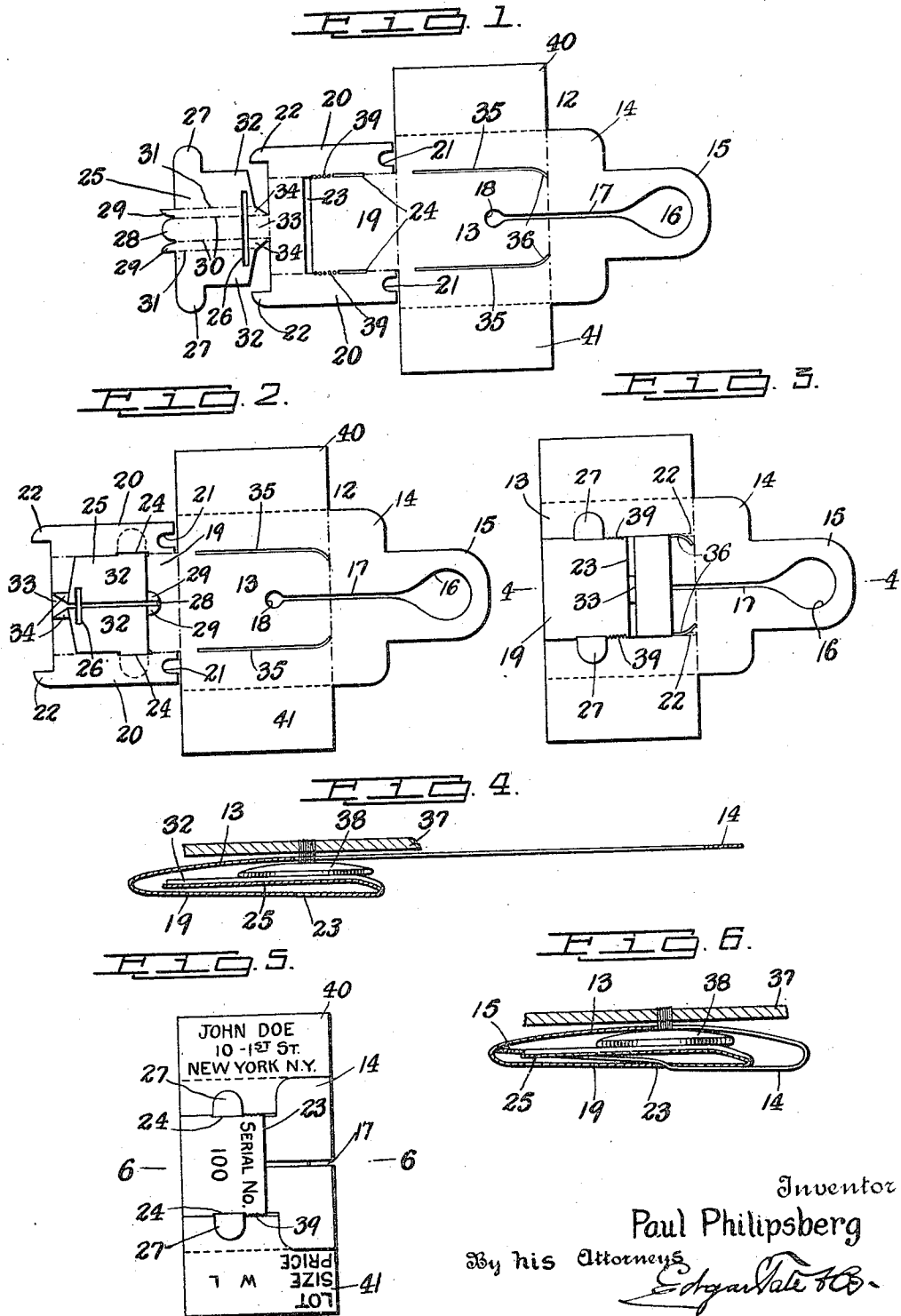


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FIG. 7.

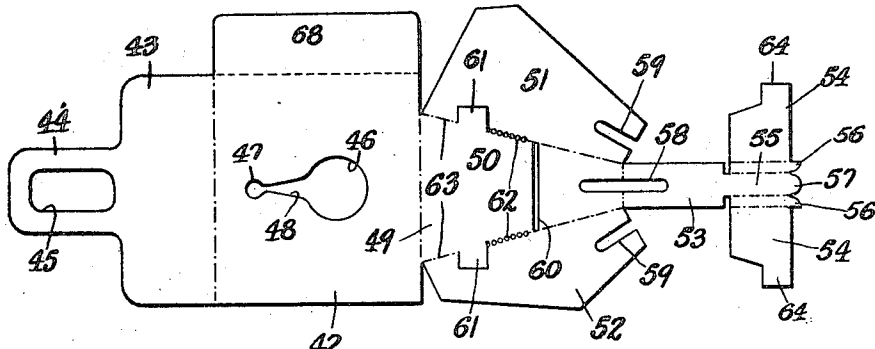


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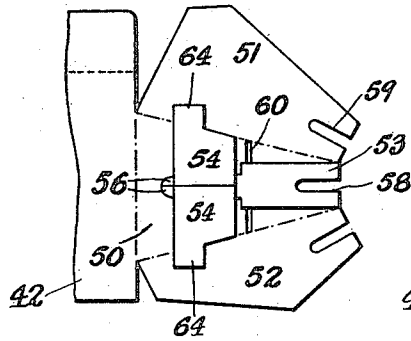
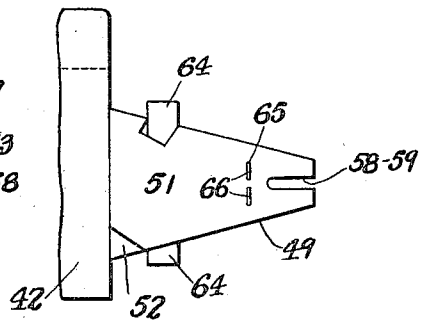


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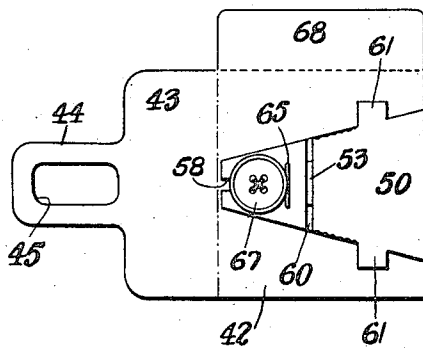
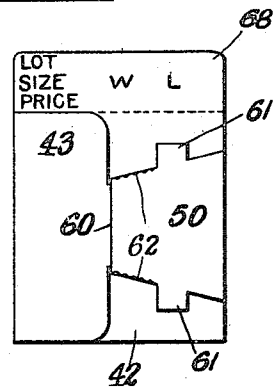


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL PHILIPSBERG, a citizen of Austria, and residing at Liberty, in the county of Sullivan and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Seal-Tags, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to seal tags and particularly to devices of this class designed for use by merchants or dealers in clothing as a protection against fraud.

It is a well-known fact that people and especially women will sometimes go to a dealer and bargain for a gown, and have it sent home for examination with an agreement to return it, if not satisfactory, and it frequently happens that such parties will keep the gown a day or two and even wear it and then return it, and the object of my improvement is to prevent frauds of this class, which object is accomplished by means of my improved tag which is attached to the garment or gown at the time the latter is sold, and which cannot be detached without being destroyed, or without leaving evidence of the fact that it has been detached, and the tag itself and the method of applying it to the garment or gown is such that the latter cannot be used or worn unless the tag is removed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:

Figure 1 is a face view of a blank from which my improved seal tag is formed;

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the tag partially folded;

Fig. 3 a similar view showing the blank completely folded and ready for sealing or use;

Fig. 4 a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3 and on an enlarged scale, and showing one method of using the tag;

Fig. 5 a front view similar to Figs. 1, 2 and 3, but showing the tag in its sealed or locked position as when in use;

Fig. 6 a section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5 and on an enlarged scale;

Figs. 7, 8 and 9 are views similar to Figs. 1, 2 and 3 but showing a modification, and

Figs. 8 and 9 also showing parts broken away;

Fig. 10 a front view of the tag shown in Figs. 7 to 9 inclusive and partially showing one method of attaching said tag to an article; and,

Fig. 11 a view similar to Fig. 10 but showing the tag completely attached to the article and sealed.

In the practice of my invention, as shown in Figs. 1 to 6 inclusive, I provide a blank 12 shown in Fig. 1, and comprising an oblong rectangular body portion 13 provided at one side edge with a folding flap member 14 having a central projecting tongue 15 in which is formed an aperture 16 having an inwardly directed slot 17 communicating therewith and extending into the central part of the body portion 13, and communicating with a smaller aperture 18.

The other side edge of the body portion 13 is provided with a folding flap member 19 which is approximately rectangular in form and provided at its opposite side edges with supplemental folding flap members 20, and the flap members 20 are provided at their inner ends with recesses 21 and at their outer ends with projecting ears 22, and said flap member 19 is also provided with a transverse slot 23 and between the body portion of said flap member and the supplemental side flaps 20 thereof are slots 24. The folding flap member 19 is also provided centrally of its outer edge with a folding tongue 25, the body portion of which is slightly less in width than the distance between the ears 22, and the tongue member 25 is provided in its inner side part with a transverse slot 26 and at its outer side edge with laterally projecting ears 27, and centrally of the outer side edge thereof said tongue member 25 is provided with a central projection 28 at the opposite sides of which are other projections 29, and said folding member 25 is provided with two sets of folding lines 30 and 31 which are arranged longitudinally of, or parallel with the central longitudinal line of the blank and which are spaced to correspond with the width of the parts 28 and 29, and these lines divide the folding member 25 into opposite side edge portions 32 and a central part 33 and intermediate parts 34.

In Fig. 2 I have shown the first step of the process of folding the blank in order to

form my improved seal tag, and this step consists in folding the side members 32 of the folding member 25 over the central part of said member and then folding said member over the member 19 and passing the projecting ears 27 through the slots 24, as shown in Fig. 2.

The next step of forming the tag is shown in Fig. 3, and consists in folding the supplemental side flaps 20 of the folding member 19, forwardly, and then folding said member 19 over the body 13 of the blank in which operation the parts 20 are passed through corresponding slots 35 in the body of the blank and the outer ends of which are provided with curved portions 36 through which the ears 22 are passed.

The tag is now complete, or ready for use, and in Fig. 4 I have shown at 37 a part of a garment or other article of manufacture to which the tag is attached and a button 38 is attached thereto and, in practice, my improved tag as shown in Fig. 3, is attached to the button 38 by passing said button through the aperture 16 in the tongue 15 and moving the tag so as to bring the center of the button 38 centrally of the smaller aperture 18 as clearly shown in Fig. 4. When the tag is in the position shown in Fig. 4 the same is sealed by folding the flap member 14 over the body portion 13 and passing the tongue 15 through the slot 23 to bring said tongue into the position shown in Fig. 6; or into position to lock said tongue in engagement with the projections 28 and 29 in their folded position as shown in Fig. 2.

The seal tag as shown in Figs. 5 and 6 is in its locked position, and it will be impossible to detach the same from the garment 37, or the button 38 thereof, without showing traces of such action, and should the flap member 14 with the tongue 15 be forced outwardly, or an attempt be made to withdraw it over the folded flap 19, the engagement of said tongue 15 with the folded tongue member 25 would move said member longitudinally of the flap 19 and the ears 27 would operate in connection with the perforated edges 39 between the slots 23 and 24 and shear or cut the same as will be readily understood; and this would show evidence of the attempt to detach the tag from the garment.

The central body portion 13 is preferably provided with oppositely directed flaps 40 and 41, and the flap 40 may be provided with printed matter giving the name of the user of the seal tag as indicated in Fig. 5, while the flap 41 is provided with printed matter designating "Lot," "Size W.-L.," and "Price" whereby the history of, or record of the garment or goods to which the tag is attached may be kept, and said seal tags are also preferably provided with serial

numbers as indicated in Fig. 5, said numbers being placed on any convenient part of the tag, the same being shown on the back of the folding flap 19.

In Figs. 7 to 11 inclusive, I have shown a modified form of seal tag comprising a central body portion 42 and a folding side edge flap member 43 having a tongue 44 provided with an aperture 45, this construction being the same as the body portion 13 and flap 14 in the previously described construction, with the exception that the central body portion 42 is provided with a large buttonhole aperture 46 and a smaller buttonhole aperture 47 placed in communication as shown at 48.

The opposite side edge of the body portion 42 is provided with a folding flap member 49 composed of a central triangular portion 50 having opposite folding approximately triangular portions 51 and 52, and the end of the central portion 50 is provided with a folding tongue member 53, the end of which is provided with oppositely directed side flaps 54 foldable onto a central portion 55, and said side flaps and central portion are provided respectively with projecting members 56 and 57. The outer end portion of the central flap member 50 and the inner end portion of the tongue member 53 is provided with an aperture 58 and the outer end portions of the folding triangular portions 51 and 52 are provided with apertures 59 which correspond with and are adapted to register with the aperture 58 when the parts are folded together, as hereinafter described.

The central portion 50 of the flap 49 is provided with a transverse slot 60 inwardly of which said central portion is provided with oppositely directed ears 61 which are cut from the folding triangular portions 51 and 52, and a plurality of perforations 62 are provided in the folding lines 63 of the triangular portions 51 and 52 between the slots 60 and the ears 61 as clearly shown in Fig. 7. The side flaps 54 of the tongue 53 are cut out to form oppositely directed ears 64 which correspond with and cooperate with the ears 61 as hereinafter described.

The first step in folding the separate parts of the blank shown in Fig. 7 to form my improved seal tag consists in folding the side flaps 54 onto the central portion 55 and then folding the tongue member 53 onto the central portion 50 of the flap 49, which brings the parts into the position shown in Fig. 8, or the ears 64 on top of, or in line with the ears 61 of the central portion 50.

The next step is to fold the triangular portions 51 and 52 onto the central portion 50 which brings the parts into the position shown in Fig. 9, in which position the separate parts 50, 51 and 52 and 53, etc., may be connected together, if desired, by passing a

suitable fastening device therethrough, and in Figs. 9 and 10 I have shown a wire or similar device 65 passed therethrough and the ends crimped or compressed as shown at 5 66, the tag is now in position to be attached to, or connected with any desired article, and the first step in accomplishing this result is shown in Fig. 10.

In attaching the tag to a garment or other 10 article having a button 67, as shown in Fig. 10, said button is first passed through the button hole 46, and the tab manipulated to bring the center of said button into the aperture 47, after which the end flap 49 in its 15 folded position, as shown in Fig. 9 is folded onto the central body portion 42, in which operation the button 67, or the means for connecting the tag to a garment, passes into the apertures 58—59 in the end of said flap 20 as clearly shown in Fig. 10. The seal tag when in the position shown in Fig. 10 is sealed by folding the flap 43 onto the body portion 42 and passing the tongue 44 into the slot 60, and when said parts are completely folded or in the position shown in Fig. 25 11, the apertures 45 in the tongue member 43 engage the projecting members 56—57 and locks said tongue and flap against displacement, in the same manner as the tongue 30 15 is locked in connection with the projecting members 28 and 29 in the construction shown in Figs. 1 to 6 inclusive.

The central body portion 42 of the tongue shown in Figs. 7 to 11 inclusive are provided 35 with a supplemental flap 68 on which may be printed the legend "Lot", "Size W—L", "Price", for the same purpose as in the case of said legends on the tags shown in Figs. 1 to 6 inclusive, and as will be readily understood the tag shown in Figs. 7 to 11 inclusive 40 may also be provided with serial numbers or any other printed matter.

While I have shown two seal tags for carrying my invention into effect and certain details of construction for accomplishing the desired result my invention is not 45 limited to such details, and changes in and modifications of the construction herein shown and described may be made, within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages.

In the accompanying drawings, I have shown but one means of attaching the seal 55 tag to a garment, but it will be understood that the body portion 13 of the construction shown in Figs. 1 to 6 inclusive and the body portion 42 in the construction shown in Figs. 7 to 11 inclusive, may be connected 60 with, or secured to, the desired article by sewing or by pinning, or otherwise, my invention being not limited to any specific method of attaching the tag to the desired article.

65 Having fully described my invention,

what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A seal tag composed of a plurality of parts foldable one upon another, means for attaching said tag to a button or the like, 70 and means for securing said parts together to seal the button within the separate parts of the tag.

2. A seal tag composed of a rectangular body portion, a flap foldably connected with 75 one side of said body portion and provided with a tongue having an aperture, the other side of said body portion being provided with a flap having foldable side members, a tongue foldably connected with the end of 80 said last named flap and provided with foldable side members having ears, the last named flap being provided with a transverse slot through which the tongue of the first-named flap is adapted to pass, and means on 85 the end portion of the tongue of the last named flap adapted to engage the aperture in the tongue of the first named flap for locking the separate parts of the tag together when folded.

3. A seal tag composed of a plurality of parts foldable one upon another, one of 90 said parts being adapted to be connected with a part of a garment and two other of said parts being foldably connected, and 95 means for locking said folded parts to seal the connection of said first named part of the tag with the garment.

4. A seal tag composed of a plurality of parts foldable one upon another, one of 100 said parts being provided with a buttonhole adapted to receive a button secured to a garment, said part being provided with oppositely directed foldable flaps one of which is provided with foldable side portions and 105 a folding end portion composed of a plurality of foldable parts, and means on the other of said oppositely directed foldable flaps for engaging a part on said other flap when folded to lock said flaps together to 110 seal a button in the buttonhole of said first-named part of the tag.

5. A seal tag composed of a main body portion, a flap foldably connected with one 115 side of said body portion, the other side of said body portion being provided with a flap having foldable side members, a part connected with the end of said last-named flap and adapted to fold inwardly onto the same, and means on said first named flap 120 adapted to engage the part on the end of the last named flap when folded for locking said flaps together.

6. A seal tag composed of a main body portion, a flap foldably connected with one 125 side of said body portion, the other side of said body portion being provided with a flap having foldable side members, a part connected with the end of said last named flap and adapted to fold inwardly onto the same, 130

means for sealing said part within said flap, and means on said first named flap adapted to engage the part on the end of the last named flap when folded for locking said flaps together.

7. A seal tag composed of a main body portion, a flap foldably connected with one side of said body portion, the other side of said body portion being provided with a flap having foldable side members, a part connected with the end of said last-named flap and adapted to fold inwardly onto the same, said last-named flap being provided with a slot adapted to receive a part on said first named flap when folded together, and means in said first named flap adapted to engage the part on the end of said last named flap when said flaps are folded together to lock the same in their folded position.

8. A seal tag composed of a main body portion provided with an aperture adapted to receive a button or the like secured to a garment, a flap foldably connected with one side of said body portion and provided with a tongue, the other side of said body portion being provided with a flap having a slot adapted to receive the tongue of said first named flap, a tongue foldably connected with said last named flap, and means in the tongue of the first named flap adapted to engage the tongue of the last named flap, when said parts are folded together to lock the same in their folded position and to seal a button or the like in the aperture of the main body portion.

9. A seal tag composed of a main body portion, a flap foldably connected with one side of said body portion and provided with a tongue, the other side of said body portion being provided with a flap having a

slot, folding side members connected with said flap, a tongue foldably connected with the end of said last named flap, means in the tongue of the first named flap adapted to engage the foldable tongue of the last named flap when said parts are folded together to lock the same in such position and the body portion of said tag being provided on its other side edges with one or more parts adapted to be detachably connected with said body portion.

10. A seal tag composed of a main body portion, a flap foldably connected with one side of said body portion and provided with a tongue, the other side of said body portion being provided with a flap having a slot adapted to receive the tongue on said first named flap, folding side members connected with said flap, apertures formed in the folds of said side members a predetermined distance from said slot, and perforations formed in said folds between said apertures and said slot, a tongue foldably connected with the end of said last named flap and provided with foldable side portions having ears adapted to enter the apertures in said folds when said last named tongue is folded upon said last named flap, and means in the tongue of said first named flap adapted to engage the tongue of the last named flap when said parts are folded together to lock the same in such position.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 19th day of July, 1917.

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