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Fig. 1.

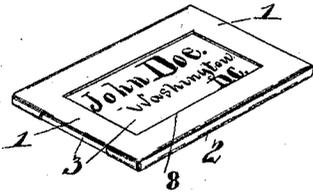


Fig. 3.

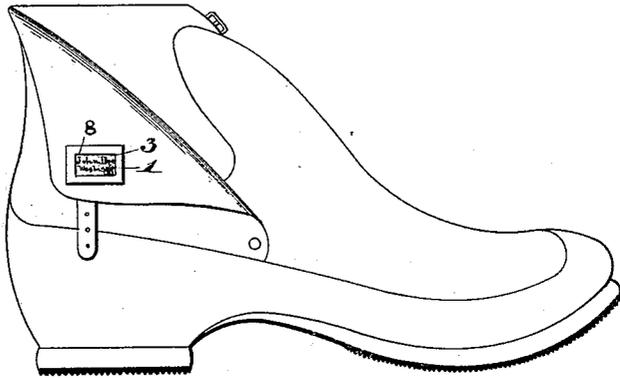


Fig. 2.

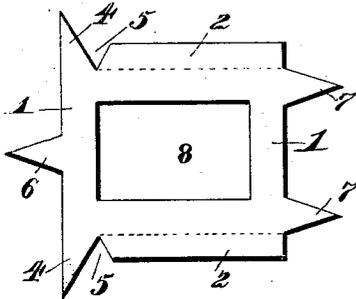


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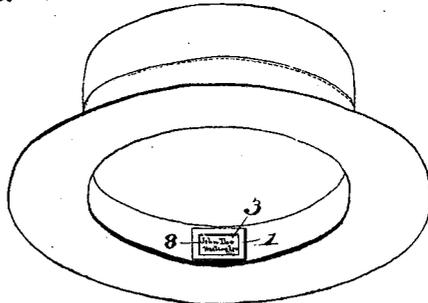
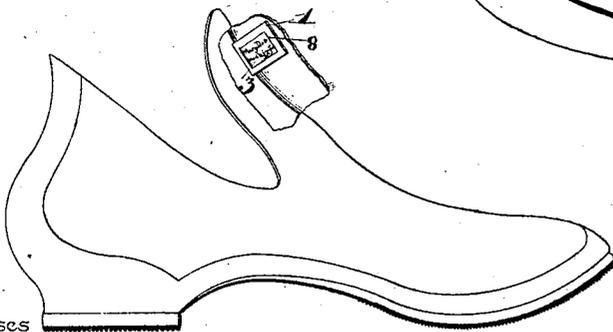


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED GRUNDY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cedar Falls, in the county of Black Hawk and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Marking-Tag, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a marking tag especially designed to be applied to hats, overshoes, and the like for the purpose of identification, and it has for its object to provide means whereby the ownership of a hat or of overshoes may be readily ascertained; and with this and other ends in view, the invention consists of the construction and arrangement of the parts thereof as will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved marking tag shown as holding an identification card or plate. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the blank used in constructing the improved tag and shown on a larger scale. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of an overshoe showing the improved marking tag applied thereto. Fig. 4 is a similar view of a storm slipper shown broken away with the improved tag applied thereto. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of a hat, showing the improved marking tag applied to the sweat-band thereof.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates the body of the marking tag, which is formed as a holding-plate and made of any suitable metal. The opposite sides of the said body are formed with folding flanges 2, that are bent under to provide guides and serve as a receiver for a marking card or plate 3, constructed of suitable material and placed against the body of the tag from the under side of the same and held in connection therewith by the construction just set forth, the said card or plate being provided with the name of the owner of the article to which the tag is applied, together with his place of residence, or such other identification as may be found desirable. At the terminating parts of said flanges 2 at one end penetrating and binding points or spurs 4 are

arranged and oppositely disposed, a small notch 5 being formed between the adjacent part of each flange 2 and the said points or spurs 4 on each side, in order to permit the flanges to be properly bent without interfering with the position of the points or spurs. On the end of the body at which the points or spurs 4 are located, is a central point or spur 6, and at the opposite end a pair of spurs 7, that are spaced apart, and all of said points or spurs are intended to be passed through the material to which the tag is applied and bent or clinched inwardly toward the back of the body 1, and in this arrangement the tag will have the appearance of the device represented by Fig. 1.

The body 1 is formed with a central opening 8, through which the matter contained on the card or plate 3 is made clearly visible, and by this means the tag has the appearance of a frame from the exterior or front thereof.

The part 3 is made of card-board, sheepskin, celluloid, metal, or any other suitable material, bearing the name, initials, or other desired mark of the owner as previously set forth.

The points or spurs 4 are positioned in the manner set forth for the reason that when bent at a right angle to the body of the tag they not only form a fastening but assist the flanges in forming a means of retention for the card or plate 3. The spurs 7, when bent at right angles to the plate, form a stop for the marking card or plate to prevent the latter from sliding through the end of the body on which said spurs are located. The single point 6 at the opposite end of the body is not bent until the card or plate is inserted, when it serves as a retainer, after the card or plate is inserted and it is bent down at an angle, that prevents the said card or plate from slipping out from the body of the tag. The points are made sufficiently long to penetrate through an overshoe, the sweat-band of a hat, or other article, and when the plate is attached the points are bent down as heretofore set forth or may be curved down and pressed back into the material of the article forming a double penetration. The flexible nature of the points or spurs permits the re-

removal of the tag and transfer and attachment to another article, as desired by the owner. It also allows for changing the marking card or plate should one in use become
5 soiled or defaced.

The card or plate 3, bearing the name or other device of identification, is made of the same size as the under part of the body 1, the identifying inscription being written,
10 printed or engraved on the exposed part thereof.

Changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or
15 sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

The herein described marking tag, the same consisting of the rectangular frame 1 having
20 its opposite longitudinal side edges folded inwardly forming opposite card-receiving flanges and beyond said folded portions
25 notched and provided with opposite laterally disposed spurs 4, the opposite longitudinally disposed end spurs 7 and the single spur 6, the spurs 6 and 7 being arranged at opposite
ends of the frame, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in
30 the presence of two witnesses.

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