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MARKING TICKET

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Fig. 1.

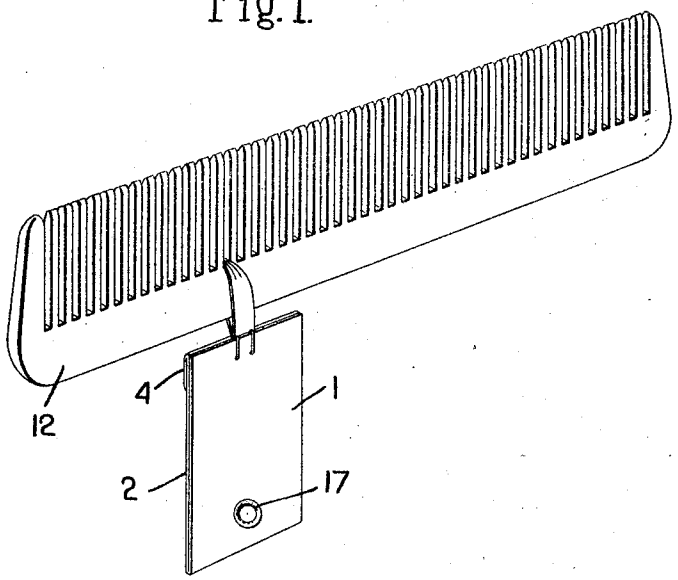


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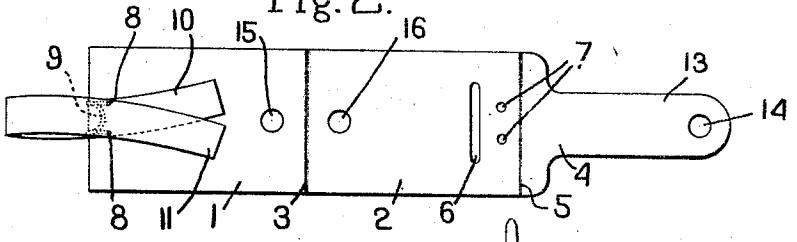


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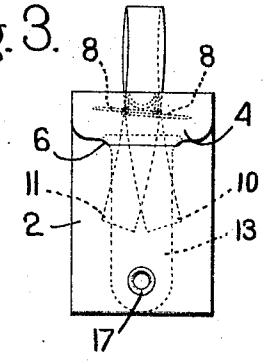
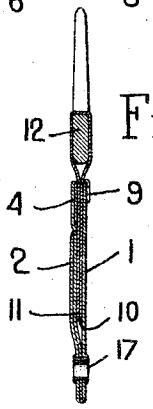


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUSTAF A. WALLIN, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Brooklyn, county of Kings, State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Marking Tickets, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a specification, like characters on the drawing representing like parts.

This invention relates to a marking ticket having as its object to provide a construction of ticket that when applied to the article to be marked can be applied thereto in such a manner that it cannot be removed without the practical destruction of the ticket and further to provide such a construction of ticket as can be applied to an article which it is either undesirable or impossible to penetrate with the prongs of the fastening device of the marking ticket.

In the patent of Marsh and Wallin, #1,054,927, granted March 4, 1913, is disclosed a prong fastener type of marking ticket so constructed that when applied to the fabric to be marked it cannot be removed without the practical destruction of the ticket. Thus any attempt to detach or remove the ticket is clearly and unmistakably indicated. Such marking tickets are of particular value in marking, as with the price, quality, and similar information, fabrics, garments and other articles which are sent to customers on approval and which would be damaged or reduced in value if used by the customer.

A marking ticket such as shown in the foregoing patent is not available for use in the marking of articles which cannot be, or which it is desirable shall not be, penetrated by the prongs of the fastening device of the ticket such, for example, as combs which must not be used for hygienic reasons except by the final purchaser and articles such, for example, as jewelry through which the prongs must not be passed.

The present invention presents a simple and practical form of prong fastener marking ticket which can be attached to an article without penetration by the prong and which is non-removable from the article without destruction of the ticket.

These and other objects of the invention will appear more fully from the accompanying description and drawings and will be particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings

Fig. 1 is a view in perspective of a comb with a preferred form of marking ticket embodying the invention attached thereto.

Fig. 2 is a view in plan of the marking ticket shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a view in elevation of the marking ticket in position as attached and looking at the face opposite that shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a view in central vertical cross-section of the ticket as attached to the comb.

The main body portion of the ticket is composed of any suitable marking ticket material, such for example as a thin tough cardboard, and may be of any desired size according to the requirements of the article to be marked and the data to be placed upon the marking ticket. In the form illustrated, the ticket comprises two main flaps, 1 and 2, of the same size and of substantially rectangular shape connected at the scored line 3 and a prong covering flap 4 connected to the free end of the main flap 2 at the scored line 5.

The main flap 2 is provided near its free end with the transverse slot 6 and, preferably, between this slot and the free end with two apertures 7 adapted to receive the prongs of the fastener.

The prong fastener in the construction illustrated, is of a familiar form and is made of wire. The prongs 8 of this fastener pass through the main flap 1 near its free end and the body 9 of the fastener is clamped about the free edge of this flap, leaving the prongs normally projecting at right angles to the face of the flap.

An essential feature of the present invention is a flexible connector which is secured at one end to, and projects from, the free end of the main flap 1. This flexible connector may be of any suitable material and of any suitable quality, size, and length. A simple and convenient form of connector is a piece of ordinary cloth tape. One end of the flexible connector may be secured in any suitable manner to the main flap 1, provided it is not removable therefrom without practical destruction of the ticket, while the other end must be free to be passed around or through the article to be marked and must be capable of being fastened or

secured in place by the prong fastener between the main flaps of the ticket. These results are preferably and conveniently secured by a construction such as that illustrated in which the flexible strip of tape has both of its ends secured by impalement on the prong fastener. The strip of tape illustrated has one end 10 impaled upon the prongs 8. It is then looped through or about the article, as for example, between the teeth of the comb 12. The other end 11 is then impaled upon the prongs 8.

The main flap 2 is then folded about the scored line 3 into juxtaposition with the main flap 1, the prongs 8 being passed through the flap 2 and preferably through the apertures 7. This causes both ends of the flexible connector or tape to be in a position out of reach and to be concealed between the main flaps. The prongs 8 are then turned down upon the outer face of the main flap 2 or into the position shown in the dotted lines of Fig. 3. Preferably the prongs are bent to form a closed wire loop embracing that portion of the two ticket flaps and of the tape between the prongs with each prong extending in the direction of the edge of the ticket further from its base in accordance with the principle of the invention of another application filed concurrently herewith by me.

The prong covering flap terminates in an elongated tongue 13, which is of a width suitable to pass through the slot 6 and which has at its free end an aperture 14. This covering flap is next bent back about the scored line 5 and the tongue 13 is passed through the slot 6 between the main flaps 1 and 2, thus covering and protecting the down turned prongs.

Apertures 15 in the flap 1 and 16 in the flap 2 are provided to register with the aperture 14 of the interposed tongue 13. An ordinary metal eyelet 17 is then set in place in the registering apertures 14, 15, and 16 and thus the two main flaps have the interposed tongue of the prong covering flap permanently secured together.

There is thus provided a simple and efficient form of marking ticket securing the desired results. It is impossible to disconnect the flexible connector from the body of the marking ticket to permit the removal of the ticket from the article to which it is applied without practically destroying the ticket as by tearing the tongue or removing the set or riveted fastener 17.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is:

1. A prong fastener marking ticket for attachment to an article without penetration thereof by the prong and non-removable therefrom without destruction of the ticket comprising two foldable main flaps, one flap having a transverse slot near its free end, a flexible connector secured at one end to and projecting from the free end of the second flap, and a prong fastener adjacent the free end of and secured to the second flap and adapted to engage and secure the free end of the flexible connector between two flaps and to pass through the first flap and to be turned down thereupon, a prong covering flap on the free end of the first flap having an elongated tongue adapted to pass through the slot and extend between the two main flaps, and means for permanently securing together the two main flaps and the interposed tongue.

2. A prong fastener marking ticket having the construction defined in claim 1 in which the flexible connector consists of a strip of flexible material having both of its ends secured by impalement on the prong fastener.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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