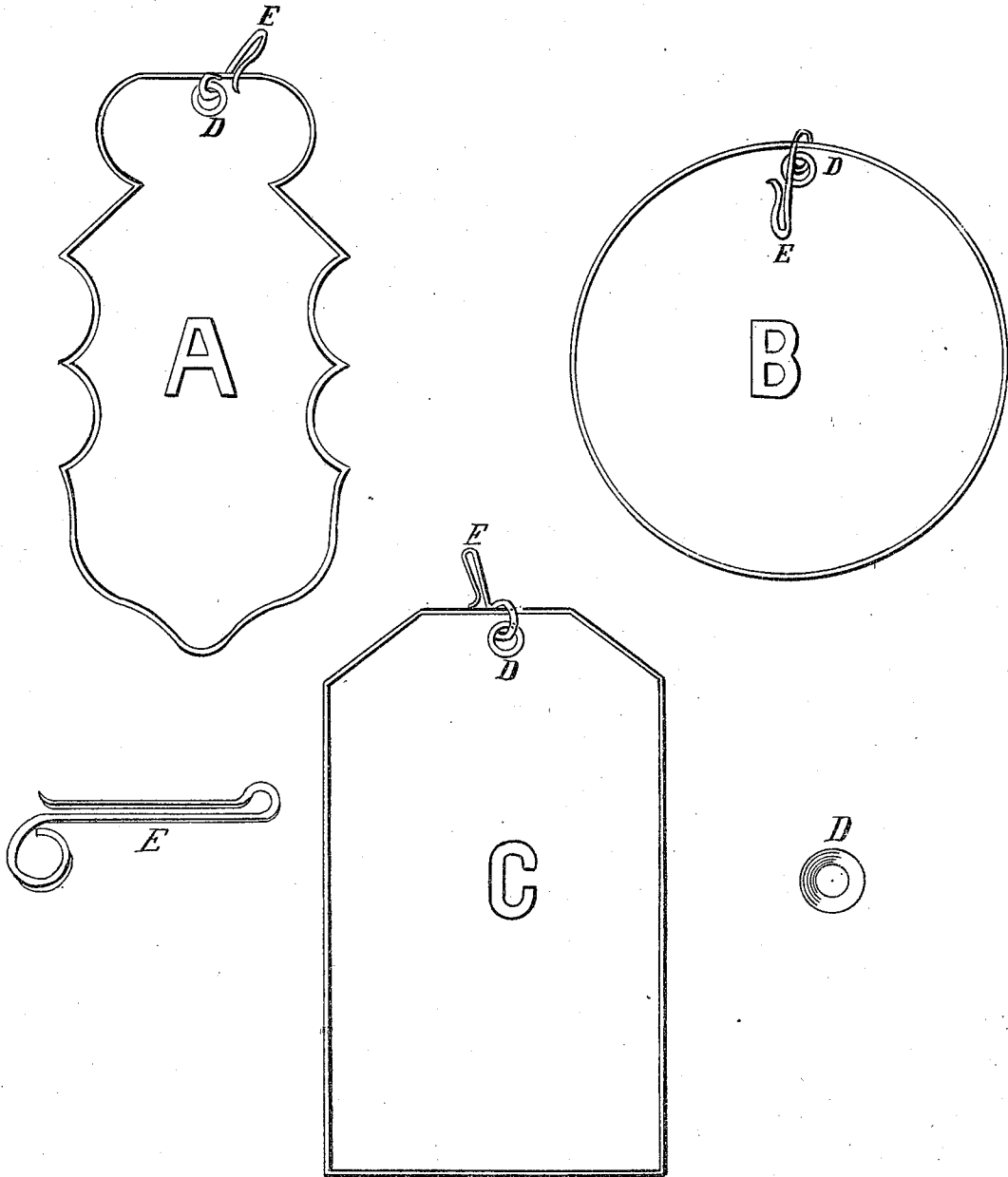


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## METALLIC HOOK FOR LABELS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL B. FAY, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Mode of  
5 Attaching Tags or Labels; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which my improvement is illustrated.

10 In large warehouses requiring an extensive mode of labeling cloths and other articles the usual methods employed of tying tags to the cloth or riveting on lead tags is very laborious often requiring the time of  
15 several persons.

To remedy this defect my invention was made.

For the above purpose several requisites must be attained; first, the article must be  
20 sufficiently cheap; secondly, it must be affixed in such a manner as not to be easily detached in handling the goods and, thirdly, it must be affixed easily, rapidly and surely.

25 I thus attain all these requisites. The tag or label is made of card or other cheap suitable material cut to any pattern as seen in the drawing at A, B, C. Holes are cut in these tags and a metallic eyelet or gromet  
30 D is inserted therein. Then I prepare a hook as shown at E, in the drawing, formed of suitable metal or in any other form or configuration having the same characteristics of a sharp point bent into position to be

readily caught in the cloth with the parts 35 of the shank brought together in such a way as to require them to spring open to pass that portion of the article to which the tag is to be affixed which has been caught by the hook and after it is passed to close again 40 so as to retain the same beyond the point above named where the parts of the shank are made to appear there should be a bow or bight sufficient to retain the portion above named into which the hook is set. In this 45 way tags and labels may be affixed to goods with sufficient permanence for all practical purposes and with infinitely less labor than when pinned, sewed, or tied thereto by a string as are the methods now employed for 50 that purpose.

Having thus fully described my improved tag or label and its difference from what has heretofore been essayed therein what I claim as my device for which I desire Let- 55 ters Patent is—

The construction of tags or labels substantially as herein described by affixing thereto a hook so formed as to readily hook into the goods to be marked and by the 60 spring of the shank retain its position without being liable to become readily detached as herein specified.

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