

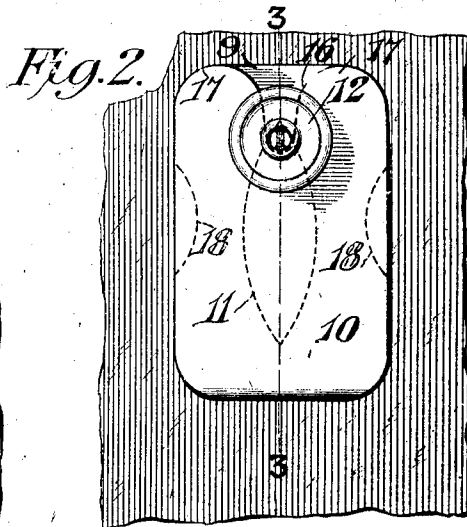
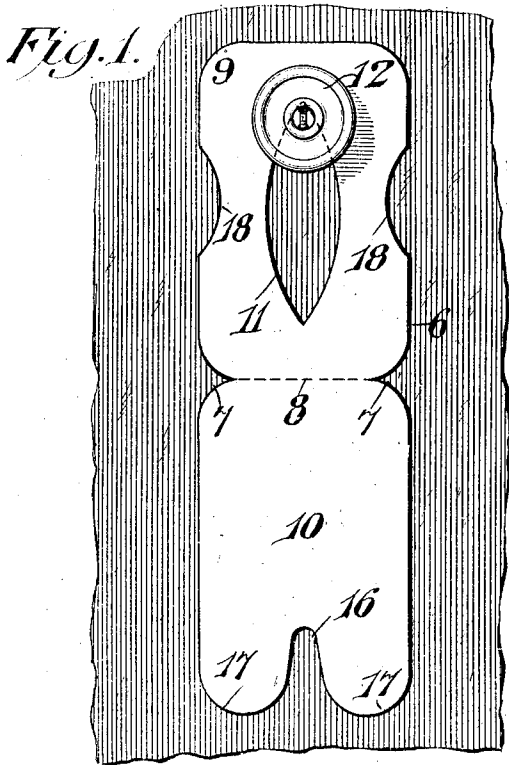
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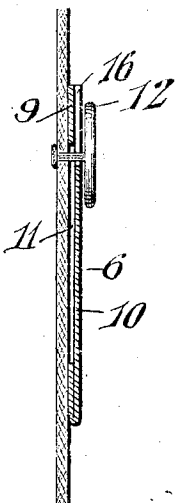
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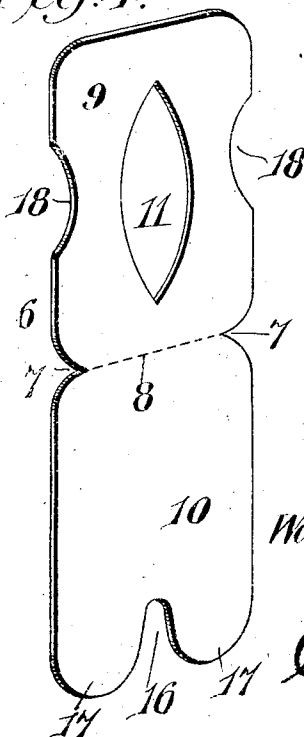
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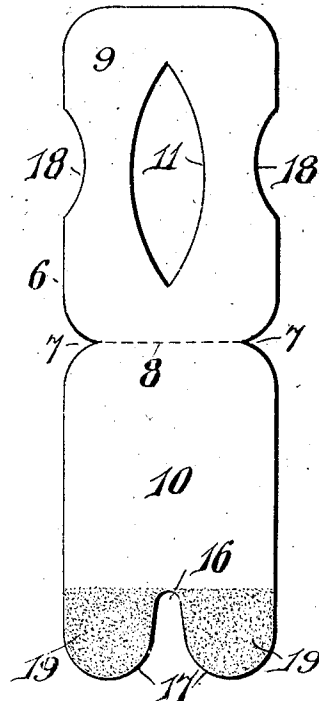
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTON DUANE SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Prophetstown, in the county of Whiteside and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Tag, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to tags adapted to be applied to clothing to display the price, size, etc., and particularly to that class of such tags which are constructed to engage buttons provided on the garments, such as ready-made clothing, knitted underwear and the like.

One of the principal objects of my invention is to provide a marking tag cut from a single piece of material, and so folded that when it is attached to a button of the garment it will be retained in position and not liable to be shaken or dislodged therefrom while the article is being exhibited or shown to a customer.

Another and important object is to provide a tag in the form of a blank creased transversely of itself, thereby providing inner and outer connected leaves of the same size and configuration, which are adapted to be folded one upon the other, the inner leaf being provided with a slot through which the button is caused to project and the outer leaf having a notch adapted to fit under the button and in this manner hold the tag in place.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction and novel combination of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended; it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size and minor details of construction, within the scope of the appended claims, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Referring to the drawing:—Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved tag unfolded, showing the button engaging slot of the inner leaf slipped over and engaging a button on a garment. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the tag in its folded position when applied. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the tag alone; and

Fig. 5 is a plan view showing an adhesive applied to one of the leaves of the tag.

In the drawing, 6 is a blank preferably oblong in shape and adapted to be cut or stamped from a sheet of any suitable flexible material, such as paper, cardboard, celluloid, or the like. The blank 6 is provided at its side edges and midway of its length with inwardly extending notches 7 which are connected by a dotted or crease line 8 extending transversely of the blank and defining the same into two parts or leaves 9 and 10 of the same size and general configuration. The blank is adapted to be creased on the line 8, and the leaf 10 folded over upon the leaf 9, as shown in Fig. 3.

The inner leaf 9 is provided with an elongated longitudinally extending elliptical slot 11 adapted to slip over and receive a button 12, attached in any suitable manner, as by threads, to the cloth of the garment. The slot 11 is of such a length and so positioned that it terminates short of the ends of the leaf 9, and is centrally arranged, so that when the button is at the outer end of the slot it is located at a point midway between the sides of the leaf 9.

The outer leaf or part 10 is provided at its outer end with an inwardly extending notch 16, which defines lines 17 on each side thereof, the latter being of a length sufficient to extend to the outer end of the inner leaf. The length of the notch is such that when the two leaves are folded one upon the other, the inner end of the notch extends inwardly of one leaf past the outer end of the slot of the other leaf, whereby the notch and slot cooperate to receive the shank of the button, (see Fig. 3). In other words, the notch projects inwardly from the outer end of one leaf a greater distance than the space separating the outer end of the slot from the outer edge of the other leaf. By this arrangement, the inner end of the notch engages one side of the button shank, while the outer end of the slot engages with the opposite side of said shank. Thus the leaf having the notch serves to hold the shank of the button within the outer end of the slot.

In attaching my improved tag to an article the operator inserts the button through the widest part of the slot 11 in the leaf or part 9, and draws the tag downwardly until the shank of the button 12 is

at the outer end of the slot 11, then creases the tag on the dotted line 8 and folds the leaf 10 upwardly, then buckles or bows the leaf permitting the leaf to be inserted under the button, the shank or attaching means for the button entering the notch 16 and the tines 17 projecting under the button and on each side of the shank thereof. Finger notches 18 are provided at the side edges of the inner leaf 9 so that when it is desired to remove the tag from the button, the outer leaf may be grasped without the fingers contacting with the inner leaf. The tines 17 of leaf 10 may be provided on the inner side with a suitable adhesive 19, as shown in Fig. 5, so that the tines may be sealed to the leaf 9, after the tag is applied to a button. This is particularly desirable when the tags are to be used by traveling salesmen. In this way, the permanent connection of the tag to the clothing is provided for, which is necessary in some instances.

The tag is simple, easily applied and removed, inexpensive and cannot become detached from the garment in ordinary usage.

By the term "shank" as applied to the button, I wish it understood that I mean either a metallic stem or the ordinary threads which are frequently used to connect a button to clothing when the button has no stem.

What is claimed is:—

1. A tag adapted to be connected to a button which is fastened to the article to be tagged, said tag comprising a sheet folded midway of its length to provide two connected leaves, the inner leaf having a longitudinally disposed substantially elliptical slot of a size adapted to be slipped over and receive the button, said slot terminating short of the ends of the leaf so that both ends are closed, and the other leaf being

adapted to fold over upon the inner leaf after the latter has been applied to the button so as to cover and conceal the slot, the free end of the outer leaf being constructed to engage the button around the shank thereof and thereby hold the button at the outer end of the slot.

2. A tag adapted to be connected to a button which is fastened to the tagged article, said tag comprising an elongated sheet folded transversely midway of its length to provide two leaves, one leaf being provided with a slot substantially elliptical in shape and of a size to pass a button therethrough, the other leaf having its outer end provided with a notch of a length sufficient to cause its inner end to extend inwardly past the outer end of the slot and provide an opening for the reception of the shank of said button.

3. A tag comprising an elongated sheet creased transversely and providing two connected leaves of the same size adapted to be folded one upon the other, one leaf being provided with an elongated longitudinally extending centrally arranged slot of a size to pass a button therethrough, and the other leaf provided at its outer end with a notch forming tines on each side thereof, said notch being of a length sufficient to cause its inner end to extend inwardly past the outer end of the slot and provide an opening for the reception of the shank of said button, said tines extending under said button on either side of said shank, when the leaves are folded one upon the other.

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

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