

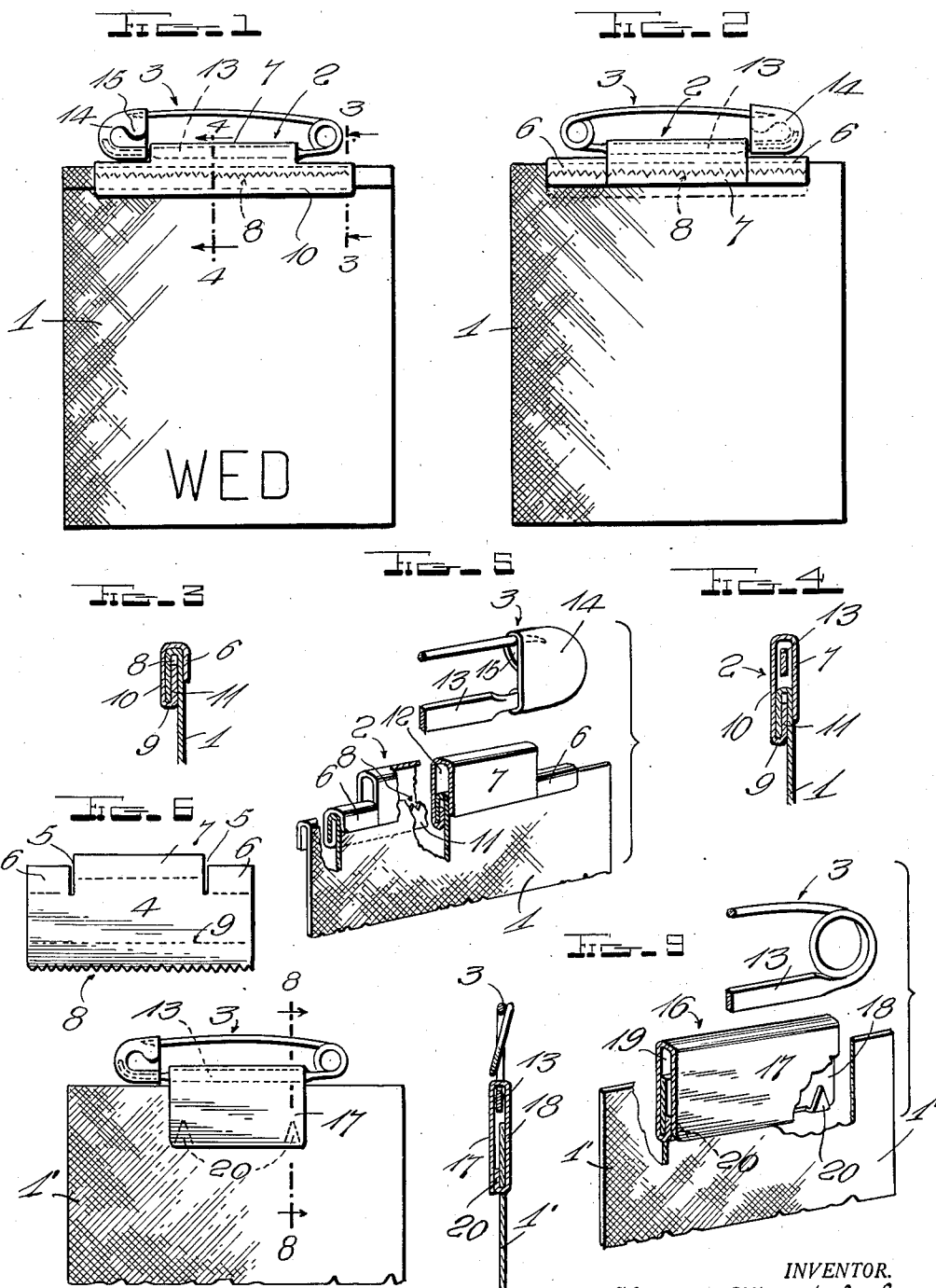
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The present invention relates to improvements in tags and has reference more particularly to an identification tag for attachment to garments and the like to be cleaned.

It is the custom in dry cleaning plants to mark each and every piece of apparel before the same is subjected to a cleaning process, and furthermore, different colored tags are employed for the different days of the week in order to enable the respective batches of garments to be properly classified and handled in the cleaning plant without causing confusion or loss of any of the articles.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide an improved identification tag that includes a novel clasp to which the piece of fabric constituting the tag can be readily and easily attached, the invention further comprehending the provision of a modified safety pin for association with the clasp which will permit the identification tag to be readily and easily pinned to the garment.

Other objects and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the following description when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing, wherein like reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the improved identification tag;

Figure 2 is a rear elevation thereof;

Figure 3 is a transverse section taken approximately on the line 3-3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a similar section taken substantially on the line 4-4 of Figure 1;

Figure 5 is a fragmentary perspective view, with parts shown in section of the clasp, the piece of fabric attached thereto and the safety pin;

Figure 6 is a plan view of the blank from which the clasp is formed;

Figure 7 is a front elevation of a modification of the clasp showing the same attached to the tag, the safety pin being also illustrated;

Figure 8 is a vertical sectional view taken approximately on the line 8-8 of Figure 7; and

Figure 9 is a view similar to Figure 5 of the modified clasp.

In the drawing, with reference more particularly to Figures 1 to 6, inclusive, wherein there is illustrated the preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 1 designates a piece of fabric constituting the tag proper, the fabric being preferably rectangular in design and bearing on one face, the abbreviation of one of the days

in the week. It is to be understood that it is customary in dry cleaning establishments to employ different colored tags for the different days of the week so as to readily distinguish between the batches of garments and other articles that are to be cleaned.

Furthermore, it is the policy to stamp or otherwise mark upon the tag other identification indicia to avoid loss of time as well as loss of the article in handling the same at the cleaning plant.

The numeral 2 designates generally my improved clasp structure, the detailed construction of which will be presently described. The safety pin forming a salient part of this invention is designated generally by the numeral 3.

The clasp 2 is formed from a single blank of sheet metal shown at 4 in Figure 6 and which blank is substantially rectangular in shape. The blank is slit transversely as at 5 to provide the end lips 6 and the intermediate tongue 7 and it will be observed that the upper edge of the tongue projects a slight distance above the upper edges of the lips 6. The lower edge of the blank 4 is serrated as indicated at 8. While I have shown the teeth as being continuous, it is to be understood that I do not wish to limit myself to this particular arrangement as the teeth may be arranged in spaced groups, or otherwise as may be desired.

The blank 4 is adapted to be bent longitudinally along the line 9 after the upper edge portion of the piece of fabric 1 has been placed across the rear face of the blank and the teeth 8 will bite into the piece of fabric to securely hold the same to the clasp 2. By bending the blank 4 along the line 9, there is formed a relatively wide front wall 10 and a relatively short rear wall 11, this being clearly illustrated in Figure 4 of the drawing.

The folded upper edge portion of the fabric 1 will be clamped between the interconnected front and rear walls 10 and 11 of the clasp.

The lips 6 are then bent back upon the rear wall 11 and further clamp the adjacent portion of the fabric tag 1 in the clasp as clearly shown in Figure 5.

The tongue 7 is folded intermediate its length to provide a substantially inverted U-shaped structure and the free end portion of this tongue overlaps the serrated rear wall 11 and also clasps the adjacent portion of the fabric tag in the manner as clearly illustrated in the drawing.

The loop 12 formed by bending the tongue 7 back upon itself is disposed above the top of

the end portion of the clasp 2 and this loop provides a means for attaching a pin fastener to the clasp and which pin fastener is employed for securing the identification tag to the garment.

5 The safety pin 3 which I employ has its back bar 13 flattened so that the safety pin cannot turn or swing in the loop 12 through which the flattened bar of the safety pin is disposed. This will permit the identification tag to be more
10 readily and easily attached to the garment than would be the case if the back bar was round. Furthermore, the guard or head 14 that receives the pointed end of the free leg or arm of the safety pin has its nose portion 15 extending well
15 inwardly toward the opposite side of the head so that the pointed free end of the safety pin will not be apt to become readily disengaged from the head or guard 14, as would be the case if the conventional head or guard structure as associated with safety pins now generally in
20 use, was employed.

In Figures 7, 8 and 9, respectively, I have shown a slight modification of the clasp. In this ramification, the clasp 16 is also formed from a
25 single blank of sheet metal, the same being folded intermediate its length to provide front and rear walls 17 and 18, respectively, and a top looped portion 19. The upper edge of the fabric tag 1' is disposed between the front and
30 rear walls and is secured to the clasp by means of the bendable tongues or prongs 20 that are associated with the lower edge of the rear wall 18. These prongs are bent up and pierce the fabric tag in a manner as clearly shown in the
35 drawing. The lower edge of the front wall 17 overlaps the bent up prongs. The same type of pin fastener as shown in the preferred form of the invention is implied in connection with the modified clasp and the flattened bar 13 of the
40 safety pin 3 is disposed through the looped portion 19.

An identification tag of the above mentioned character can be manufactured and sold at a very low cost and due to its simplicity, the same
45 can be readily and easily handled.

While I have shown the preferred embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that minor changes in the size, shape and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention and the scope of the
50 appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. A device of the class described, comprising
55 in combination, a tag, a clasp attached to the tag, said clasp including a flattened looped portion, and a safety pin having the bar thereof disposed through the flattened looped portion, said bar being flattened to cooperate with the
60 flattened looped portion to prevent turning of the safety pin in the clasp.

2. In a device of the class described, a tag, a clasp formed from a single blank of sheet metal folded back upon itself to provide front and rear
65 walls between which a portion of the tag is confined, teeth formed on the free edge of one of the walls and bent upwardly, said teeth piercing the tag to secure the same in the clasp, said clasp including a flattened looped portion, and a
70 safety pin having its back bar flattened and disposed through the flattened looped portion.

3. In an identification tag, a piece of fabric, a

clasp formed from a single blank of sheet metal bent back upon itself to form front and rear walls between which one edge portion of the fabric is clamped, a tongue portion at the top of the front wall bent back upon the rear wall and clamping the adjacent portion of the piece of fabric, said bent back tongue forming a loop to receive a pin fastener for attaching the tag to an article.

4. In an identification tag, a piece of fabric, a clasp formed from a single blank of sheet metal bent back upon itself to form front and rear walls between which one edge portion of the fabric is clamped, a tongue portion at the top of the front wall bent back upon the rear wall and clamping the adjacent portion of the piece of fabric, said bent back tongue forming a loop to receive a pin fastener for attaching the tag to an article, and lip portions at the ends of the top portion of the front wall, bent back upon the rear wall and also clamping the adjacent portion of the piece of fabric.

5. In an identification tag, a fabric tag, a clasp formed from a single blank of sheet metal bent to provide interconnected front and rear walls between which one edge portion of the fabric tag is clamped, lip portions formed on the opposite free edge of the front wall, said lip portions being located at the ends and bent back upon the rear wall to further clamp the fabric tag, and an intermediate tongue formed on the free longitudinal edge of the front wall, said tongue being bent back upon the rear wall to clamp the fabric tag, and means for attaching the tag to an article.

6. In an identification tag, a piece of fabric adapted to receive indicating indicia, a clasp formed from a single blank of sheet metal, bent back upon itself to form front and rear walls connected at their lower edges and between which one edge of the piece of fabric is clamped, bendable lips formed at the ends of the upper edge of the front wall and adapted to be bent back upon the rear wall to further clamp the adjacent portion of the fabric tag, and a tongue formed on the intermediate portion of the upper edge of the front wall and bent back upon the rear wall to clamp the piece of fabric, said tongue including a looped portion, and a safety pin for attaching the identification tag to an article having its back bar disposed through the looped portion of the tongue.

7. In an identification tag, a piece of fabric adapted to receive indicating indicia, a clasp formed from a single blank of sheet metal, bent back upon itself to form front and rear walls connected at their lower edges and between which one edge of the piece of fabric is clamped, bendable lips formed at the ends of the upper edge of the front wall and adapted to be bent back upon the rear wall to further clamp the adjacent portion of the fabric tag, and a tongue formed on the intermediate portion of the upper edge of the front wall and bent back upon the rear wall to clamp the piece of fabric, said tongue including a looped portion, and a safety pin for attaching the identification tag to an article having its back bar disposed through the looped portion of the tongue, said back bar being flattened to prevent turning of the safety pin in the clasp.

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