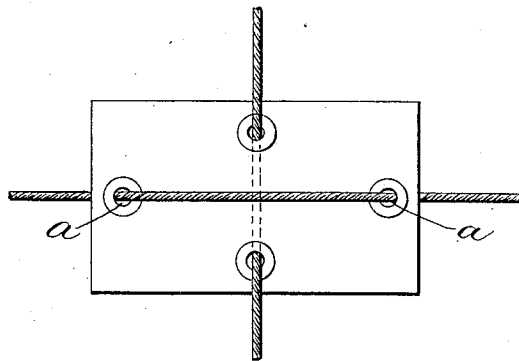


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MERCHANDISE-TAG.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY C. DANIELS, of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, a citizen of the United States, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Merchandise-Tags, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in explaining its nature, in which—

The figure is a merchandise-tag containing the features of my invention and illustrating one method of its use.

Heretofore merchandise-tags, so far as I am aware, have always been made with a hole at one end only for the reception of the cord or string used in fastening it to the package or bundle, and while this form of tag is employed quite extensively, yet there are quite a number of objections to it, among which may be mentioned the cost of manufacture, caused by the necessity of making the tag of the best material to prevent its being torn from its holding-string or otherwise mutilated, which, in spite of these precautions, often happens; the fact that it cannot be addressed easily after it has been attached to the package or bundle; that the address cannot be readily read because the tag is generally dangling or hanging from the bundle and the addressed side is as likely to be up as down. To overcome these objections, I form my tag so that it can be securely tied or attached to the package or bundle on which it is used, and preferably by the string or cord used in tying up the package. This I accomplish by arranging in the tag a hole at each end, as herein indicated, whereby it is held down at both ends in such a manner that it cannot be easily detached therefrom. This permits me to use as a material for the tag a paper of a cheaper quality than is ordinarily employed, and also renders it unnecessary to use as much care in the manufacture as is used with the ordinary merchandise-tag.

Referring to the drawing, A represents the tag. It has the holes *a* preferably oppositely arranged, and, if desired, the parts of the tag about the holes may be re-enforced by eyelets or washers, and in the figure I have shown washers.

The attaching cords or strings preferably

are passed up through one hole of the tag, across its face, and down through the opposite hole, as represented in the figure.

It will be seen that by this construction the tag can be cheaply made, and can be strongly attached to a bundle or package and by the cord used in doing up or securing it, and that there is a sufficient space for a legible address provided.

I am aware of the Patent No. 185,186, to Miller, for a mail-bag fastener; also, of the Patent No. 210,417, to Gathright, also for a mail-bag fastener, and of the Patent No. 231,277, to Cohen, for a metal bale-tie, and also of the Patent No. 303,528, to Lewis, for a package-tie; but as neither of these patents show or describe a merchandise-tag made of one piece of paper or other suitable fibrous material, having two or more holes for the reception of the fastening cord or string, arranged in relation to each other, as herein specified, so as not to prevent the tag from presenting an inscription or printing surface, or both, and also so arranged that the tag is firmly secured at two opposite points to a bundle or package, and as the tag is not employed for holding or securing the fastening-cord in any way, I consider that the said patents do not describe a device containing the essential elements of my invention.

I am also aware of Patent No. 274,348, to Lewis, for a shipping-tag, having holes with entrance-slots leading from them to the edge of the card and flaps adapted to be turned and secured over the said entrance-slots; but my tag has neither entrance-slots nor flaps, and I consider, therefore, that it does not contain the essence of the said Lewis invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

As an improved article of manufacture, the merchandise-tag made of paper or other fibrous material, having side and end corresponding perforations for the reception of a fastening string or cord, all substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

HENRY C. DANIELS.

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