(No Model.)

S. E. MOWER.

TAG AND FASTENER.

No. 313,948. Patented Mar. 17, 1885.

Fig. 1.

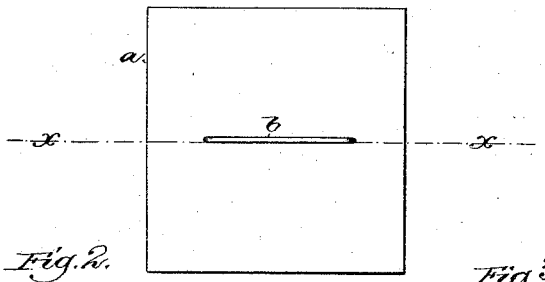


Fig. 2.

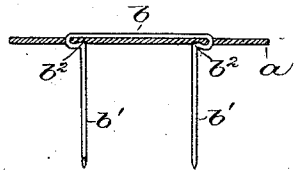


Fig. 3.

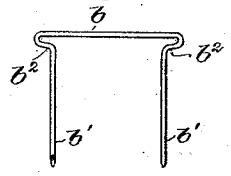
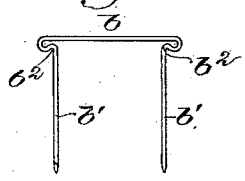


Fig. 4.



Witnesses.
John F. C. Brinkerhoff
Dennis J. Noyes.

Inventor.
Samuel E. Mower.
by Crosby & Gregory
attys

N. PETERS. Photo-Lithographer. Washington, D. C.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

SAMUEL E. MOWER, OF NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, ASSIGNOR TO HENRY GRANT THOMPSON, OF SAME PLACE, AND HENRY G. THOMPSON, OF MILFORD, CONNECTICUT.

TAG AND FASTENER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 313,948, dated March 17, 1885.

Application filed December 15, 1884. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL E. MOWER, of New Haven, county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented an Improvement in Tags and Fasteners, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

My invention relates to a tag and fastener to be used for applying distinguishing marks or numbers or prices to merchandise—such as fabrics or articles of clothing and the like.

The invention consists, essentially, in a tag composed of a piece of card-board or thick paper or other suitable material of proper size to receive the distinguishing mark or number, or itself by peculiar color or shape constituting a distinguishing mark, the said card-board being combined with a fastening-staple having its prongs passed through the card-board, and offset or provided with shoulders which are struck back to partially enter and engage the said card-board, and prevent the staple from becoming disengaged therefrom, the striking back of the shoulders enabling the said board to be held more rigidly than could otherwise be done. In applying the tag, the prongs are passed through or into the material to which the tag is to be applied, and then bent down or clinched thereon, thus securely fastening the tag.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a tag embodying this invention; Fig. 2, a transverse section thereof on line *x x;* Fig. 3, a front elevation of the fastener or staple detached from the card-board before striking back its shoulders of the staple, and Fig. 4 is a similar view with the shoulders struck back to enter the card-board.

The tag consists, essentially, of a piece of card-board, *a*, thick paper, or other suitable material, of any desired shape, and of proper size to receive the distinguishing or descriptive marks that are to apply to the goods, articles, or material to which the tag is to be attached, and of a fastener.

The said tag is provided with a fastener, consisting of a staple, *b*, having its bridge or prong connecting part resting on the face of the card-board *a*, while the prongs or legs *b'* of the staple pass through the said card-board and project from its under side, as shown in Fig. 2, the said prongs being offset or provided with shoulders b^2, which are struck back into the under side of the card-board, thereby engaging the under face thereof, and preventing the staple or fastener from becoming detached therefrom, the staple holding the card very stiffly.

In applying the tag to merchandise or goods to be marked the prongs *p'* are pressed through the said goods or material, the shoulders b^2 receiving the pressure applied to the tag or bridge portion of the staple, and thus preventing the prongs from slipping back through the card-board instead of penetrating the material, and after the said prongs have been pushed through the material—usually fabric of some kind—they are bent down upon the said material, firmly securing the tag thereto.

If the staple *b*, shaped as shown in Fig. 3, should be employed to hold the card-board, the latter would be but loosely held, and it being very desirable to have the card and staple held together as closely and rigidly as possible, I have struck back the shoulders b^2, so as to partially enter the under side of the card-board. Such sharper bending of the shoulders makes the staple stiffer at the shoulder.

I claim—

The combination of the card-board *a* with a fastener composed of a staple having its prongs passed through the said card-board, and offset or shouldered to embrace and hold the same, the said shoulders being struck or bent back into the card-board at the under side of the latter, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

SAMUEL E. MOWER.

Witnesses:

HENRY G. THOMPSON,

ARTHUR GRAHAM THOMPSON.