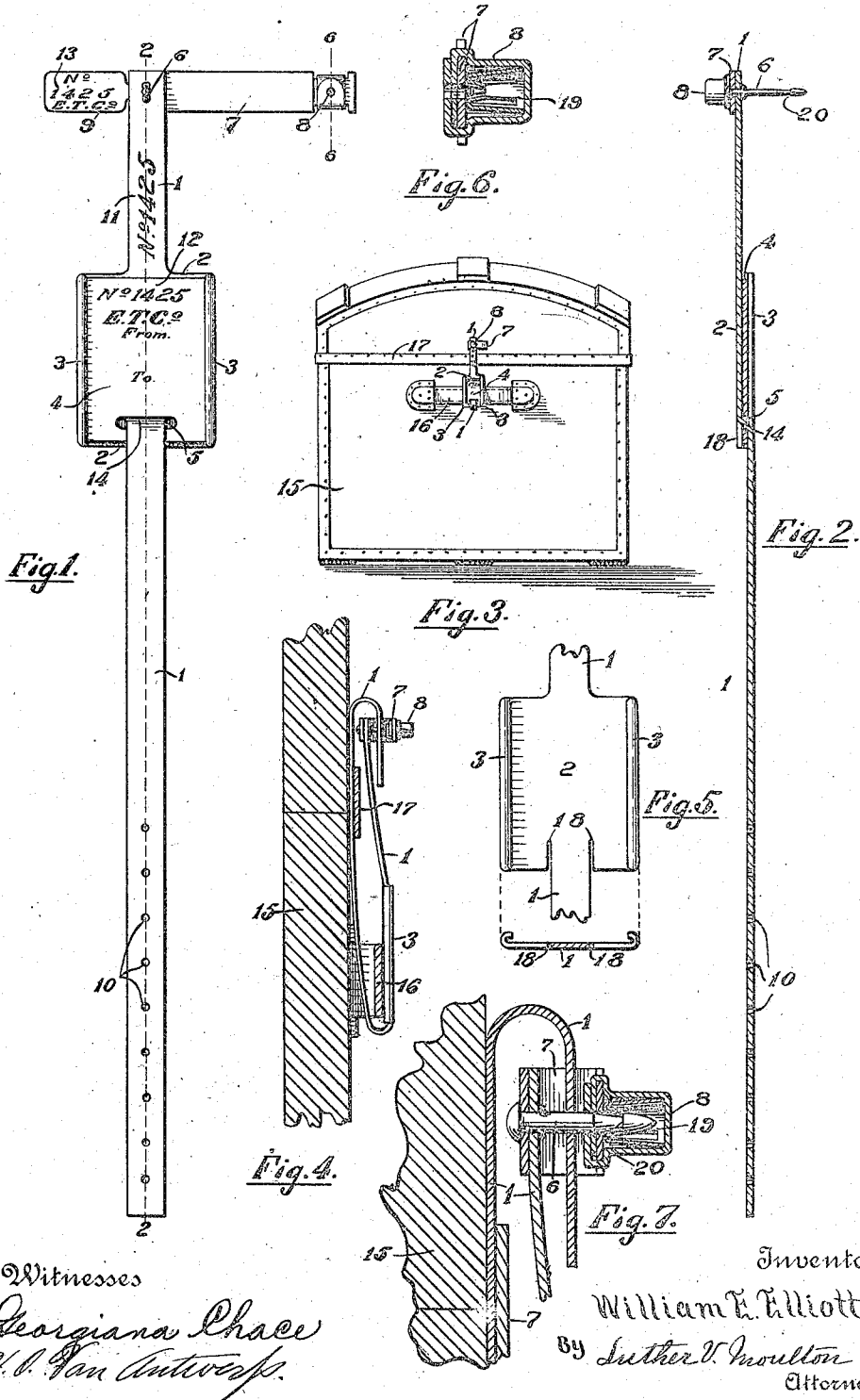


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. ELLIOTT, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Checks and Seals; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in a combined check and seal and its object is to provide a cheap and convenient device that shall serve both as a check and a seal and thus secure the article upon which it may be placed against any opening of the same without breaking the seal, and at the same time provide a suitable check in duplicate for delivery to the owner of the article upon which the seal is used, and to provide the device with various new and useful features hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1. is a plan view of a device embodying my invention; Fig. 2. a longitudinal section of the same on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.; Fig. 3. the end view of a trunk with my device applied thereto; Fig. 4. an enlarged sectional detail of the same as shown in Fig. 3.; Fig. 5. a detail of the tag holding portion of the device; Fig. 6. an enlarged detail of the retaining means shown on the line 6—6 of Fig. 1.; and, Fig. 7. an enlarged vertical sectional detail of the locking means in locked position.

Like numbers refer to like parts in all of the figures.

1 represents a strip of material preferably of sheet metal provided with a lateral enlargement 2 near one end for the purpose of holding a paper tag 4 on which may be printed or written any desired inscription, and also a number corresponding to the number of the seal.

To secure the tag in place, and permit of inserting the same, the edges of the lateral enlargement are folded as at 3 forming grooves to receive the edges of the tag. Near one end of this tag is a perforation 5 through which is inserted the strip 1, which strip is bent or off-set where it extends through this opening as at 14 and is severed at its sides from the lateral extension

to a suitable extent to permit of being so inserted and bent, as indicated at 18 in Fig. 5.

When the tag is inserted in the grooves formed by the folded edges 3 and the strip 1 passed through the opening 5 and then bent around beneath the edge of the tag, the latter will be securely retained in place. 6 is a locking pin which also serves as a rivet to connect a transverse member 7 to the strip 1, which member is extended a sufficient distance to be folded upon itself with its end opposite the pin 6, which end is provided with a retainer inclosed in a case 8 to receive and hold the end of the pin. This pin and retainer are preferably of the construction shown in my co-pending application for improvement in metallic seals, filed March 20, 1907, Serial No. 363,363, in which a series of resilient members 19 having hook-shaped yielding ends are provided in the case 8, which surround and engage the shouldered end 20 of the pin 6 and securely retain the pin in the case. The strip 7 is also oppositely extended as at 9 and partially severed adjacent to the strip 1, whereby a detachable check is formed upon which is stamped the number of the check, a corresponding number being stamped upon the strip 1 as at 11. This check when the seal is used is detached and delivered as a duplicate check to the owner of the article to which the device is attached. Near the other end of the strip 1, I provide a series of perforations 10 through one of which when the seal is used, the pin 6 is inserted.

In using this device upon a trunk, I prefer to apply the same, as shown in Fig. 4. with the tag holding member opposite the handle 16 of the trunk and on the outside thereof, and with the longer portion of the strip 1 extending within the handle and thence upward between the band 17 and the body of the trunk, and with its perforated end bent outward and downward with the pin 6 extended through one of the holes or openings 10, and the transverse member 7 folded with the retainer case 8 attached to the end of the pin 6. The device thus serves to securely seal the trunk and at the same time performs the function of a check.

Obviously this seal may be applied to a great variety of articles having any two members that may be attached to each other by means of the seal, or it may be passed around any article such as a bag, thus forming a tie for the same. Various other analo-

gous uses will be found for the device as occasion arises.

What I claim is:

1. A device of the class described comprising a strip of sheet metal having a lateral enlargement intermediate its ends provided with folded edges, and also having one or more openings in one end, a locking pin fixed in the other end, a transverse member secured on the end having the pin, and locking means on the end of said member adapted to receive and retain the pin.

2. In a device of the class described, the combination of a strip of sheet metal having a lateral enlargement intermediate its ends provided with folded edges, one end being provided with a series of openings and also being severed at its sides from the lateral enlargement, a locking pin fixed in the other end, a transverse member secured to the end having the pin, a case on the end of said extension adapted to receive the pin and means for retaining the pin within the case.

3. A device of the class described, comprising a strip of metal having perforations near one end and a locking pin near the other end, and a lateral enlargement having folded edges to hold a tag, a tag provided with an opening to receive the strip,

and a transverse member on the strip having retaining means adapted to receive the locking pin and retain the same.

4. A combined seal and check, comprising a strip of metal having a lateral enlargement provided with folded edges to form grooves, said enlargement being partially severed at the sides of said strip, a tag in the grooves and having an opening to receive the strip, a locking pin near one end of the strip, a series of openings near the other end of the strip, a transverse member secured by the pin, retaining means on said member to receive and retain the pin, a detachable check having a number thereon, and a corresponding number on the strip and tag.

5. The combination of a metallic seal comprising a strip of metal, means for sealing its ends to each other, said strip having a lateral enlargement having folded edges forming grooves to receive a tag, a tag inserted in said grooves and provided with an opening to receive the strip, and a detachable portion to said seal to serve as a check.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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