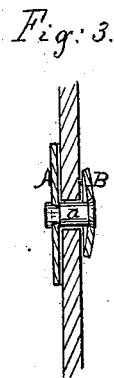
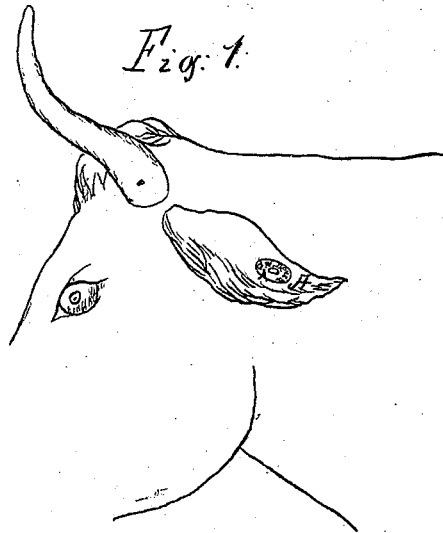


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IMPROVEMENT IN MARKING STOCK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. DEVIN, of Ottumwa, in the county of Wapello and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stock-Marks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in the employment of a small labeled plate secured to the ear of the animal by means of a headed rivet, the peculiar nature of which will be hereinafter described.

In the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, A represents a plate or disk which has inscribed upon its outer face the name and residence of the party owning the animal, or any other information which it may be desirable for it to contain. This plate or disk is provided with a small hole at its center for receiving the end of a rivet.

a represents a small rivet which is provided at one end with a head which is made flat on its inner face. This rivet is made sufficiently long to extend through the ear of the animal.

The rivet has near its outer end a shoulder formed upon it, the end of said rivet being made smaller than its body. The small end of the rivet passes through the opening or hole

in the center of the plate or disk A. Said plate or disk, fitting snugly against the shoulder upon the rivet, is always separated from the flat head of the rivet the required distance.

When it is desired to secure this label upon an animal the ear is first perforated with a small punch, the rivet is then inserted from the inside of the ear, and the plate A placed upon its end being upon the outside of the ear. The end of the rivet is then clinched, and the label thus permanently secured to the animal.

It will readily be seen that when the rivet is made sufficiently long between its shoulder and its head to pass through the ear that the ear will be free from all pressure after the end of the rivet has been clinched. The length of the rivet will, of course, vary with the thickness of the ear of the animal it is intended to be used upon.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The rivet *a*, provided with a head and shoulder, as described, when used with the label or plate A for the purpose of marking stock, substantially as described.

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