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## TAG FASTENER.

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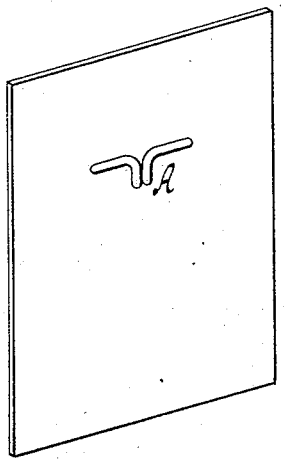


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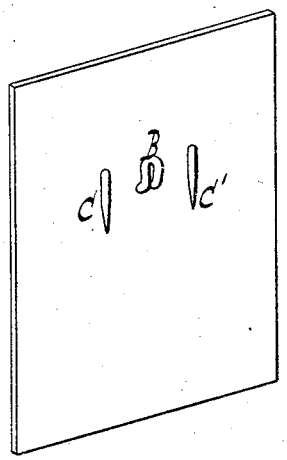


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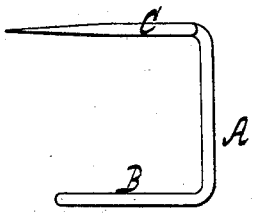


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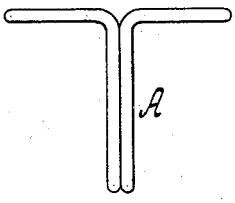


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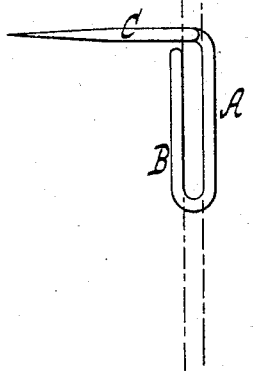


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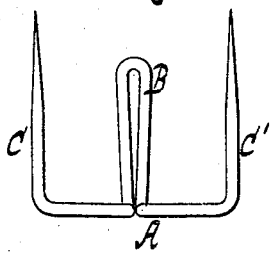


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## TAG-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, NATHAN M. PHILLIPS and JOHN C. ST. JOHN, citizens of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tag-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to devices for fastening tags or labels to fabrics, such as cloth; and it consists in a fastener composed of a single piece of wire or other suitable material, which is doubled and bent to form a T-shaped shank, and also bent to form three tangs or prongs, one at the base or double end of the shank, adapted to perforate and lock upon the tag, and the other at the head or free ends of the shank, adapted to perforate both the card and the fabric and lock upon the latter.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is a face view of a tag containing the fastener. Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof. Fig. 3 is a side view of the fastener as it appears before being applied to the tag. Fig. 4 is a front view thereof. Fig. 5 is a side view of the same, showing its appearance after being applied to the tag. Fig. 6 is a top view.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

The letter A designates the T-shaped shank, and B C C′ the tangs or prongs of the fastener, the whole being composed of a single piece of wire.

In carrying out our invention we first double the wire and then bend the two end portions thereof in opposite directions, forming the T-shaped shank A. We then bend this shank near its base or double end, approximately at a right angle, forming the tang B, and then bend the shank near to and at equal distance from both of its free ends in a corresponding direction to its double end, forming the tangs or prongs C C′, and making the same parallel with the lower tang, B. The fastener is then ready for use.

In applying the device to use, the three tangs or prongs B C C′ are forced through the tag, bringing the T-shaped shank upon the face thereof, and the lower or double prong, B, is bent to the position shown in Fig. 2, so as to lock upon the back of the tag. The prongs C C′ are then forced through the fabric to which the tag is to be applied and are clinched, thus locking upon the fabric and holding the tag securely in position.

The fastener may be applied to and made a fixture of the tag, or it can be furnished separately from the tag, as may be desired.

By our invention we obtain a very effective fastener, and one which can be manufactured at a low cost.

We claim—

An improved tag-fastener composed of a single piece of metal bent to form the parts A B C C′, arranged substantially as shown, and adapted to operate as set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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