

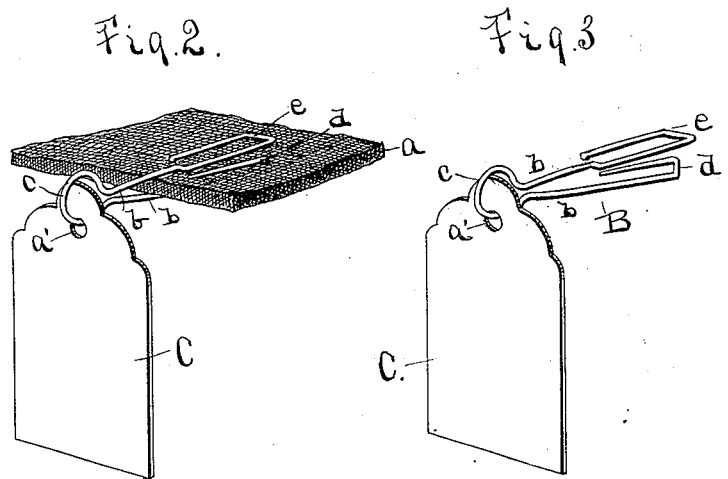
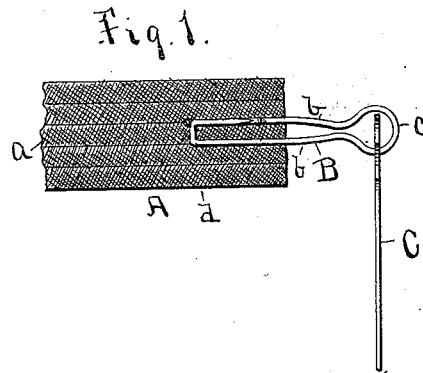
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, IRA B. TRIPP, of Aurora, in the county of Kane and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tag-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to an improvement in fasteners for attaching price-tags or other similar marking devices to fabrics put up in bolts and other forms; and my object is to provide a fastener which may be secured to a fold of the bolt in a horizontal position, to allow the tag to hang loosely from its outer end in a position parallel with the end face of the bolt, so that its inscribed surface may constantly present itself to the eye; and the object, further, of my improvement is to enable several folds of the fabric to be held closely together without passing the pin or hook of the fastener through but one of the folds, thereby rendering it easy and quick to detach and insuring less injury and disfiguration to the goods, and at the same time as firm a hold upon the cloth. The novelty therein consists in making the fastener of a single wire having its two ends brought together, with a loop at the bend, a bent point at one end, and an elongated square at the other end, all as more fully hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

For the better understanding of the construction and manner of applying my improved fastener, attention is invited to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 illustrates the fastener as applied to several folds of cloth; Fig. 2, the same applied to a single fold, and Fig. 3 a perspective view of the fastener and tag complete.

A represents several folds of a bolt of cloth or other fabric, of which *a* is the central fold, or one to which the fastener B is secured. C is the price or other marking tag, of any suitable material, having a perforation, *a'*, at or near its top for the insertion of the fastener. This fastener B consists of a single wire, made preferably of spring metal, with its two ends brought together to form the arms *b b*, which embrace the fold or folds of material to which the fastener is to be applied. At the point where the wire is bent—that is, at its center—is formed a loop, *e*, arranged in the same ver-

tical plane with the arms *b b*, and for the support of the tag. The end of one of the arms *b* is pointed and bent, as indicated at *d*, and the end of the other arm is bent to form an elongated square, *e*, which lies in a plane at right angles to the loop *e* and presses upon one side of the fold.

In applying my improved fastener the fold is inserted between its two arms, and the bent point *d* passed through the same and then bent down upon the opposite side, parallel with the arms. If it be desired to secure several folds together, the same are inserted after the bent point is secured, and the pressure of the square *e* and the other arm will hold them closely together.

If desired, the bent point *d* may be passed through several folds of cloth, and the function of the square *e* on the other arm will be the same—that is, its pressure will secure and hold the folds closely together, and therefore in no instance is the bent point *d* passed through the square *e*.

It will be apparent that the construction that I have devised saves the cloth from much injury and disfiguration, and yet provides a secure fastening for tags, and one readily attachable and detachable.

I am aware that the patent of Ten Eyck, No. 101,680, of April 5, 1870, involves a fastener having bent arms, with a point on the end of one and a triangular loop on the end of the other; but I lay no claim to such a construction; but

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The tag-fastener B, made of a single wire, and consisting of the loop *e*, for the support of the tag, and the straight parallel arms *b b*, one terminating in a hook, *d*, the sharpened point of which projects toward the tag, and is substantially parallel with arms *b*, and the other in an elongated square or loop, *e*, arranged in a plane at right angles to the loop *e*, and whereby several folds of cloth may be secured together without passing the hook through but one of the folds of cloth, substantially as described and shown.

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

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