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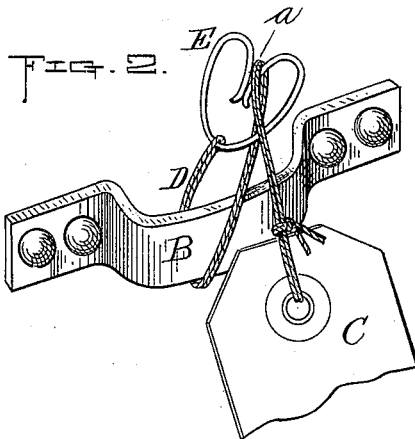
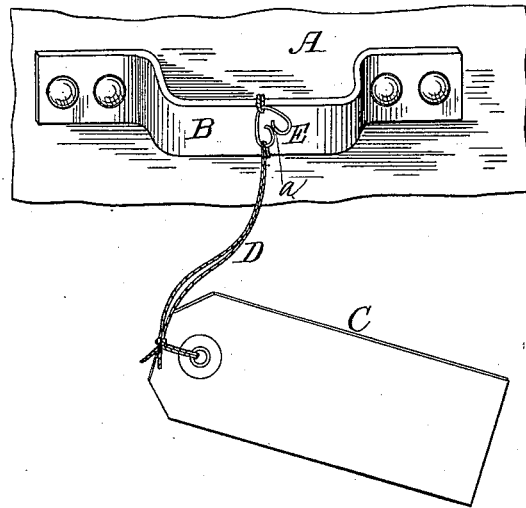
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Fig. 1.



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## TAG-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. ONGLEY, of Worcester, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain  
5 new and useful Improvements in Tag-Holders; 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, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents the application of my invention to use, as hereinafter described; and Fig. 2 represents, upon an enlarged scale, a perspective view of my said improved tag-holder, showing the manner of attaching a tag  
15 by its use to the handle of a trunk or other article of merchandise, as also hereinafter described.

The object of my invention is to provide a  
20 more convenient and expeditious means than that at present adopted for fastening tags to trunks, boxes, and similar articles preparatory to shipment, and relates more particularly to such shipping-tags, although, if desired, it may be applied to use in fastening  
25 keys and other articles which may be suspended from any other part by a cord or string.

My said invention consists in the combination of a spring-loop suspended on a cord or string with an ordinary shipping-tag, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

To enable those skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe it more  
35 in detail.

In the drawings, A represents part of a trunk or box having the handle B fastened thereto, and to which handle is attached the shipping-tag C by means of the usual cord or  
40 string, D, and my improved fastening hook or loop E. Said hook or loop is made by bending a short section of wire so that its ends will point inward, substantially in the manner shown in the drawings, with the sides of the ends of the wire in contact, or nearly so, and converging outward in substantially a straight line from said ends for a short distance toward the center of the wire, to form the V-shaped  
50 opening *a* between said ends. One of the hooks or loops E is suspended upon the outer end of each cord or string, and the latter is

fastened to a trunk-handle or other part in the following manner. (See Fig. 2.) The person performing said operation first passes the  
55 loop E and outer end of the string D around the part to which said string is to be fastened. He then, while holding the loop with one hand, passes the body of the string over said loop down into the V-shaped opening *a* and draws  
60 it through between the ends of the wire constituting said loop, which are forced outward by the operation, and thus allows it to pass through. The string is then pulled taut, thereby completing the fastening, as shown in Fig. 65 1, which, as will be seen, is similar to an ordinary slip-noose fastening.

In unfastening the string it is simply passed back over the loop and drawn down between the ends, as before, when it is free from said  
70 loop, as will be obviously seen.

In practice I make the loops E of tempered spring-wire. They therefore maintain their normal closed positions, except when sprung  
75 apart, as hereinbefore described.

By the application of my invention the fastening-strings D may be used until worn out on the same or different tags, or other parts to which they are attached, whereas by the old method of using only the string the latter,  
80 being commonly tied in a hard knot not easily untied, is usually cut, and thus made unfit for further use.

Another important feature of my invention is the convenient and expeditious manner in  
85 which a tag or other part to which the string D is attached is fastened, as hereinbefore described.

It will be understood that I make no claim to the hook or loop E independently, but limit  
90 my invention to the combination of the same with an ordinary shipping-tag and its usual suspending or fastening string, D.

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

The combination of the hook or loop E, made substantially as described, with an ordinary shipping-tag and its usual suspending or fastening string, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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