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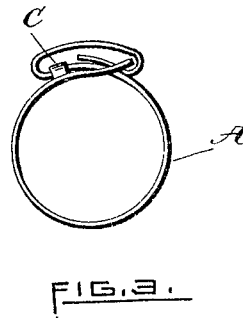
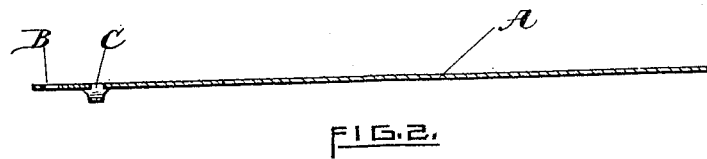
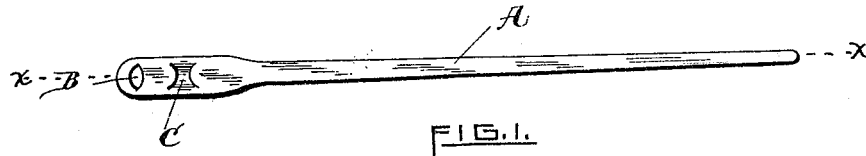
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRVING J. TRUE, of Hope Valley, in the county of Washington and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tags, Labels, or Marking or Distinguishing Rings for Fowls, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of tags or labels used by raisers of poultry to distinguish one fowl from another, and which are commonly called "marking" or "distinguishing" rings because of their being coiled about the leg of the fowl in that shape when used.

The object of it is to so construct an article for that purpose that it will cost less and at the same time be more sure to keep its place on the leg of the fowl by avoiding all liability of being uncoiled by coming in contact with other objects. It is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a plan view of the device. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section taken on line *xx* in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 shows an edge view of the ring formed around the leg of the fowl when the article is in use.

A, Fig. 1, is a thin strip of sheet metal (preferably brass because of its not being readily corroded) punched out of the sheet in the shape shown, one end being made wider than the rest for about one fourth its length, and from this the sides form a curved taper to the other end, which is rounded off so that it will readily pass through the openings when required. A slot or oval-shaped opening, B, is punched in the wide end of the strip A, and two crescent

shaped openings are also punched in the strip not far from the opening B at the end. The raised bar C, of sheet metal, between the two crescent-shaped openings is swaged up slightly in one direction, and the metal on each side of it is swaged down in the opposite direction, so that the raised bar C is formed across the label between the openings.

In applying my device it is wrapped around the leg of the fowl and the narrow end of the strip passed through the eye or opening B and drawn up pretty closely to the leg. The same end is then passed under the bar C and turned back and again inserted in the opening B so far as to form a snug fold between the opening B and the bar C and leave no projections to catch on objects that it may come in contact with. A space is left between the raised bar C and the taper end of the strip to receive the number, letter, or other distinguishing mark or date for that individual fowl, by means of which a record can be kept in a book, with any memoranda that it may be desirable to retain in that connection.

Having thus described this device, I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, the poultry-label herein described, consisting of a strip of sheet metal having at one end an opening and near the same end a raised cross-bar, with an opening upon each side of said cross-bar, all substantially as set forth.

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