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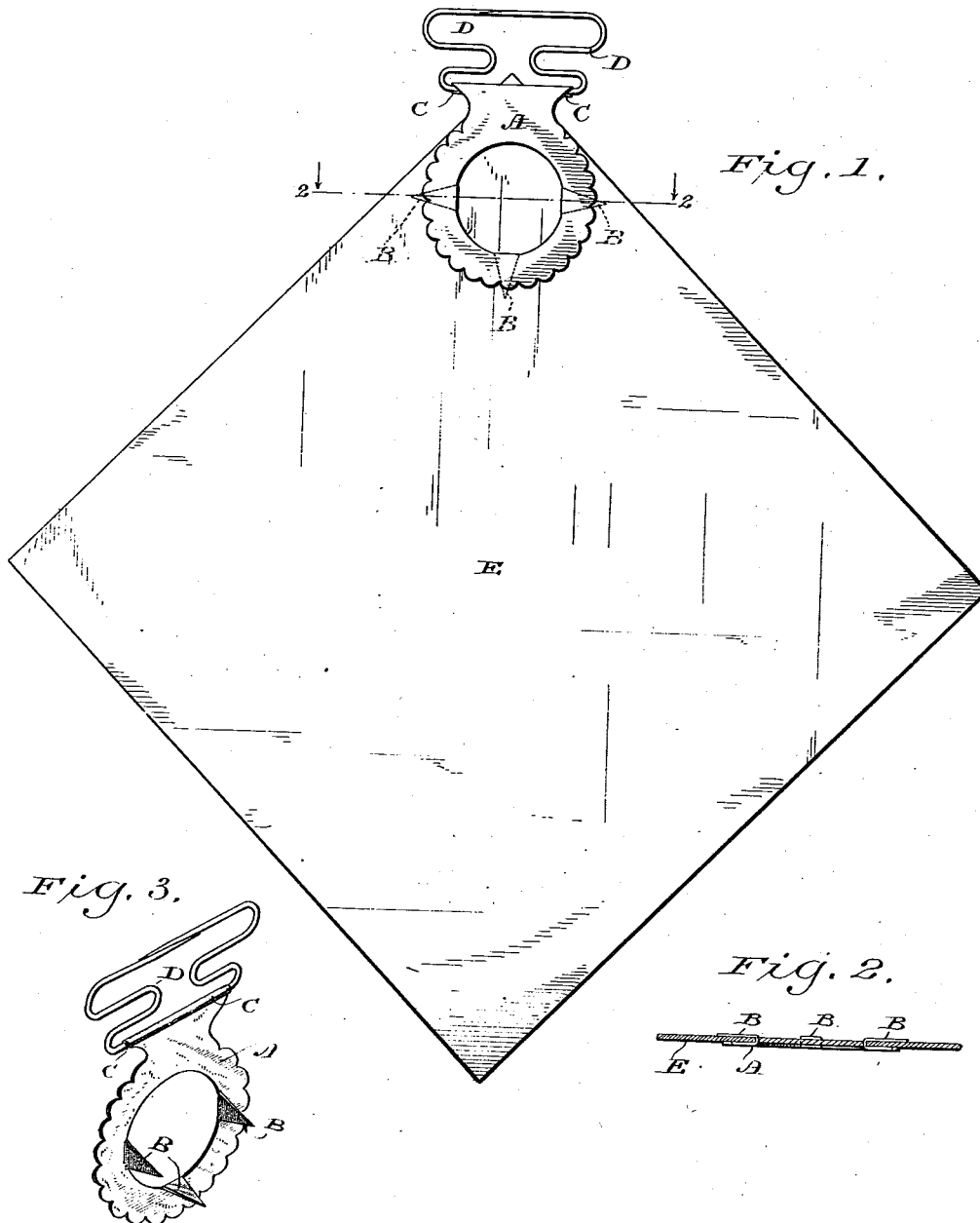


Fig. 3.

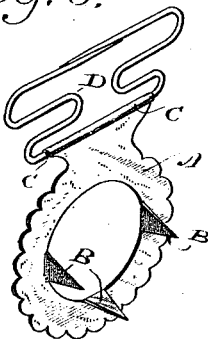
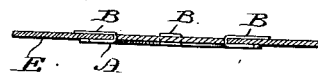


Fig. 2.



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## TAG-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. SHEPPARD, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, and in the State of Wisconsin, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tag-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to tag-fasteners; and  
10 it consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts, to be hereinafter described with reference to the accompanying drawings, and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a face  
15 view of my device applied to a tag; Fig. 2, a horizontal section on line 2 2, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3, a perspective view of my device.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A represents a piece of sheet metal that is preferably stamped out in some ornamental design,  
20 and at the same stamping provided with one, two, or more prongs, B, struck up at right angles to the body portion of the device. The upper edge, C, of the device is bent over  
25 around a spring-wire that is preferably sharpened at both ends and bent to form a hanger, D.

The sharpened ends of the wire that constitutes the hanger D preferably overlap one another; but it is obvious that only one of said  
30 ends may be sharpened and overlap the other, or that both may be blunt, and in either case these ends may just meet each other, or the space between may be more or less increased, as may be found necessary or desirable; but  
35 the preferred construction is that illustrated in Fig. 2, a great advantage of the overlapping of the points of the spring-hanger D being that my device may be suspended from a  
40 convenient nail or hook until it is desired to secure it to goods—such as dress-goods—when the said overlapping ends can be quickly separated for such attachment, and after such use the hanger can operate again like a ring.  
45 Another advantage of these overlapping ends lies in the fact that thereby the hanger is guarded against accidental detachment from the fabrics or other goods to which it may have been secured, while, as indicated, the fact  
50 that the ends pass each other enables this device to be used equally well as a hanger on

goods which the ends could not readily penetrate by hanging the device, like a ring, on any projecting portion of such goods.

My device is intended for attachment to advertising cards, tags of all descriptions, and to  
55 such other articles for which it may be applicable.

In the drawings I have shown my device connected to a card, E, the prongs B of said  
60 device being pressed through the card and bent down in either direction against the back thereof; but said prongs are preferably bent outward, so as to increase the holding power of the device. The device being attached to  
65 the card, the latter is suspended by means of the hanger D, and in case said card is designed for attachment to dry-goods the preferred construction of said hanger will facilitate the operation; or, in other words, there will be two  
70 points that enter the goods from opposite directions.

By the construction above described it will be noticed that the prongs B of my device may be readily bent up when it is desirable to  
75 change the card suspended thereby, and that said device may be indefinitely used. Another advantage of my invention lies in the fact that there is little, if any, liability of the card being torn at the point of attachment  
80 with my device, as is often the case where said card is directly pinned to the goods or other support, the latter being the common means of attachment for display or advertising cards.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, a tag-fastener that comprises a piece of sheet metal having one or more prongs stamped out  
90 therefrom and one edge thereof turned over, and the spring-wire hanger engaged by said turned-over edge and provided with overlapping ends, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I  
95 have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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