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CLOTH BOARD.

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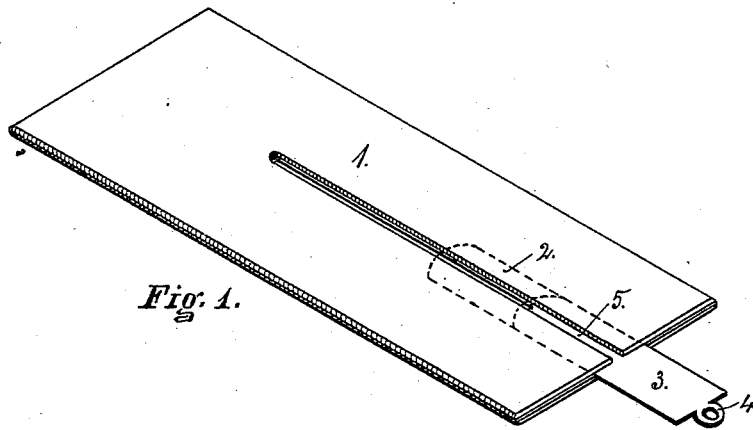


Fig. 1.

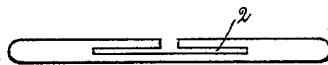


Fig. 2.

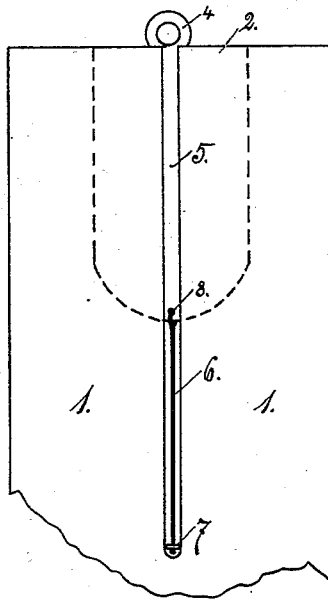
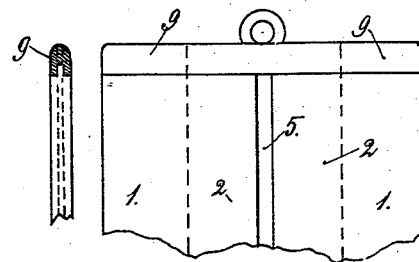


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. JONES, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Utica, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cloth-Boards; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in the construction of cloth-boards, and to a novel manner of applying a tag or ticket to the cloth-board.

Heretofore in the use of cloth-boards as ordinarily constructed it has been found necessary to attach a tag or ticket to the cloth-board, or the cloth wrapped upon the board, upon which the price, number of yards, brand or grade of goods, and similar memoranda are placed for reference. The tag or ticket as ordinarily attached has proved itself to be more or less in the way, to be liable to get torn off, and when large quantities of goods are together detracts materially from the appearance of the goods.

It is the object of my invention to provide an improved manner of applying the tag to the board, and also to provide other improvements, hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows the cloth-board provided with recesses for the reception of the tag and elastic cord or spring, and also shows the tag partially withdrawn from its recess. Fig. 2 shows a plan and end view of a part of the board as shown in Fig. 1, the dotted lines showing substantially the form of the recess for the reception of the tag. Fig. 3 shows a plan, end, and edge view of a part of a board having a strengthening or stay piece across the end of the board.

Like figures of reference refer to like or similar parts in the several figures of the drawings.

In constructing my device in a board of suitable size and shape I provide a recess 2 for the reception of the tag 3. This recess 2 is of suitable size for the reception of the tag 3

and of a length to admit the tag, so that when its inner end is in contact with the inner end wall of the recess 2 the tab or ear 4 of the tag will project from the recess sufficiently to be easily grasped to draw the tag out from the recess. I provide a slot 5 in the wall of the tag-recess and a groove in the external surface of the board extending beyond the bottom of the tag-recess 2 of less width than the width of the tag-recess. This slot and recess extend longitudinally from the end toward the middle portion of the cloth-board. The slot and groove 5 are parallel with and centrally located with reference to the tag-recess, as shown in Fig. 2. The slot and groove 5 are provided for accommodating an elastic connection 6, one end of which is secured to the board in the groove at 7 and the other end to the tag at 8.

As the tag-recess, slot, and groove tend to weaken the board, a stay or strengthening piece 9, Fig. 3, is affixed across the end of the board and provided with an opening 10, corresponding with recess 2 of the board. This piece may be made with a high polish or finish, and may be made of a more valuable material than the body of the board, which at a slight advance in cost would add very materially to the appearance, the end of the board being the only part that shows while the board has the cloth wrapped thereon.

Of course a stay-piece similar in appearance to that shown at 9, Fig. 3, may be applied to the opposite end of the board from that in which the tag is inserted, not having the opening for the reception of the tag. A string may be affixed to the tag in lieu of the tab or ear 4 for drawing the tag out of the recess.

In using the device the elastic cord 6, lying in recess 5, is strained to hold the tag 3 into recess 2. When it is desired to see the mark upon the tag 3, the tab or ear 4 is grasped and the card partially drawn out of its recess, when the marks upon it may be seen. When the tag is released, it instantaneously and automatically recedes into the recess 2, where it is stopped by the inner end of the tag coming in contact with the inner end wall of recess 2 in such a position as to leave the tab or ear 4 projecting a little out of the end of the board.

I am aware that others have heretofore ap-

plied tags to cloth-bolt boards in such a manner as to permit the tag to enter a recess in the board and have applied a highly-polished ornamental metal piece, and I have heretofore
5 constructed boards having a tag capable of automatically retreating into a recess in the end of the cloth-board; hence I do not claim those constructions broadly herein; but

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

A cloth-board having a tag-recess in the end, and a slot and groove of less width than the tag-recess and extending beyond the end of the same, in combination with the movable
15 tag, the elastic connection with one end se-

cured to the tag and the other end in the groove and strained to draw the tag into the tag-recess, and a highly-polished or ornamental strengthening or stay piece fixed to the end of the cloth-board and engaging the
20 same across the entire end and having an opening through which the tag passes, substantially as shown and described.

In witness whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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