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Fig. 1.

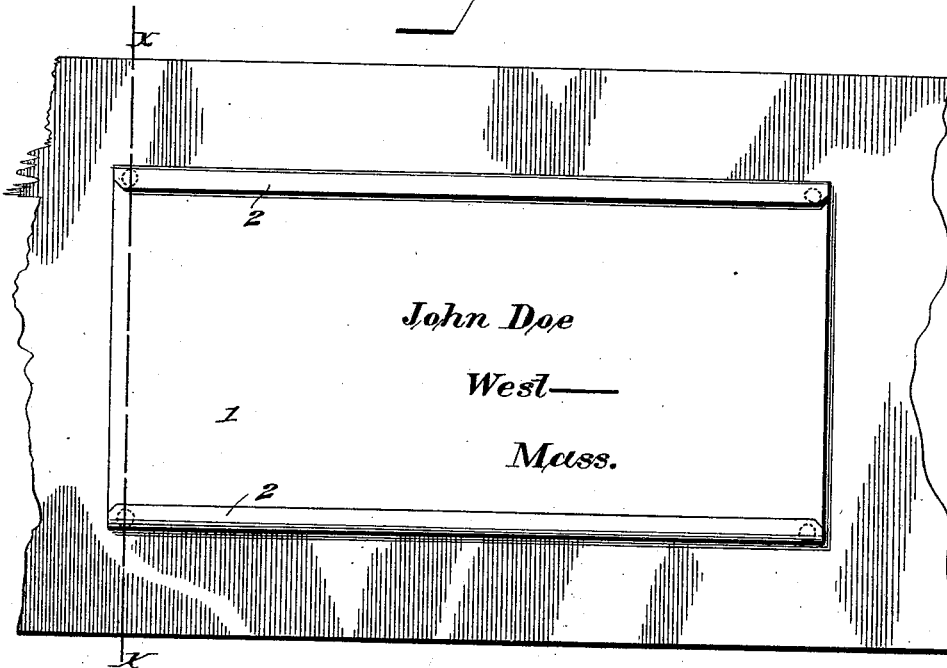
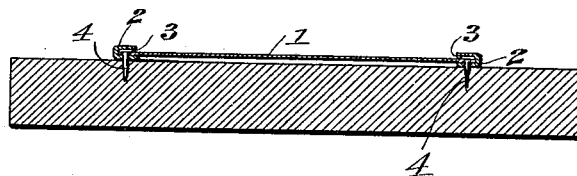


Fig. 2.



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## SHIPPING-TAG.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES M. CROCKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Westborough, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Shipping-Tag, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to shipping-tags and the fastenings thereof, and has for its object to stiffen and protect the edges of the tag against being torn and otherwise damaged and to normally maintain the fastenings upon the tag and prevent accidental disengagement of the fastenings.

To these ends the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that changes in the form, proportion, size, and the minor details of construction may be made within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the present invention.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the present invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

Corresponding parts in both figures of the drawings are designated by like characters of reference.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a shipping-tag formed from paper-stock or other suitable material from which tags are usually formed.

The longitudinal edges of the tag are stiffened and protected by means of separate metallic strips 2, each of which is formed from a single blank of sheet metal folded longitudinally, so as to provide a longitudinal groove 3 or substantially U-shaped strip. The opposite sides of the strips firmly embrace the respective edges of the tag, thereby stiffening the same and preventing them from becoming torn or damaged in any manner, either while in storage or when attached to some article in transportation.

At the corners of the tag there are provided fastenings 4 in the form of tacks, which pass through one side of the respective strips and project outward beyond one side of the tag. As clearly shown in Fig. 2, it will be seen that

the head of the tack is situated between the outer side of the metallic strip and the adjacent side of the tag, while the shank of the tack passes through the tag and the opposite or under side of the strip and projects at that side of the tag. Thus it will be seen that the head of the tack is concealed and protected by the metallic strip, so that said head cannot become accidentally broken or engaged with some object which might extract the tack; also, the tack is normally connected to the tag and is in convenient position for application to a box, crate, or other article to be marked. Furthermore, as the tack passes through the metallic strip it has a firm hold upon the tag, and the body thereof is thereby prevented from being accidentally torn away from the fastening. Also the fastenings prevent the strengthening-strips from becoming detached from the edges of the tag.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A shipping-tag, comprising a tag-body, opposite protecting and stiffening strips fitted to and carried by opposite edges of the tag-body, and fastening devices passing through both the tag-body and the strips, permanently securing the parts, projecting at one side of the tag, and also forming means for applying the tag to an article.

2. As an article of manufacture, a shipping-tag comprising a body of paper-stock or the like, having stiffening-strips folded upon, tightly embracing, and carried by opposite edges thereof, and headed fastenings, having the shanks thereof passing through the body of the tag and also through one side of the respective strips, permanently securing the parts together, projecting at one side of the tag, and forming means for applying the latter to an article, the heads of the fastenings being clamped between the other sides of the strips and the adjacent side of the tag-body, and said latter sides of the strips covering and protecting the heads of the fastenings.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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