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Tag-Fastener.

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Fig. 1.

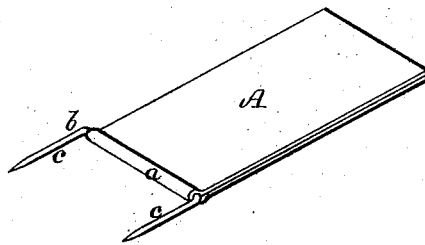


Fig. 2.

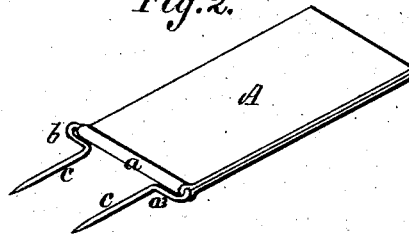


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TAG-FASTENERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD A. G. ROULSTONE, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Device for Attaching Labels or Tickets to Fabrics, &c., of which the following is a specification:

The purpose of my present invention is to provide a means of securing labels or tickets to fabrics and other articles; and consists in the employment of a staple composed of wire, the ends of which are pushed through the material and turned over or clinched on the opposite side, the staple being so formed as to receive on its cross-bar a folded label, and permit one or both its sides to be exposed to view.

The drawings accompanying and making part of this specification represent, in Figures 1 and 2, perspective views, and in Fig. 3 a section, of a ticket or label containing my improvement.

In the drawings, A represents the body of the ticket. In the drawings the ticket is represented as formed of a strip of paper-board or other material, folded endwise in such manner as to produce at one end an eye or loop, *a*. In this eye *a*, I insert a wire, *b*, and turn or bend the ends *c c* of such wire at right angles to the end of the ticket, thus providing a pivot upon which the body of the ticket may turn or swing; or the wire *b* may be bent prior to inserting it in the eye, as stated, and the strip

of paper-board folded about the wire, as circumstances may dictate.

The ends *c* of the wire are to be pointed, and constitute prongs to enter the material to which the ticket is attached, and after being passed through such material are to be bent or turned down upon the opposite side, thus, while securely attaching the ticket to such material, enabling it to turn or swing upon the wire, and expose either of its sides to view.

The wire clasp in Fig. 1 is shown as a simple staple, while in Fig. 2 it is shown as having a double bend, *a*², which in some instances may be found preferable. In each case, however, there is a wire fastener formed with a straight cross-bar of a length to receive a ticket or label which is folded around it, and also with two prongs extending rearwardly at right angles to the cross-bar, which serve to hold the device to the goods.

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination of the wire fastener formed with two rearwardly-projecting prongs, connected by a cross-bar, with a label or tag folded around said cross-bar, substantially as set forth.

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