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Fig. 1.

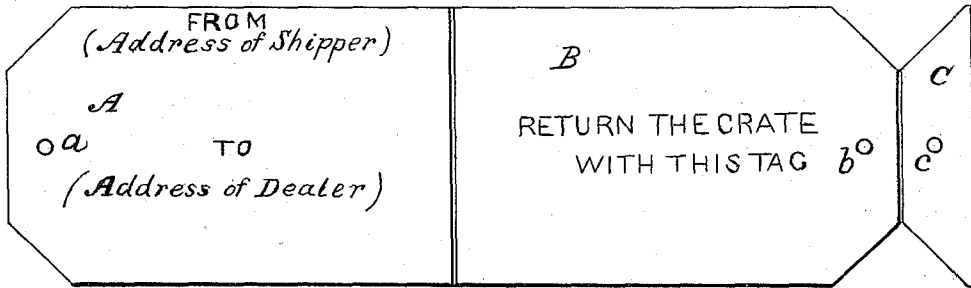


Fig. 2.

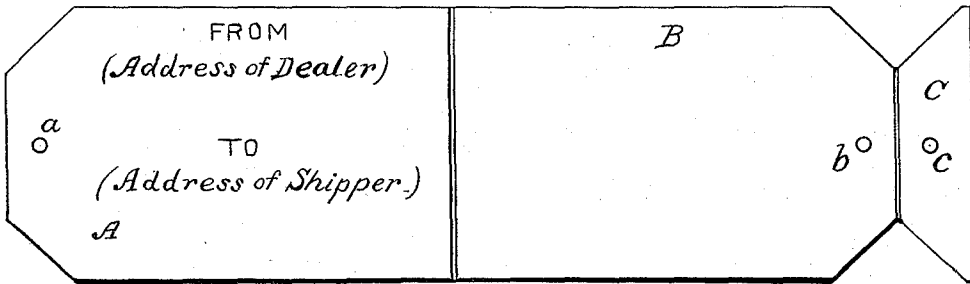
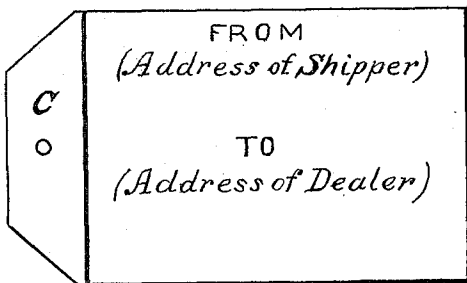


Fig. 3.



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## SHIPPER'S TAG.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN E. HEWETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wilmington, in the county of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shippers' Tags; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as 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 a part of this specification.

The special object of the invention is to enable the farmer or shipper to conveniently identify each crate in which he sends produce to a dealer in the city, this dealer usually selling on commission and returning the crate; also, to provide on the same identifying-tag a constant reminder to send back the crate as soon as it is emptied. I accomplish this object by making a reversible tag consisting of two connected cards or members which fold together, one being the address-card and the other the reminder-card, the two being preferably, but not necessarily, clamped together by an integral folding strip.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a plan view of one side of tag which is fully extended, and Fig. 2 a plan view of the other side extended. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the tag when all its parts are folded upon one another.

In the drawings, A represents the card which contains the names and addresses of the shipper and the dealer or produce broker; B, the card containing the constant reminder to send back the crate, with its tag, as soon as possible, and C the folding strip or flap which I preferably use to keep the cards compactly together. In the three members are the corresponding holes, which are respectively marked *a b c* and through which may be passed a tie-string or any suitable fastener by which it is attached to a crate.

On one side of card A is the address by which the shipper sends his crate to the dealer and on the other side the address by which the dealer returns it to the farmer or shipper. By these addresses the railroad or express freight agent can always see from whom the crate comes and to whom it is consigned.

My reversible tag enables the dealer to avoid confusion and to know without delay or trouble to which one of his customers each crate is to be returned. It may be made of any suitable material.

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

1. A crate-tag consisting of two cards and a flap in one inseparable but reversible piece, one card containing the addresses of the shipper and dealer upon opposite sides, and the other card containing the reminder to return crate and tag, while the flap turns either way to be secured by a suitable tie or fastener; whereby the tag will be simply reversed by shipper and dealer for the whole season, thus saving much time and trouble.

2. A crate-tag consisting of two cards hinged to fold together in opposite directions and be secured by any suitable fastener, one containing the addresses of the shipper and dealer on opposite sides and the other containing the reminder to return crate with tag; whereby the shipper and dealer will simply reverse the tag before sending the crate as they send it back and forth, the tag being thus made a permanent fixture on the crate for successive trips from the country to the city and from the city to the country.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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