

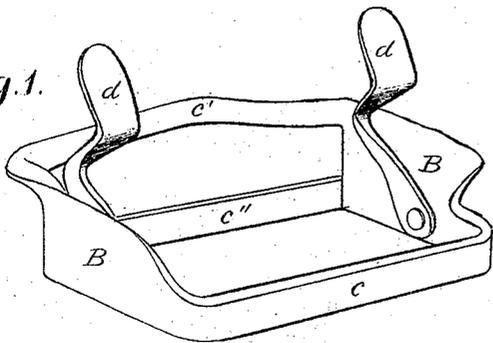
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*Bag Holder.*

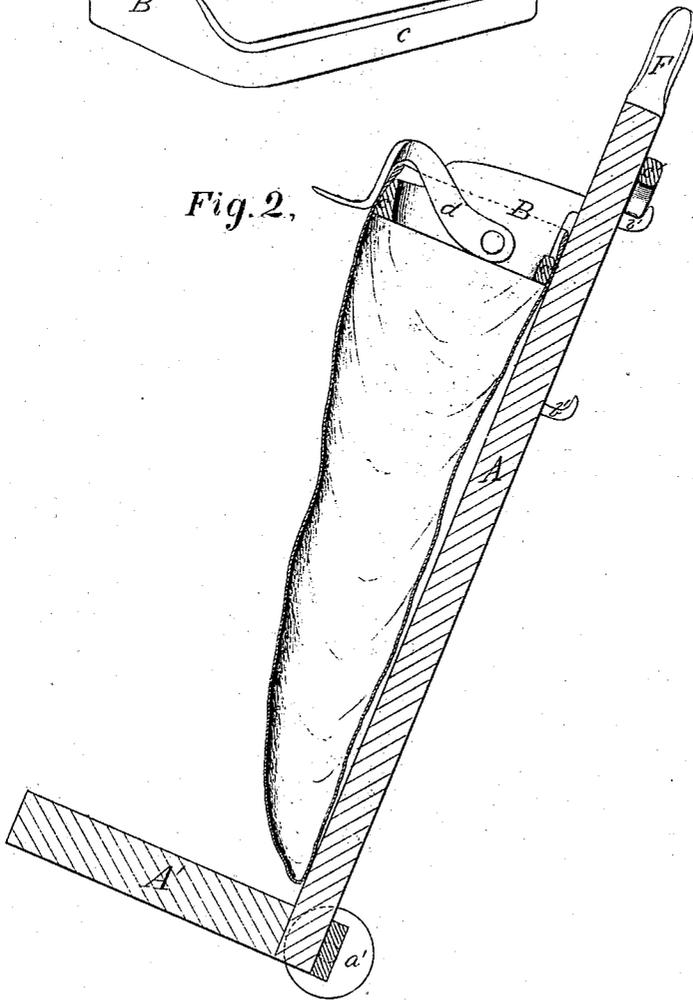
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BAG-HOLDERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN M. BURKE, of Dansville, in the county of Livingston, and State of New York, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Bag-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1, of the drawing, is a representation of the clamping-device of my bag-holder in perspective.

Figure 2 is a vertical central section of my invention, showing bag in place.

My invention relates to a means for holding sacks or bags whilst being filled, and consists, mainly, in the construction and novel arrangement of devices whereby this object is satisfactorily accomplished.

The letter A, of the drawings, represents a truck, with wheels *a*.

Hooks *b b* are fastened into the frame of the truck, on which lodges the bar *c* of the bag-holder.

The bag-holder C consists of three bars, *c*, *c'*, and *c''*, connected at the ends by the cheeks B B, to which are pivoted the clamps *d d*.

My invention is thus operated:

The mouth of the sack, which is to be filled, is enveloped about the bars *c* and *c'*, and cheeks B B. The bag-holder is then allowed to drop. Being held

by the hooks *b b*, it will, by means of the bar *c''*, clamp the inner edge or hem of the bag, and the outer edge or hem will be secured by bringing down on it the clamps *d d*, which press it tightly against the bar *c*. It is now firmly held, with mouth open, ready for filling.

By means of its handles F F, the truck A is rolled forward to the filling-spout, the sack or bag filled, and easily and quickly removed on its truck.

By the use of several such trucks, one may be always ready, with its open sack, to supply the place of that removed, so that no time need be lost.

The bag is easily removed from the holder, by raising the clamps *d d*. It falls endwise on the platform A, of the truck, is quickly sewn up and removed.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The bars *c*, *c'*, and *c''*, clamps *d*, cheeks B, and hooks *b*, in combination with the truck A, constructed and arranged to operate substantially as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony that I claim the above, I have hereunto subscribed my name, in the presence of two witnesses.

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