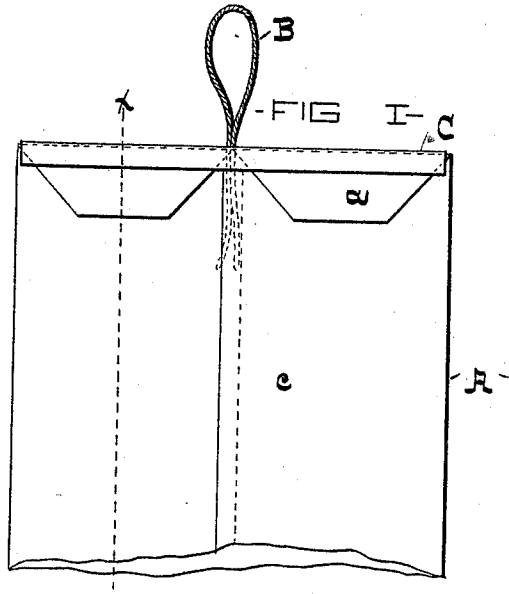
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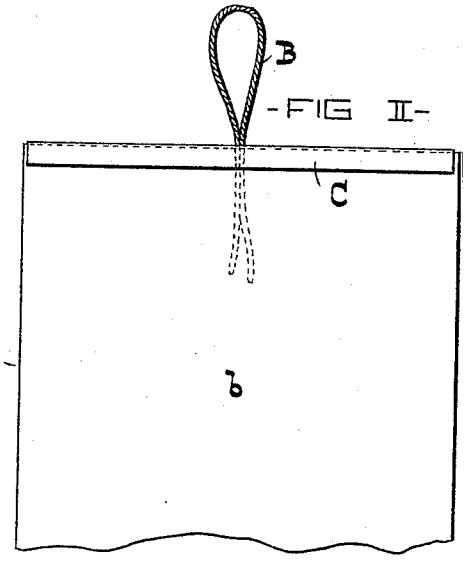
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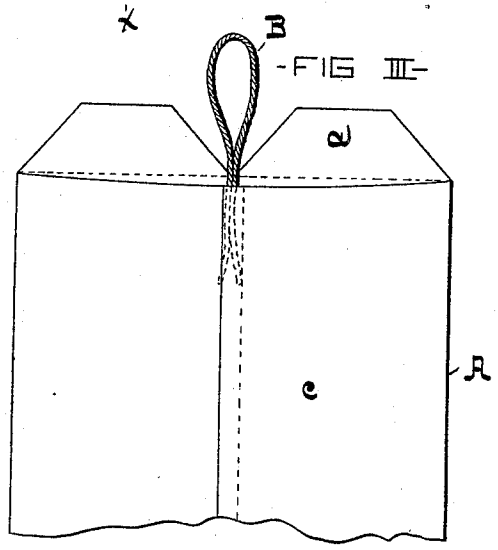
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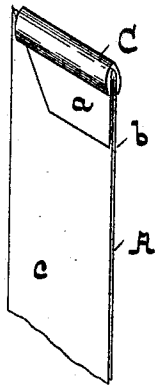
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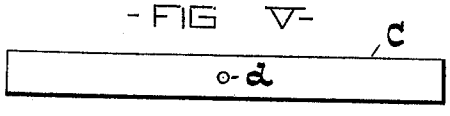
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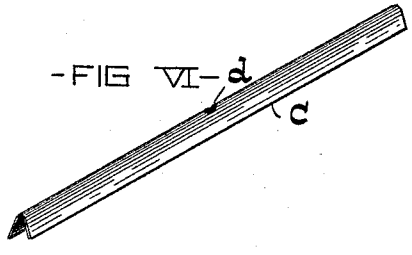
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-FIG V-



-FIG VI-



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MOTH-PROOF PAPER BAG.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ROBERT L. STEVENS and WASHINGTON IRVING HORSEY, both of the city of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented certain improvements in Moth and Fly Proof Paper Bags, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is the production of a cheap and effective paper bag, in which may be stored, secure from the molestation of moths, flies, and other insects, furs, hams, and a variety of other articles of wearing-apparel and merchandise, which is adapted to be easily sealed and unsealed without the destruction of the bag or its fastening devices.

Another object of the said invention is the arrangement with reference to the bag of a supporting device whereby the inclosed article may be hung without any strain being placed on the bag, which constitutes an envelope or covering only for the said article, as will hereinafter fully appear.

In the further description of the said invention which follows reference is made to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, and in which—

Figure I is an exterior front view of the upper portion of the improved paper bag, and Fig. II a reverse or back view of the same. Fig. III is a front view of the bag without the removable fastening device or clamp, and showing the flap, which is a part of the bag, extended. Fig. IV is a perspective view in section of the invention, the section being taken on the dotted line *x x*, Fig. I. Fig. V is a top view of the removable clasping device before it is bent or folded to the required form. Fig. VI is a perspective view of the completed removable clamp.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts in all the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the paper bag, having a flap, *a*, extending from the back *b* and adapted to fold over the front *c*.

B is a cord which is looped and the ends inserted in the bag, where they are attached to the article to be stored. In order that the folding of the flap over the mouth of the bag may not be interfered with by the presence of the cord, the center of the flap is notched out to the line of the top of the front, or, in other words, to the mouth of the bag. (See Fig. III.)

C is a clamp formed of sheet metal, preferably tin-plate, having a hole, *d*, in the center of such size as will allow of the passage through it of the loop of the cord B. This strip (shown extended in Fig. V) is folded so as to exhibit a V cross-section. (See Fig. VI.)

The article to be stored is secured to the ends of the cord by tying, and then inserted in the bag. The loop of the cord is next passed through the hole *d* in the clamp, and the clamp then placed over the flap, which is folded down over the mouth of the bag. The final operation consists in flattening the clamp by means of a hammer, so as to hold the flap in a tightly-closed condition. The whole may now be hung on a nail or hook, and it will be seen that no strain is placed on the bag, which has to sustain its own weight only.

We claim as our invention—

1. A paper bag having a flap centrally notched to the line of the mouth, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. A paper bag having a flap centrally notched to a line corresponding with the mouth of the bag, combined with a sheet-metal clamp adapted to fit over the flap and the mouth of the bag, having a central hole, and a cord inserted through the said hole to the interior of the bag, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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