

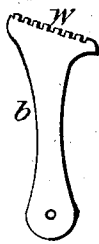
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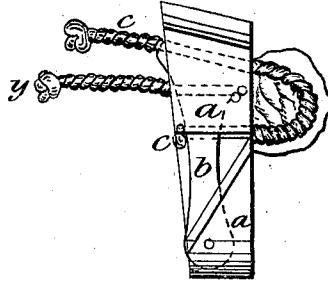
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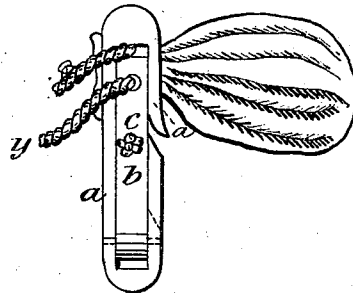
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVED BAG-TIE.

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 C. MELOY, of Hastings, in the county of Dakota, and in the State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag-Ties; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a bag-tie, which will be hereinafter fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains, to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the bag-tie,

Figure 2 is a plan view of the same, and

Figure 3 is a side view of the tongue.

*a* represent the jaw of a bag-tie, which is made of a slotted bar, cut open on one side, so as to easily admit the string into the same.

The front end of the slot in said jaw is bevelled, as shown in dotted lines in fig. 1, and in the rear end is pivoted the tongue *b*, which has a cord, *y*, attached thereto.

The front end of the tongue *b* is corrugated, as shown in fig. 3, at *w*, so as to more easily hold the string against the bevelled end of the jaw.

The string *c* itself is secured to the tongue *b* at or near the centre, and passes downward. Then when the string is passed around the bag and inserted in the jaw *a*, the corrugated end of the tongue *b* holds it, both ends of the string thus tending to hold the tongue in place.

The opening in the side of the jaw allows the operator to let in the string quicker than with the ordinary buckle.

Having thus fully described my invention,

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

The oblong box *a*, slotted and bevelled, as shown and described, and provided with the pivoted serrated tongue *b* and cord *y*, all constructed and operated as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand, this 6th day of March, 1869.

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