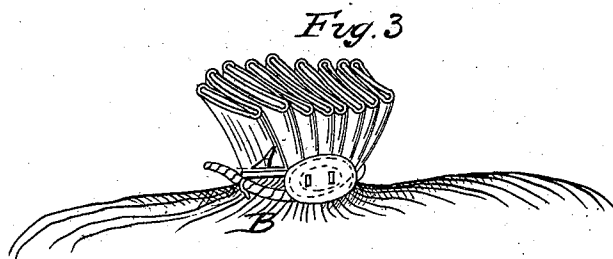
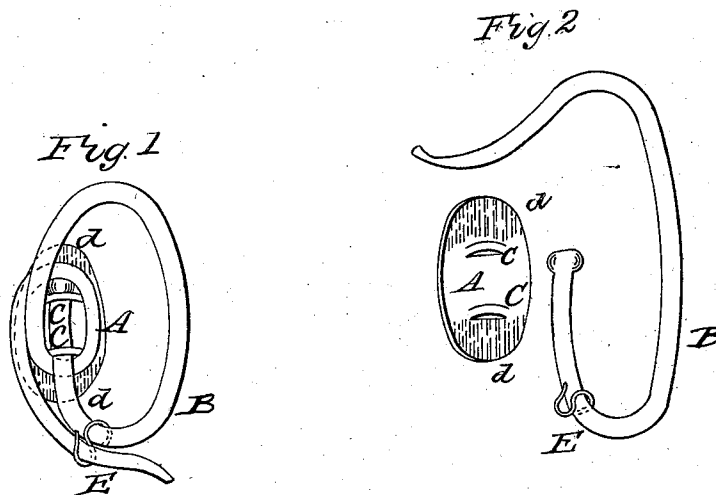


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, W. P. MAXSON, of the town of Albion, county of Dane, and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and Improved Bag-Fastener; and I 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, and making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an inner view. Fig. 2, view of detached portions. Fig. 3, a perspective view, and Fig. 4, a side view.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing a bag fastener of an oblong piece of plate metal, having its inner surface grooved, and two segments of the middle portion punched out, so as to admit the string and fasten it firmly to the bag, and in so fastening the string to the plate that it shall, when tied, form a wedge on both sides, which in combination with the grooves holds the string perfectly firm.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

A, represents an oblong piece of plate metal of any required thickness, having the grooves *d, d*, cut on its inner surface and the segments *c, c*, punched out from the plate.

B, represents the string, which is attached

to the plate by passing it through the holes made by the segments, *c, c*.

E, is a ring and hook for the purpose of holding the end of the string after being fastened so as to secure it against accidents.

The operation will be clearly seen.

First pass the string B, through one of the segments *c, c*, then through a portion of the bag, also through the other segment, so that when it is drawn up it is firmly secured to the bag. Next pass the ring E upon the string. Then gather up the mouth of the bag, and pull the string firmly between the grooves of the plate, and the string, on each side, which operate as wedges to hold the string more firmly the tighter it is strained. Then pass the string underneath the hook, and the bag is tied.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The employment of the oblong, grooved faced plate A or its equivalent having two segments of its middle portion punched out, so as to admit the string and fasten it to the bag, in combination with the string B, and ring E, when constructed to operate upon the principle of the wedge, substantially as, and for, the purpose set forth.

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