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BAG CARRIER.

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Fig 1.

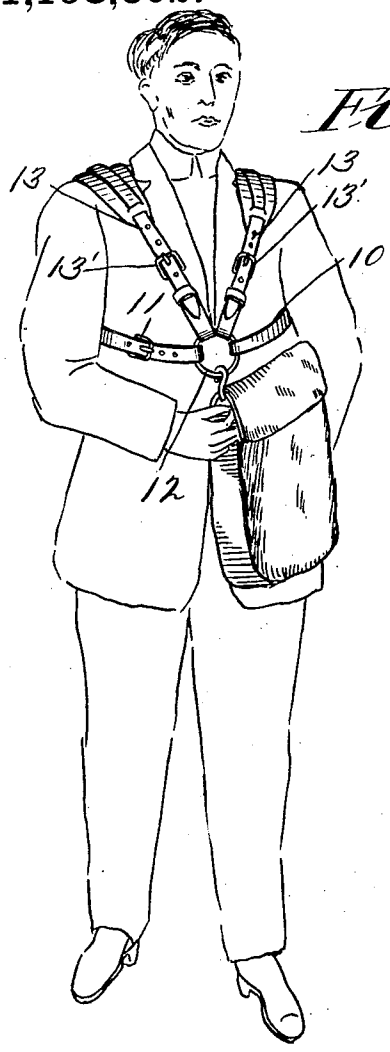


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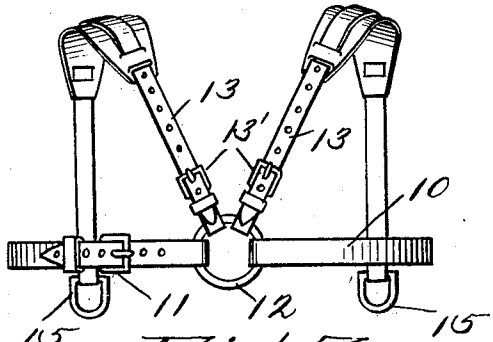


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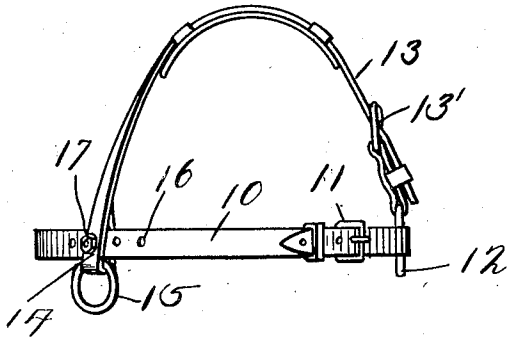
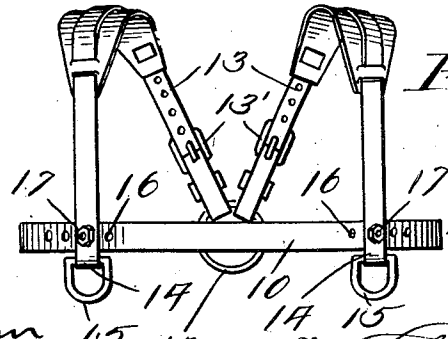


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS M. SWEENEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag-Carriers; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to improvements in package and article carriers and particularly to devices used for carrying mail bags, or fruit and cotton pickers' bags or baskets.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a simple device for attachment to the body of a person from which the bag or basket is suspended so that the weight of the bag will be more evenly distributed on both shoulders.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device in use. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the device, removed from the wearer; Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation.

Referring particularly to the accompanying drawings, 10 represents a belt which is arranged to be secured about the body of the wearer just under the arms, this belt being provided with a buckle 11 for adjusting the same in place. Secured to the belt at the front central portion is a ring 12 to which are secured the forward ends of a pair of straps 13, these straps being passed over the shoulders and secured to the rear of the belt at the sides thereof. The rear ends of both of the straps 13 have depending loops 14 in which are loosely carried rings 15. The straps 13 are also provided with adjusting buckles 13'. The rear of the belt is provided with two series of openings 16 which receive the bolts 17 carried by the straps 13. Thus the straps can be adjusted to suit the desire or size of the wearer. There are thus provided three rings, one at the center in the front, and one on each side toward the rear, enabling either a right-handed or left-handed person to easily suspend the bag from the device. In each instance the single ring in front is used in connection with one of the side ones.

In the use of the ordinary postmen's mail bag, there is a single strap which passes over the shoulder on the side at which the bag is suspended. The weight of the bag is all on this one shoulder, causing the person to keep this shoulder raised in an effort to retain the strap on the shoulder. This shoulder, in time, becomes higher than the other shoulder. In a great many cases the postman must use one hand to assist in retaining the strap on his shoulder, thus making it inconvenient to extract the mail from the bag with one hand.

Now by means of the present invention, instead of throwing the strap over the shoulder, the snap hooks of the straps are engaged with the rings 12 and 14 at one side of the device. The bag is thus securely suspended and retained in place without necessity for the use of either hand of the person. The downward pull of the bag exerts pressure on the opposite shoulder, thus more equally distributing the weight of the bag, and making it more comfortable for the postman, as he will have both hands free to extract the mail from the bag, or use one hand for carrying an umbrella. With the left-handed person, it will be understood that the bag will be suspended from the rings from the other side of the device. It will, of course, be understood that the device may be used with equal effectiveness in carrying a fruit or cotton picker's basket or sack.

What is claimed is:—

A device for suspending a bag from the shoulders of a person comprising a belt adapted for encircling the body of the wearer, shoulder straps having their rear ends adjustably secured to the rear of the

belt, a bag attaching ring carried by the rear end of each of the straps and depending below the belt, and a bag attaching ring carried by the ends of the belt and lying in front of the center of the wearer's body, said last-mentionel ring having the remaining ends of the shoulder straps connected to the upper part and having the lower part unobstructed for the attachment of a bag hook.

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

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