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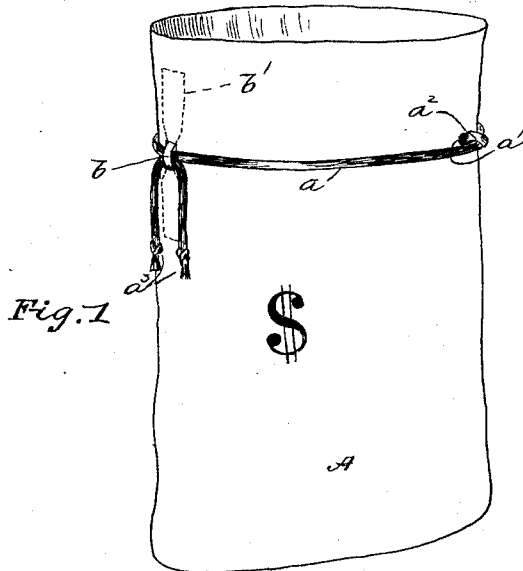


Fig. 2.

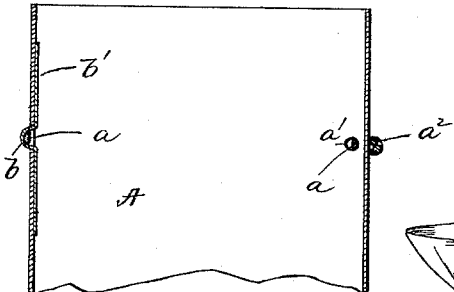


Fig. 3.

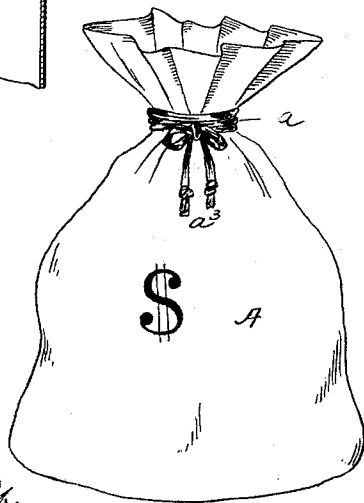
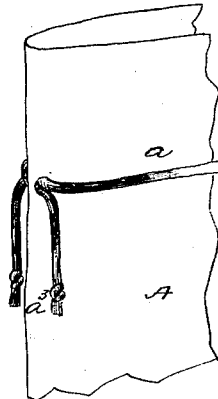


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK W. LAWRENCE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Saratoga, in the county of Saratoga and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bags, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to means for closing the mouth of a bag, the object being to provide a simple device attached to the bag, always ready for use, and which will effectually close or seal the mouth of the bag. A device especially adapted for coin-bags is another object of my invention.

The invention consists of the construction hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the bag open and provided with my improvement. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a view of a full bag closed, and Fig. 4 is a detail of a modification.

A represents a bag, which may be of canvas or any of the usual bagging materials. Some distance down from the mouth of the bag at about the point where a string is usually tied around it I attach a tape or cord *a*. This is positively attached at one point *a'* only and is secured by passing the cord through two punctures made close together in the material of the bag, drawing the cord through until its middle point is reached, and then tying a single knot *a²* therein, as indicated in the drawings. The knot incloses a part of the material, and thereby prevents the cord from slipping in either direction. Next the two ends of the cord are brought to a point on the bag in line with the knot *a²* and diametrically opposite it, where there is a loop or eye *b* formed in or secured to the bag. Both ends of the cord are passed through the eye, wherein they cross each other, and after a knot *a³* is tied in the end of each they are allowed to hang freely. The cord therefore has two connections only with the bag, one of which is positive and the other sliding. The eye is preferably formed by passing the ends of a short piece of tape *b'* through two punctures in the bag, located one above the other, and sewing the ends of the tape to the inside of the bag, as shown in Fig. 2. This makes a strong and neat arrangement. The eye may be a pair of holes like *a'*, if cheapness and less security is preferable. This is illustrated in Fig. 4.

When the bag has been filled with coin or other articles, the mouth is closed by grasping the free ends of the cords in the hands and drawing them up until the mouth of the bag is folded together into the smallest possible limits. Each end may then be passed around in opposite directions one or more times and finally secured by tying them together. One of the advantages of this device is that all of the material at the neck of the bag is inclosed by the cord. In this respect it differs from a cord threaded in and out at intervals, because in the latter the loops or folds of the bag which stand outside of the cord when it is drawn up permit the coin or other articles in the bag to work out. The knots in the ends of the cord prevent them from slipping backward through the eye.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination, with a bag, of a closing device consisting of a cord or tape secured at its middle point to a point on the bag, with its free ends passing freely around the bag and through an eye in the bag located at a point diametrically opposite the point to which the cord is secured, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with a bag, of a closing device consisting of a cord or tape secured at its middle point to a point on the bag by a knot in the cord inclosing the material of the bag, the free ends of the cord passing freely around the bag and through an eye in the bag located at a point opposite the point to which the cord is secured, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with a bag provided with an eye formed by a loop of tape on the outside of the bag, its ends passing through punctures and secured to the inside of the bag, of a cord or tape secured at its middle point to a point on the bag opposite said eye, the free ends of the cord passing in opposite directions through the said eye, for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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