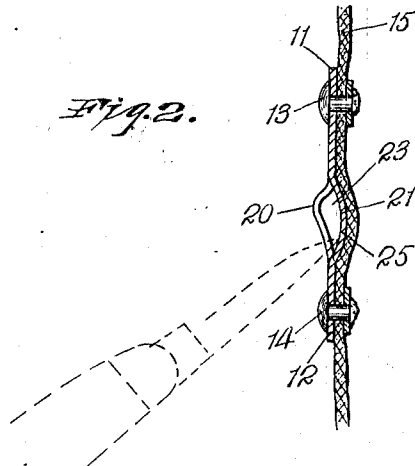
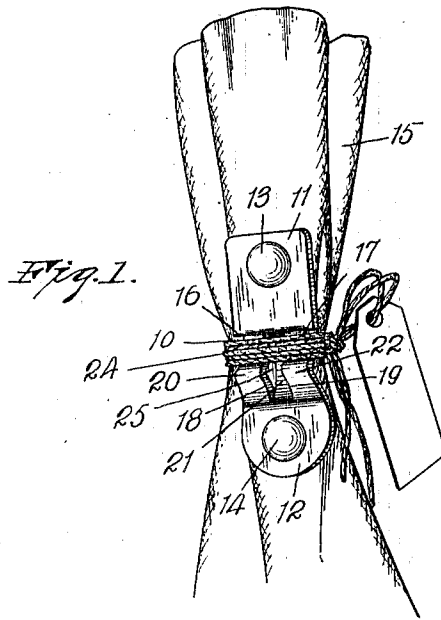


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SEALING DEVICE FOR BAGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN T. STORY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, county and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Sealing Devices for Bags, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

This invention relates to a class of devices adapted to be used in closing and securing bags in a closed form and for protecting the bag when the same is to be opened.

My invention has for its object primarily to provide a sealing device for bags consisting mainly of a plate adapted to be secured upon a bag, and which is of a form to permit the use of a cord in conjunction therewith in a manner to tightly close the bag for transporting valuables as well as serving to permit the seal to be broken without damaging the bag.

A further object of the invention is to provide means whereby the bag may be protected from injury when a knife or other edged instrument is employed in opening the bag.

A further object is to provide a device for sealing and protecting bags, of a compact, efficient and inexpensive form, which may be made in various sizes and in different shapes and which may be used in conjunction with bags of various kinds.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, the said invention being more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a front view of one form of my sealing device, as applied upon a bag, and Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the plate and tongue of the device.

The sealing device 10 has a body plate 11 and an integrally formed extension plate or tongue 12 both of which are adapted to be fastened in any suitable manner, for instance by bolts or pins 13 and 14, to the upper part of a bag, as 15, which may be of the usual or any preferred shape or size, and may be made of any desired material.

The body plate 11 is preferably substantially rectangular in shape, and the tongue

12 is approximately pear-shaped or round so as to provide laterally extending shoulders 16 and 17 upon said body plate at its juncture with the tongue.

In the tongue 12 are two spaced parallel slits 18 and 19 which extend for a portion of its vertical length so as to provide three strips 20, 21, 22. The strips 20 and 22 are disposed on a different relative plane from the strip 21 by being curved in opposite direction, as shown in Fig. 2, whereby a transverse opening 23 is provided for the passage therethrough of a flexible element, or cord, or piece of twine, as 24, and also providing a vertically disposed groove or guide 25 in the exposed face of the tongue 12 and between said strips 20 and 22.

When money or valuable articles are placed in the bag for safe transportation the cord 24 is passed through the opening 23 and around the upper part of the bag as many times as desired, and the cord is then repeatedly directed around the bag and over the tongue 12 adjacent to the shoulders 16 and 17 of the body plate 11. The end portions of the cord is subsequently tied tightly together, and a tag, or other means of identification may be fastened thereto. When the sealed bag has been delivered to the person authorized to open it, by directing the knife blade or other sharp instrument along the guide 25 of the tongue 12 the cord used for closing the bag may be readily severed and the bag opened for removal of its contents. Heretofore it has been the custom to sever the cord used for closing bags containing valuable articles at any convenient part thereof with the result of having the bag frequently ripped or damaged so as to be worthless for future use.

It will be obvious that by means of my device, the bag may be secured in a closed form and readily opened by means of a knife or other sharp edged instrument.

In the foregoing description I have embodied the preferred form of my invention, but I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself thereto, as I am aware that modifications may be made therein without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention, therefore I reserve to myself the right to make such changes as fairly fall within the scope thereof.

Having thus described my invention, I

claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. The combination with a bag, of a plate fastened to the upper part of the bag and
5 having a plurality of slits formed longitudinally therein, and said plate having a depressed portion between the slits and a raised portion at each side of the depressed portion, whereby a guide is provided for a
10 knife when employed to sever the fastening of the bag, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination with a bag, of a plate, means for securing the plate to the bag, said
15 plate having three integrally formed strips,

a central strip bent inwardly, and two side strips bent outwardly from the bag, whereby a passage is formed for a cord, and a cord seated in the passage and adapted to be passed around the bag and secured above
20 the plate so that a knife may be passed beneath the said cord to open the bag without injury to the bag, substantially as shown and described.

This specification signed and witnessed
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