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Fig. 1.

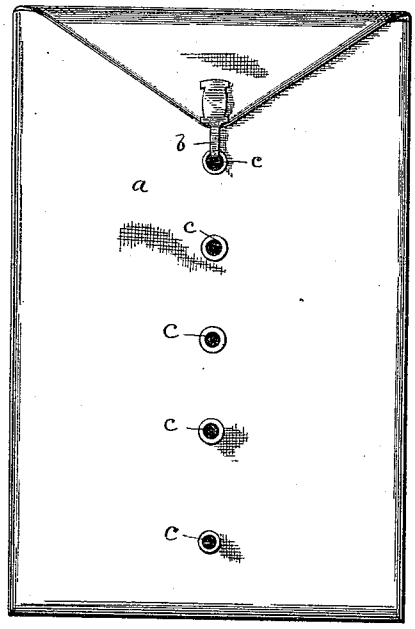


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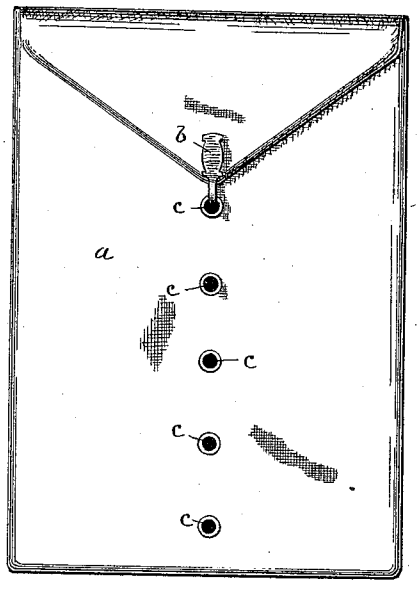
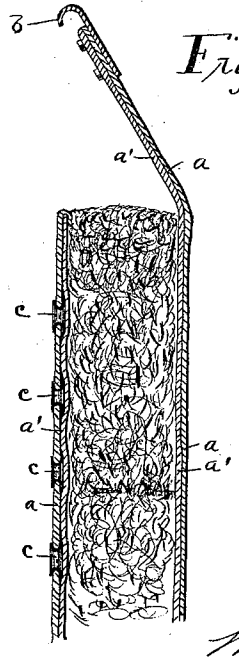


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. CUSSEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Bags, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of the bag closed. Fig. 2 shows a similar view of the closed bag, a portion of its contents having been removed; and Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of a filled bag.

This invention has special relation to certain new and useful improvements upon that class of tobacco pouches or bags constructed of suitable textile fabric, and provided with means for closing and folding them tightly around the tobacco remaining in the pouch after a portion thereof has been removed for use by the consumer, whereby the tobacco may be kept in its original prime condition in the bottom of the pouch until entirely consumed.

In the drawings, *a* designates a bag of suitable fabric, provided with a lining or interior bag *a'*, the two thicknesses of material being sewed together at suitable points. One side of the bag is extended up beyond the other side and provided with a metallic hook *b*, which is preferably attached to the bag by suitable prongs passed through the two thicknesses of material and clinched upon the inner side thereof. The point or end of this hook is blunt, so as not to catch in and injure the bag or the wearer's person or clothing. Along the face of the outer bag, down the middle thereof, preferably, is inserted a vertical series of independent metallic eyelets *c*, into which the hook upon the end of the extension is adapted to engage when the bag is closed, as shown. These eyelets only extend through the outer bag, as will be perceived, the lining or inner bag serving to close the apertures, and thereby prevent the escape of the confined tobacco.

It will be observed that as fast as the tobacco is used the hook is engaged in the next lower eyelet, and so on until the entire contents are consumed. The special advantage in this arrangement is that the unused tobacco in the pouch is not disturbed or permitted to work loose while being carried in the pocket, but is retained in its original solid and prime condition in the bottom of the bag until consumed. Most of the pouches now on the market permit the tobacco to shake and work loose after they are once opened, thereby permitting it to spill out into the pocket and become dry and lose its original flavor.

I am aware that heretofore sharp metallic hooks attached to extensions of the bag sides have been employed to fasten or close tobacco-pouches, these hooks being adapted to be inserted in the cloth of the bags to fasten every time the bag is opened. This is not only objectionable on account of the danger of having to carry a sharp hook in the pocket, but also because the frequent insertion and removal of the sharp hook soon tears and cuts the cloth of the bag sufficiently to impair its holding power and permit the loose tobacco to spill out through the openings made by the hooks. The objection to the use of these sharp hooks as fastening devices are obviated by the present invention.

I have shown a double bag or pouch; but I do not wish to be confined in this respect, as a single bag may be employed without departing from the invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

A tobacco-pouch having its rear upper edge extended to form a flap, a hook attached to the end of this flap, a vertical series of independent eyelets secured in the face of the pouch for the reception of the hook, and a lining secured to the interior of the pouch over the eyelets, as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of three witnesses.

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