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Fig. 1.

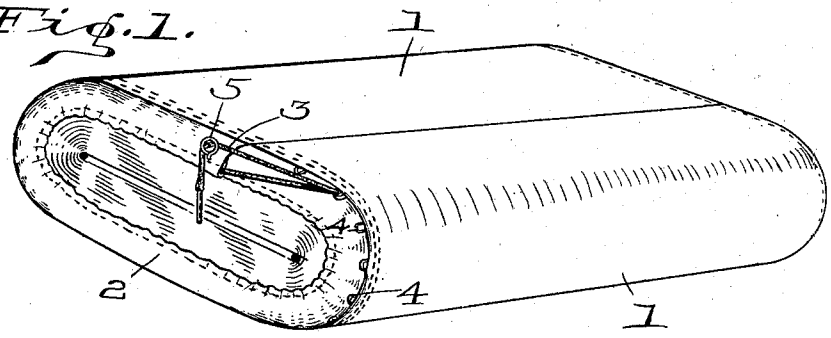


Fig. 2.

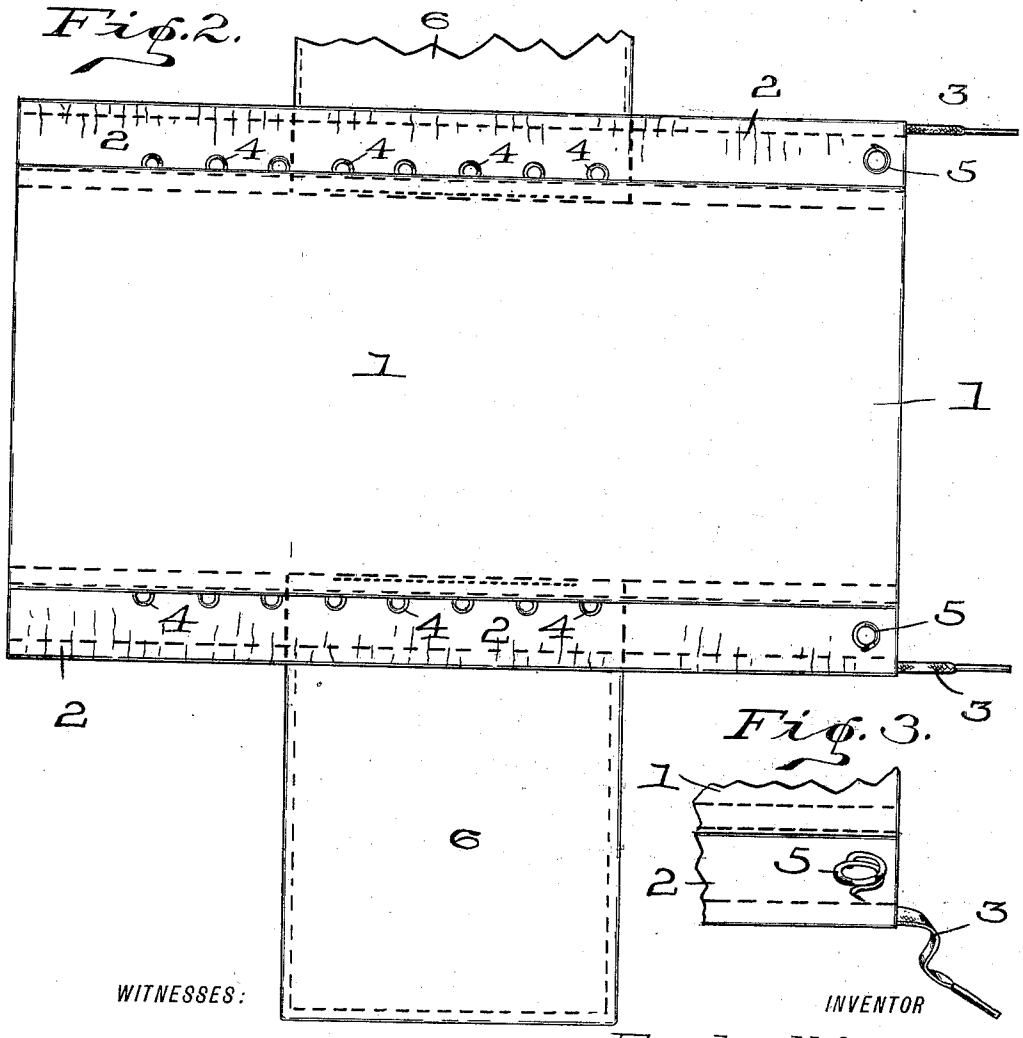


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMSLEY H. CUMMINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bluffton, in the county of Wells and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wrappers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my said invention is to provide a wrapper-covering for bolts of cloth suitable to be used by merchants in keeping their stock clean and in good order.

Said invention will be first fully described, and the novel features thereof then pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part hereof and on which similar numerals of reference indicate similar parts, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bolt of cloth provided with a wrapper embodying my said invention; Fig. 2, a plan view of said wrapper as a whole, showing its construction when ready for use; and Fig. 3, a perspective view of one corner thereof, on an enlarged scale, showing a fastener more plainly.

My improved wrapper consists of a main or body portion 1, which is preferably formed from cloth of considerable strength and thickness, and said portion should be of the same width as the length of the bolt to be covered and long enough to extend around said bolt and lap over at the ends. On each side there is secured thereto a strip 2, which is preferably of thinner and more flexible cloth, and the outer edges of which strips are folded over and inclose draw-strings 3. Secured at various points along the edges of the main portion 1, where the edge portions 2 are secured thereto, are eyes 4, with which the draw-strings may engage, as shown in Fig. 1, when the device is in use. At or near those ends of the strips 2 from which the free ends of the draw-strings 3 emerge are string-fasteners 5. I also provide flaps 6, which are secured to the outer edges of the part 1 (passing underneath the parts 2) and which in use may be folded over the ends of the goods, thus completely inclosing such goods, or they may be folded back within the receptacle, leaving the ends of the bolts of goods partially exposed, as is shown in Fig. 1.

In use my improved wrapper is wrapped about the bolt of goods, as shown in Fig. 1, the central or main portions covering the outer sides of said bolts, while the end portions 2 fold down at the ends, partially covering the same, and are drawn to the desired position by means of the draw-strings 3, which are then passed through those eyes 4 which are at the time in the proper position, and thence around the fasteners 5.

As will be readily understood, these wrappers are capable of repeated use and by means of the multiplicity of eyes 4 can be continuously used until the bolt of cloth is entirely sold, while the wrapper is kept in a smooth and uniform condition at all times.

Retail merchants in using this cover will ordinarily fold the flaps 6 inside, or at least one of them, so as to partially expose one end of the bolt of goods. Wholesale or jobbing merchants, on the other hand, will ordinarily fold the flaps over both the ends, so as to completely cover and protect them. In either case the goods may be readily wrapped and unwrapped as often as may be desired for purposes of display or otherwise.

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

1. A wrapper composed of a central portion 1, edge portions 2, draw-strings therein, and a series of eyes secured to the main portion 1, said draw-strings being adapted to engage with different ones of said eyes from time to time, according to the size of the bolt of cloth to be covered or wrapped, substantially as set forth.

2. A wrapper for cloth, composed of a central portion 1, edge portions 2, draw-strings in the outer edges of said edge portions, means for controlling said draw-strings to adapt said wrapper to packages of different sizes and flaps centrally secured to the edges of the main portion, said several parts being arranged and operating substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, in a wrapper for bolts of cloth, of a central or main portion 1 composed of comparatively heavy and strong cloth, edge portions 2 secured thereto composed of lighter and more flexible cloth, draw-strings secured in the edges of said edge portions, a series of eyes secured to the edges of the main portion, string-fasteners secured at

or near the ends of the wrapper where the free ends of the draw-string emerge, and end-covering flaps secured to the edges of the central portion of said main portion, the whole being arranged and operating substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Bluffton, Indiana, this 30th day of July, A. D. 1897.

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