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Fig. 1.

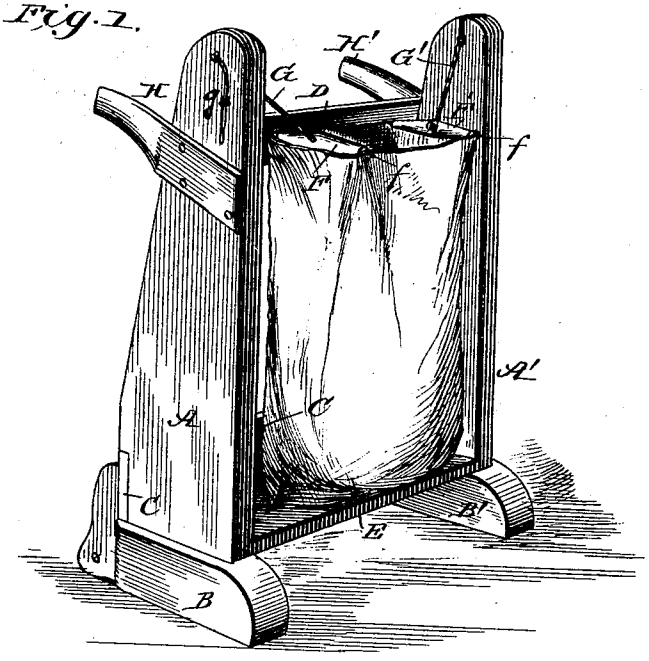
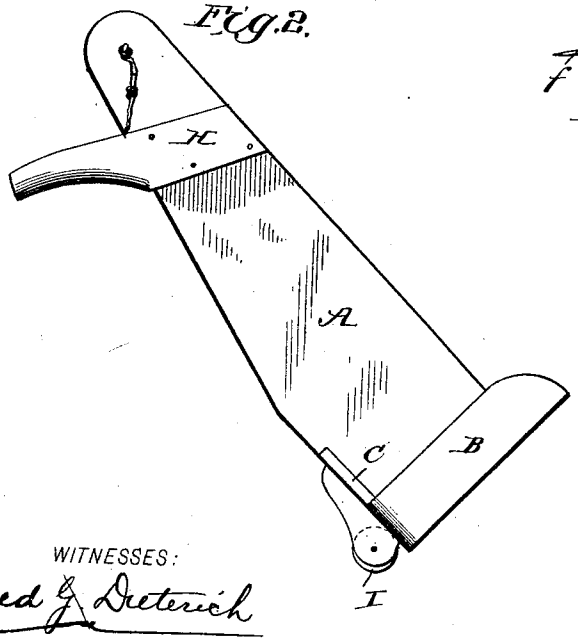


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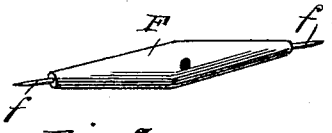
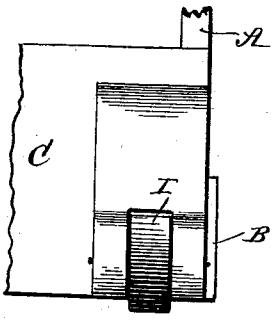


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. RECKORD, of Belair, in the county of Harford and State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bag Holders and Trucks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a combined bag holder and truck, and has for its object to provide a device of the character that shall consist of a few and simple parts, all of which operate in a convenient and efficient manner, and one in which the bag can be quickly attached to or detached from the holder.

A further object is to so construct the device that it shall be readily portable and adapted to carry bagged grain.

With these objects in view my invention consists in the peculiar construction and combination of the various parts, such as shown in the accompanying drawings, and hereinafter fully explained, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device when in use as a bag-holder, and Fig. 2 is a side view of the same used as a bag-truck. Fig. 3 shows details of construction hereinafter referred to.

In carrying out my invention I employ two upright standards A A′, which are secured in any suitable manner in the sills B B′, said sills being adapted to support the device when used as a holder. A cross-piece C connects the said standards at their rear lower ends, and a short distance above the said cross-piece the rear sides of the standards are tapered or cut away, as shown, and near their upper ends are connected by means of the cross-bar D.

A supporting-platform E is arranged between and rests upon the sills B, said platform extending from the forward edges of the standards A back to the cross-piece C, said cross-piece extending considerably above said platform, the purpose of which will appear farther on. The platform is adapted to support the bag and its contents, and to hold the mouth of the bag open I employ the spreaders F F′, each spreader having the points *f* secured in its ends, or the ends themselves may be made pointed. The spreaders are supported by means of the cords or ropes G G′, respectively, said cords or ropes passing through the perforated or slotted ends of the standards A A′, and the portions of the ropes without said standards are provided with an enlargement or stop *g*, to securely hold the spreaders in position. The spreaders can be quickly adjusted to suit various-sized bags by simply changing the relative position of the stops. After the bag has been filled the spreaders are easily removed and either swung to one side or entirely removed from the standards. The cheapest and most convenient method of limiting the downward movement of the spreaders is to knot the ropes; but it is obvious that pins or suitable clamps may be employed with equally good results.

In a bag-holder constructed as described the mouths of the bags are spread and suspended sufficiently to allow the grain to be fed into the same either by shoveling or with measures, and if desired the holder may be tilted backward, the cross-pieces C and D acting as supports to the bag at its upper and lower portions.

Handles H H′ are secured to the outer sides of the standards A and A′, respectively, said handles preferably projecting rearwardly and upwardly, as shown.

Caster-rollers I I′ are secured to the rear side of the cross-piece C, preferably opposite the sills B B′. By this construction I am enabled by tilting the holder backward and grasping the handles H H′ to quickly transport the device from one place to another and also to carry their filled bags, the device being a complete bag holder and truck. The handles also serve as supporting-legs when the device is placed in a horizontal position.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a bag-holder, the combination, with the upright standards, between which the bag is intended to rest, of the ropes passing transversely through the said uprights near their upper ends, and the spreaders loosely connected to the inner ends of said ropes, whereby they are adapted to be inserted in the mouth of the bag and hold the same open, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a bag-holder, the combination, with the upright standards, between which the bag is intended to rest, of the ropes passing through

said standards near their upper ends, the spreaders loosely connected with the inner ends of the ropes, and stops arranged upon each rope upon the outer sides of the standards, whereby the downward movement of the spreaders is limited, substantially as described.

3. In a bag-holder, the combination, with the upright standards, of the sills in which they are rigidly secured, the rigid platform connecting said sills and upon which the bag rests, the upper and lower cross-pieces connecting the standards and against which the bag rests, the ropes passing through the standards near their upper ends, the spreaders loosely connected to the inner ends of the ropes and adapted to hold the mouth of the bag open, and the stops arranged upon the ropes upon the outer sides of the standards, substantially as and for the purpose described.

4. A combined bag holder and truck, consisting of the upright standards, platform, upper and lower cross-pieces, caster-rollers upon the rear side of the lower cross-piece, rearwardly-extending handles, ropes passing through the upper portions of the standards and provided with suitable stops, and the spreaders having pointed ends attached to the lower or inner ends of said ropes, all of said parts being arranged and adapted to operate substantially as shown and described.

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