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Fig. 1.

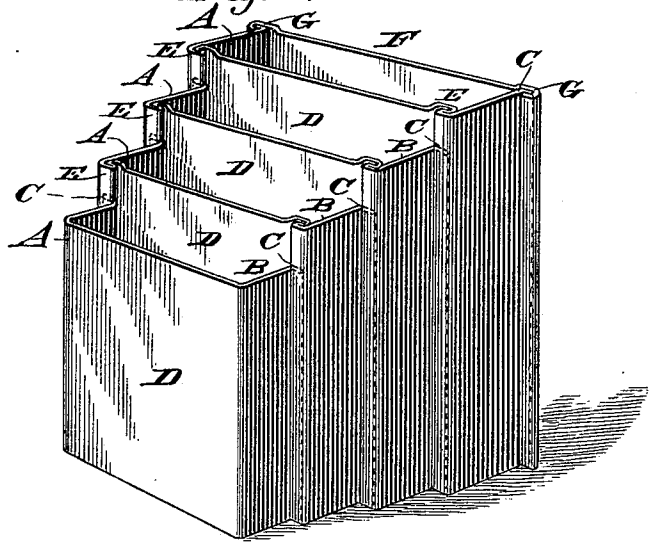


Fig. 2.

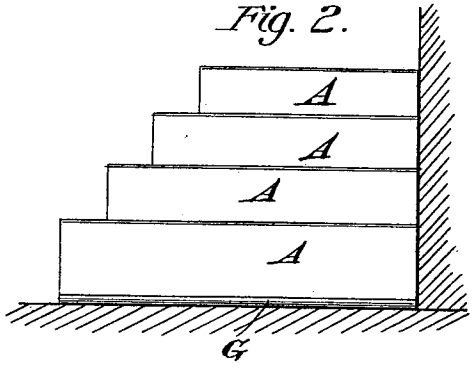


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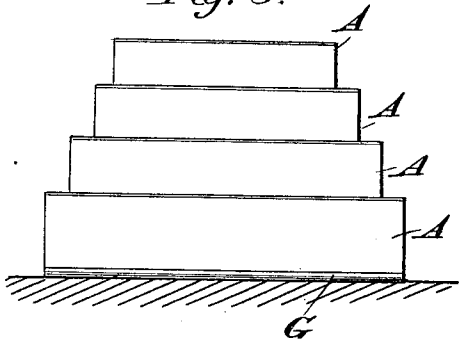
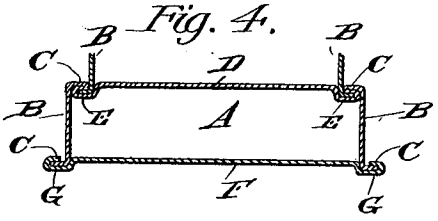


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES COCHRAN, of Custer City, in the county of Custer and Territory of Dakota, have invented a new and Improved Paper-Bag Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved holder for conveniently holding in place paper bags used in grocery-stores and other places.

The invention consists of a number of U-shaped sections or slides fitted together and varying in height and width.

The invention also consists of certain parts, and details and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter, and then pointed out in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same when placed against the wall. Fig. 3 is a like view of the same in position for removing the paper bags at each end, and Fig. 4 is a sectional view of one of the slides.

My improved bag-holder consists of a number of U shaped sections or slides, A, made in successive sizes to fit the various sizes of paper bags ordinarily used. Each section A is made of one piece of sheet metal or other suitable material, and is provided with the sides B B, each having an outwardly-extending flange, C, at its free end. The sides B B continue into the back D, which is formed with a groove or guide, E, at each end near the sides B B. Said grooves or guides E run parallel with the flanges C on the side B. The flanges C of one section A fit into the grooves or guides E of the next following larger section, which is also somewhat higher than the preceding section, whereby the steps are formed between the different sections, as illustrated in the drawings.

The largest end section or slide A is closed at its front by a straight plate, F, provided at each side with a groove or guide, G, fitting on the flange C of the respective larger section A. The smallest section A is only provided with the flanges C, and the grooves E are left off, as illustrated in Fig. 1.

The several sections A are fitted together by inserting the flanges C into the grooves or guides E of the next following larger section, and the largest end section is provided with the front plate, F, which fits with its grooves G on the flanges C of the largest section. When thus fitted up, I may use my holder in an upright position, as shown in Fig. 1, in which case the holder is set upon a counter or other suitable place, and the paper bags are placed in the various sections according to their corresponding sizes. It will be seen that the user of the bags can conveniently remove with his fingers the desired size of paper bag from the holder by pulling the bag outward until it leaves the respective section. I may also place the holder in the position shown in Fig. 2, in which the sections are placed horizontally, and one end rests against a wall, the largest section being placed with its face downward on the counter. In this position of the holder the paper bags are removed by pulling the same forward.

In Fig. 3 I represent my holder as placed in the middle of the counter, and the several sections A are so adjusted as to form steps at each end. The paper bags are held horizontally in the several sections and project beyond each end, so that the user is enabled to remove the bags from either end of the holder.

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

A paper-bag holder consisting in the open end sections, A, of increasing size, each formed of a single plate, having sides B B, flanges C at the outer edges thereof, and grooves E E at the opposite sides of the back and within the plane of the outer surface thereof, the flanges of one section entering the grooves G at its sides, receiving the flanges of the rear or inner section, substantially as set forth.

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