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Fig. 1



Fig. 3

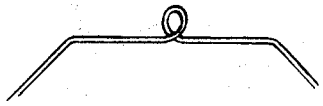


Fig. 4

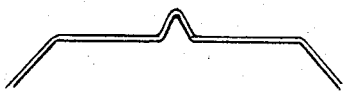
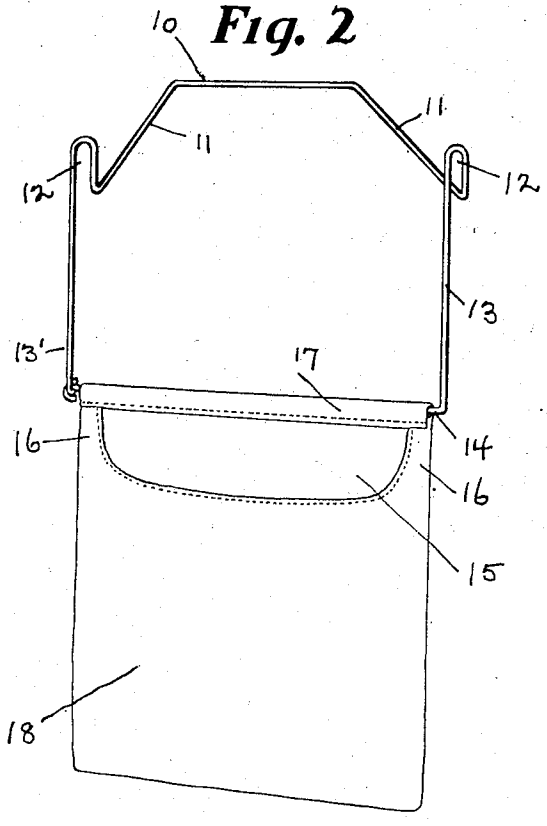


Fig. 2



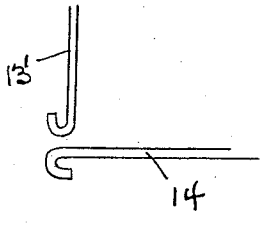


Fig. 2a

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ZAIDA M. RICKETTS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Normal, in the county of Lancaster and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothespin Bags, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to clothes pin bags, and it has for its object the provision of such a bag which is simple in construction and handy and convenient in use on the clothes line, and which can not easily be blown off the line by gusts of wind. The invention further contemplates the provision of a clothes pin bag which may be used in and about the home as a stationary or portable receptacle for articles other than clothes pins, and which may be made to serve as a shopping bag. Other objects will be pointed out in the following description.

Referring now to the drawings,

Figure 1 is an illustration of the clothes pin bag in use on the clothes line.

Figure 2 is a view in perspective of the clothes pin bag.

Figure 2ª is a fragmentary view of the corner structure of the frame, showing the detachable connection whereby the bag may be removed from the frame.

Figures 3 and 4 illustrate modified forms of the frame whereby the device is adapted to be suspended on a wall.

My invention comprises two parts: the bag itself and the support therefor. The novel features are found mainly in the support, but the bag also is so designed as to adapt it to the use to which it is to be put, and the bag and support are so combined that each will enhance the usefulness of the other.

The support is made from a single piece of resilient wire or similar material. The wire is bent so that the support will have a horizontal top portion 10, downwardly and laterally inclined portions 11, inverted U-shaped loops 12, side members 13 and 13′, and a horizontal bottom member 14. The parts 10 and 11 lie in a common plane but the loops 12 cause the parts 13, 13′, and 14 to lie in a plane which is forward of and parallel to the plane of the parts 10 and 11. The loops 12 have a width sufficient for the support to engage the ordinary clothes line as shown in Figure 1. The free ends of the parts 13′ and 14 are provided with hooks, and it should be noted that the hook on the part 13′ is on the forward side thereof while the hook on the part 14 is on the under side of that part. The resiliency of the metal will hold the parts 13′ and 14 in engagement when the device is not in use, but the position and the form of the hooks is such that the weight of the bag and its contents together with the overbalanced load all combine to increase the latching action of the hooks.

The bag is made from oil cloth, muslin, denim, or any other suitable material. It has an opening at 15, the mouth being kept open as shown in Figure 1 by the contents of the bag and also as a result of the fact that the front fabric is slightly wider than the rear fabric. At the lower and side edges of the mouth the front fabric is lapped and stitched to prevent unravelling but especially to reinforce the bag at the points of greatest wear. The two tongues 16 reinforce the supporting portion of the bag. At the top edge of the bag is a lapped portion 17 which is firmly stitched to the bag so as to provide a loop for the reception of the part 14 of the support. The lap 17 is stitched down over the upper portions of the tongues 16 so as to firmly secure the tongues and the lap at the upper corners of the bag.

The bag is readily attachable to the support or removable therefrom after simply unlatching the connection between the parts 13′ and 14 of the support. In use, the support is suspended from the clothes line as shown in Figure 1, and it is readily slidable on the clothes line as the clothes are being hung up or taken down. When the clothes have been taken from the line, the device is grasped by the hand on the part 10 and carried into the house where it may be hung from a hook engaging the part 10. The part 10 may be of course be provided with means at a fixed point for engaging a hook or other similar support. In Figures 3 and 4 I show two forms of engaging means either of which may be formed in the part 10 without necessitating an extra operation such as soldering or welding which would add materially to the manufacturing cost of the device.

Having thus described my invention in terms which will be readily understood by others skilled in the art to which it pertains, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:—

A clothes pin bag and a support therefor,

said clothes pin bag having substantially the width of said support, the front portion of said clothes pin bag having upwardly projecting tongues at its lateral edges, a lap on the upper edge of the rear portion of said bag, said lap being folded down over the upper extremities of said tongues and stitched thereto to form a looped portion, said support being formed of resilient material and having a lower horizontal portion for engaging the looped portion of said clothes pin bag and having also a pair of vertical portions at its sides, one of said vertical portions having a detachable connection with said horizontal portion at one of the lower corners of said support whereby the clothes pin bag may be detached from its support, an inverted U-shaped loop at the upper extremity of each of said vertical portions of said support, upwardly and inwardly inclined portions projecting from said inverted U-shaped loops, and a horizontal transverse portion between the upper extremities of said upwardly and inwardly inclined portions, said inverted U-shaped loops being adapted to engage a clothes line and said upper horizontal transverse portion being adapted to serve as a handle.

In witness whereof I affix my signature.

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