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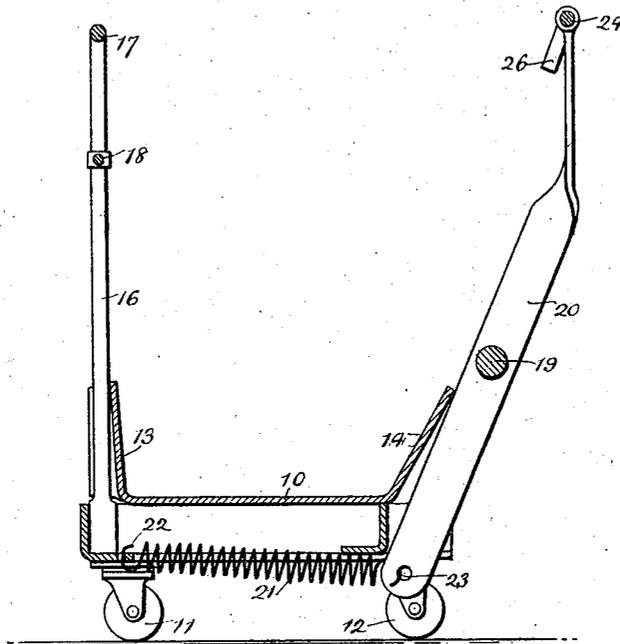
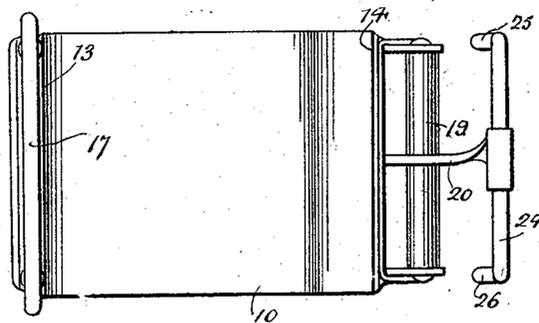


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Fig. 3.

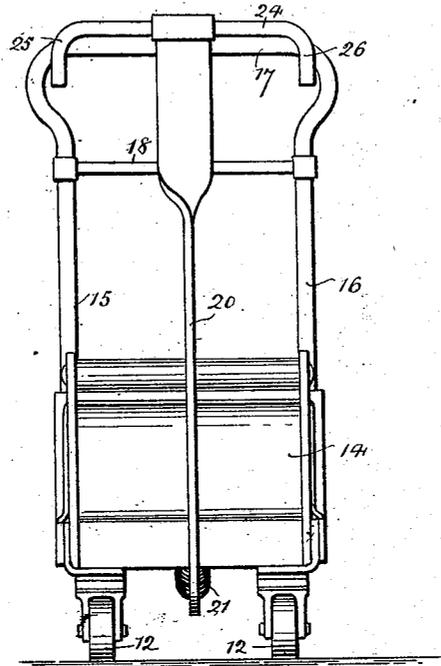
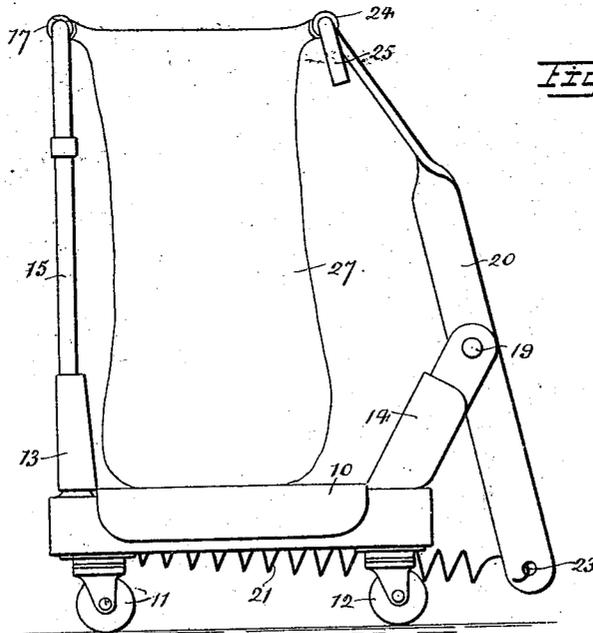


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## LAUNDRY TRUCK.

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This invention relates to a laundry truck. It has for an object the provision of a simple and efficient laundry truck provided with suitable uprights thereon which enable the open ends of a laundry bag to be slipped over the top of the uprights and held open while laundry is being deposited therein.

A further object concerns the provision of simple and efficient means whereby the bag can be readily attached to and removed from the uprights.

The invention is illustrated in the drawings, of which:

Figure 1 is a vertical, longitudinal section through the truck.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the truck.

Figure 3 is an end elevation of the truck.

Figure 4 is a side elevation of the truck.

The form of the invention shown in the drawings is a preferred form, although it is understood that modifications in the construction and arrangement of the parts and in the character of the materials used may be adopted without departing from the spirit of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

In its general aspect the invention includes a truck mounted on wheels and having on opposite edges thereof suitable pedestal frames, the upper ends of which are adapted to engage the mouth edges of a bag, such as a laundry bag, for the purpose of holding the bag open. One of said pedestal frames is pivoted and movable and tends to be held in a normally distended position from the other frame by reason of the connection, to said pivoted frame, of a spring. This connection is for the purpose of permitting the mouth of a bag to be held open when one edge of the mouth is engaged by the fixed frame and another portion is held by the pivoted frame.

In the preferred form of the invention I show a truck base or body portion 10 having wheels 11 and 12 so that the device may be used as a wheeled truck. The base 10 which is preferably a single piece plate has its front and rear ends bent upwardly to present upstanding guard members 13 and 14 respectively, which act as guides and reinforcing elements for two pedestal frames, and also guards to prevent the bag getting into the frame work, and also as a free guideway to slide the bag sideways from

the truck. The transverse ends of bar 10 are bent downwardly over the truck frame and rigidly connected therewith. One of the frames is stationarily fixed and comprises vertically extending beams 15 and 16 connected at their upper ends by a crossbar 17 and braced by an intermediate crossbar 18 and held in place at the lower ends by the guard member 13. The other frame 20 is pivoted on a shaft 19, which is mounted in side wings extending from the guard member 14, which flares outwardly and upwardly. The frame 20 includes one bar 21, below the pivot 19, and the lower end of bar 21 is connected at 23 to a spring 28, the other end of the spring being connected at 22 to the body portion of the truck, and below the base member 10 so that the spring is practically hidden and protected against accidental blows or shocks. This spring tends to hold the upper end of the pivoted frame 20 outward. The upper end of the frame 20 is provided with a crossbar 24 having downwardly and inwardly projecting end portions 25 and 26. The spring tends to hold the upper end of the pivoted frame away from the upper end of the fixed frame. To apply a bag to the holder the open end at one side is turned over the cross-bar 17; the cross-bar 24 of frame 20 is then forced toward cross bar 17 and the opposite side of the bag is then turned over cross bar 24 and caught under the end fingers 25 and 26, which, projecting inwardly tend to more firmly secure the bag in place. As shown in Figure 4, the mouth of a laundry bag 27 is engaged by the upper end of the fixed frame and by the upper end of the pivoted frame. This laundry bag may be clamped to the frame portion if desired, although such clamping is not shown. The tendency therefore is to hold the mouth of the bag open while laundry is being put therein, the truck being capable of moving around the shop. This device is simple, efficient and practical. By making the base 10 integral with the upstanding guards, there are no gaps or openings left through which the bag or anything put on the base cap pass to get clogged up with the spring or lost entirely; and the guard member 14 flaring upwardly and outwardly provides for locating the pivot or frame 20 above the guard member 14 and to advance of same, by which arrangement the bulge that ordinarily takes place intermediate the top and bottom of a filled bag is

taken care of without overlapping the pivoted frame on both sides, which relation would prevent the ready sliding of the loaded bag from the truck.

5 What I claim is:

1. A bag holder comprising a base body portion having upstanding guard members at opposite edges, a fixed pedestal frame extending vertically from one edge of said base body portion, said fixed frame having bag supporting means at the top, a pivoted pedestal frame extending upwardly from the opposite edge of said base body portion, said pivoted frame having bag holding means at the top thereof, a spring connected at one end below and to the body portion, and at its other end to the lower portion of the pivoted frame and tending normally to hold the upper end of the pivoted frame away from the upper end of the fixed frame, said bag holding means being adapted to be engaged by the mouth of a bag, the action of the spring tending to hold the mouth of the bag in a distended position.

2. A support for laundry bags comprising a body base portion having upstanding ends forming guard members, a fixed pedestal frame rigidly held in one guard member, an inclined movable pedestal frame pivotally connected with the opposite guard member, the upper ends of each frame pro-

vided with bag holding means, and spring means cooperating with the lower end of the movable frame to normally urge the upper end of the pivoted frame away from the upper end of the rigid frame, the inclined frame providing for bulging of a filled bag.

3. A bag holder comprising a base body portion having upstanding end guard members, one guard member adapted to hold a vertical pedestal frame, the opposite end guard member flaring upwardly and outwardly, a movable pedestal frame pivotally secured adjacent the top of said flared member and in advance thereof, the upper ends of the frames provided with bag holding means.

4. A bag holder as defined in claim 3, the movable pedestal frame comprising an inclined lower portion and a vertical upper portion, the movable pedestal frame pivotally connected near the upper end of the inclined portion at or near the upper end of the flared guard member, and in advance thereof.

5. A bag holder as set forth in claim 2, the bag holding means at the top of the pivoted frame comprising a cross-bar provided at its opposite ends with downwardly extending fingers said fingers also inclining inwardly toward the fixed pedestal frame.

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