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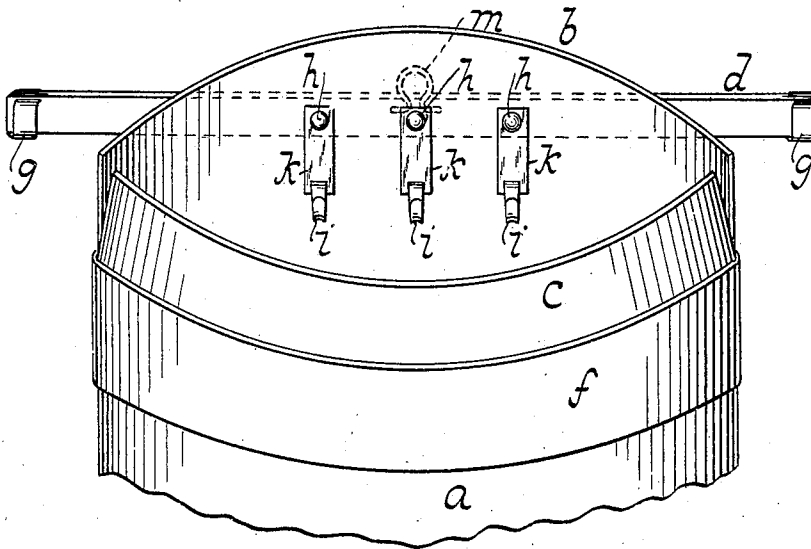


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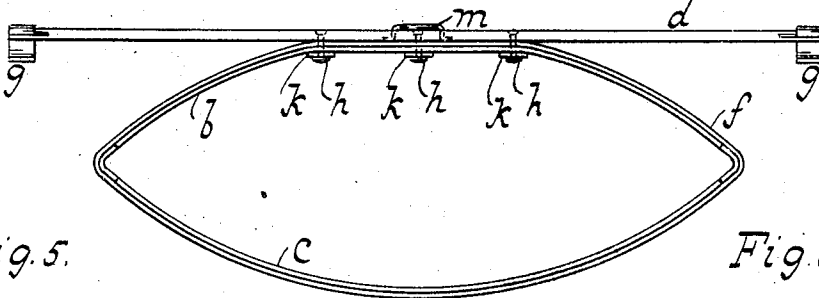


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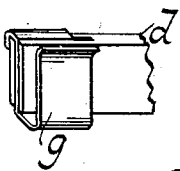


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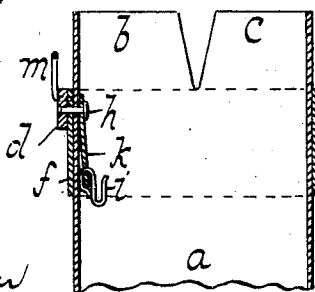


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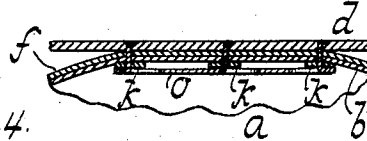
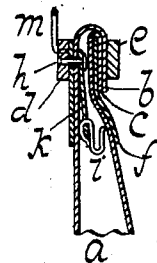


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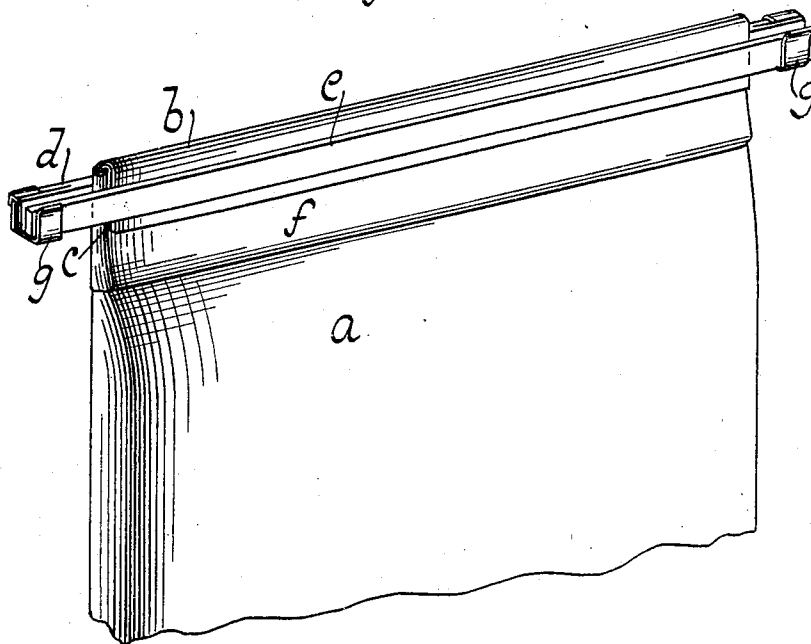
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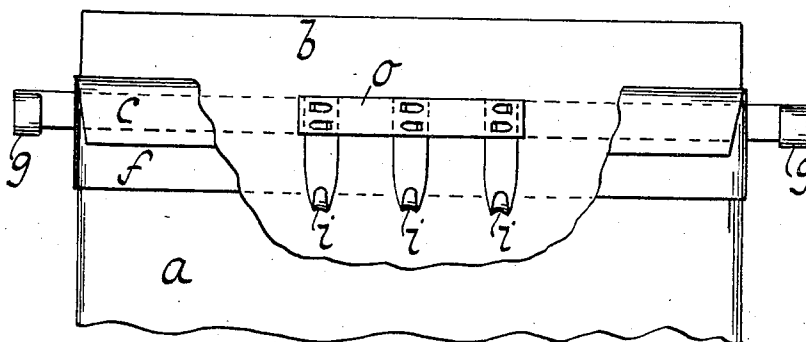
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*Fig. 7.*



*Fig. 8.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS MANAHAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Manhattan borough, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain features or details of construction set forth in the following specification and claims and illustrated in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a bag embodying this invention and having its mouth opened or gaping. Fig. 2 is a plan view of a bag embodying this invention. Fig. 3 is a vertical central section of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a section of a bag-mouth closed. Fig. 5 shows a clamp. Fig. 6 shows a modification. Fig. 7 is a perspective view showing the bag-mouth held closed by bars and clamp. Fig. 8 shows a modification.

In the drawings is shown a bag *a*, having flaps *b* and *c*. These flaps can be formed by slitting the edges or sides of the bag a certain distance down from the mouth or top. These separate mouth-flaps can be folded and confined between slats or bars *d* and *e*, as presently explained. The bag-mouth can thus be closed. Below the flaps is a band or reinforcement *f*, extending about the bag.

The slat or back-bar *d* is shown with clamps *g* at its end portion removably engaging the other bar. One bar can thus be supported by or connected to or disconnected from the other. These locking-bars placed against the outside of the mouth portions of the bag hold the latter closed.

One side of the mouth portion of the bag is secured to slat or main bar *d* by suitable means—as, for example, by adhesive, by rivets, or the like. This mouth portion is secured to the bar at its central portion only or at a distance from the ends or edges, so that the outer or end portions can bend or are left free to move away from the bar *d* for the bag-mouth to gape or open a considerable extent for suitable access.

When the bar *e* is removed and the flaps *b*, *c*, or at least flap *b*, turned up, the bag-mouth can open to such extent as to allow introduction or withdrawal of apparel or other objects.

As seen in Fig. 4, the flaps *b*, *c* are turned down outside the band or hoop *f* and confined between the band and a slat *e*. The flap *c* can be left permanently turned down or is glued or pasted to the outside of the bag-body over the hoop or band.

In the drawings the fastening means for the attachment of the bag to a slat are shown in form of rivets *h*. These rivets or fastenings are shown extending through the strengthening-band and into the main or back bar. To the rivets are shown attached hooks *i*, which may be connected directly to the rivets or formed therewith, or tape *k* or the like can be made to connect the hooks to the fastenings *h*.

Attached to the back slat is a suspending device *m*, preferably a screw or other eye bored into said back slat or a ring driven into the slat and acting as a hanger. An advantage of having the upper bag-body adhered only a portion of its length to the back slat is that by this method the bag can be opened so as to put in and take out garments while the bag is hanging up.

The hanging hooks inside, as seen in Fig. 8, can be made of metal, reaching downward from the rivet to a distance as may be required, if so desired, thus doing away with the suspender attached; but the invention includes the attachment of both long hooks or hooks at the end of suspender.

In place of rivets *h* other fastenings can be applied—as, for example, in Fig. 6 a pronged strip or metal piece *o* connects a bar and suspending means *k* and one side of a bag. All such modifications are included in the invention.

The upper back part of the bag is fastened to a rigid slat, and when the bag is closed it is held in practically flat condition. The clamps with mouth opening upwardly will readily receive the closing or locking slat and are permanently secured to the back bar.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A bag-fastener comprising two plain or smooth slats or bars and clamps immovably fixed to one of the bars and adapted to releasably support the other bar, combined with a bag secured to one of the bars and left free from or unattached to the other bar.

2. A bag having clamping bars or slats of plain or smooth form placed against the outside of the mouth portion of the bag, one of the slats being permanently fixed to the bag and provided with upwardly-opening clamps fixed in slits in the slat, and the other slat being adapted to be slipped into and removably held by the clamp.

3. A bag having closing or locking bars or slats placed against the outside of the mouth

portion of the bag, one of the slats being removably supported or connected to the other slat, and one side of the mouth portion of the bag being secured at its inner or central portion to one of the slats so as to leave the edges or ends clear for the bag-mouth to gape or open a suitable extent, said last-named slat having fixed upwardly-opening clamps secured thereto for engaging the removable  
10 slat.

4. A bag-fastener comprising two plain or smooth slats or bars and clamps immovably fixed to one of the bars and adapted to releasably support the other bar, combined  
15 with a bag secured to one of the bars and left free from or unattached to the other bar, hooks suspended from the upper inside of the bag at the back part thereof, and a bar preferably of metal having nail-like teeth  
20 penetrating through the hook-suspenders or hooks and the bag and into the rigid permanent back bar to hold the hooks and stiffen and strengthen the upper back part of the bag.

5. A bag having separate mouth-flaps, a strengthening-band below the flaps, a slat or bar secured to the band and bag at one side of the latter, clamps permanently fixed to and carried by the slat, and a second bar or slat carried by the clamps, said bag having the flaps folded outside the band and confined between the slats. 25 30

6. A rigid slat, a bag having its upper part for a portion of its length only permanently fastened to such rigid slat, clamps with upwardly-opening mouths permanently secured at the respective ends of the slat, and a second slat adapted to enter the clamps to cause the bag-mouth to be inclosed between the slats. 35 40

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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