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MOTH PROOF CLOTHES BAG.

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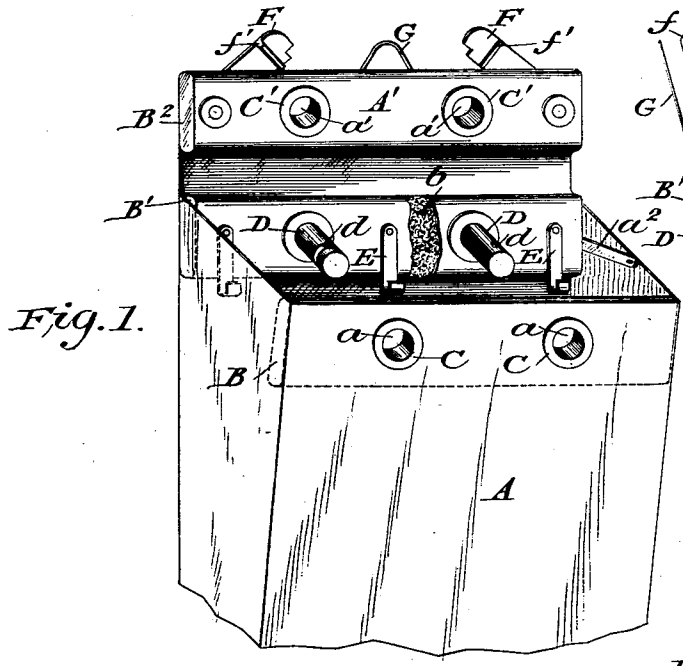


Fig. 1.

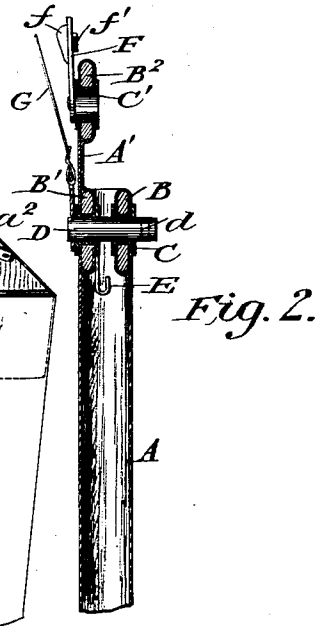
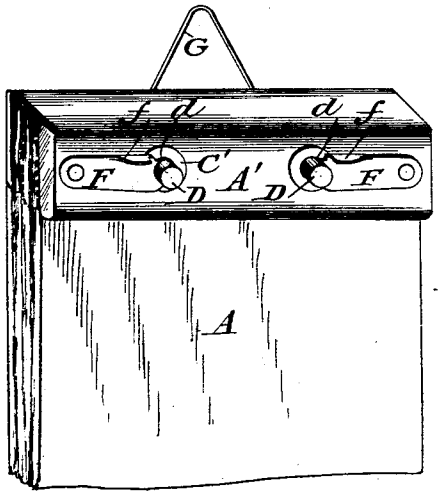
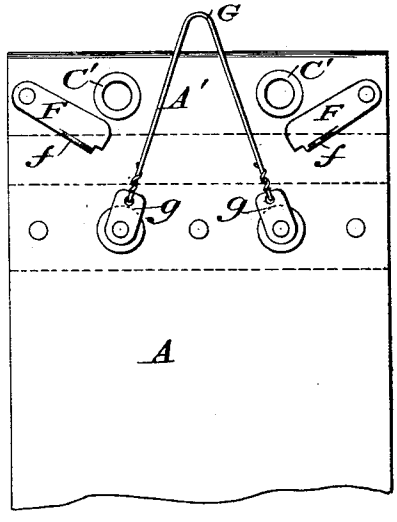


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.





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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK WILLIAM BAEHN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of New York, in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Moth-Proof Clothes-Bags, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

This invention relates to bags, and more especially to bags which are designed for the reception of articles of clothing to be preserved and protected from the ravages of moths.

The invention consists in certain improved means for closing the mouths of such bags and incidentally for supporting the articles of clothing therein and for supporting the bag itself.

The said improvements will be described more particularly hereinafter, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the upper portion of the bag provided with my improvement, the mouth of the bag being open. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section of the same with the mouth partly closed. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the same with the mouth closed and locked. Fig. 4 is a rear view of the same with the mouth open.

The bag A, to which my improvements are applied, may be of any suitable shape or size and may be made of any suitable material, being preferably so formed that the mouth of the bag shall open readily with its edges parallel. Near the upper edge of the front of the bag is secured a stiffener B, which may be formed of a strip of wood or other suitable material, gummed or otherwise secured in place. Holes *a a* are formed through the upper edge of the bag and through the stiffener, gromets C C being inserted and clenched on both sides. The rear of the bag is also provided with a stiffener B′, to which are firmly secured studs D D, the latter corresponding in position with the holes *a a*. Each stud has near its outer end a notch or cut *d*, for a purpose presently to be referred to. Hooks E, of thin flat metal, are also secured to the stiffener B′ to support the articles of clothing within the bag. The flap A′ of the bag is also provided with a stiffener B^2 and with holes *a′* and gromets C′, the holes *a′* corresponding with the holes *a′* and the studs B. On the outside of the stiffener B^2, near the ends thereof, are pivoted latches F F, the ends of which are adapted to enter the notches *d* of the studs D when the bag is closed. Each latch has a thumb-piece *f*, by which it can be manipulated readily, and upon its inner surface, in position to bear against the outer end of the corresponding gromet C′, is a lug *f′*. Upon the rear ends of the studs D are riveted or otherwise secured eyepieces *g*, with which may be engaged the ends of a wire loop G, by which a bag may be suspended. The several stiffeners are preferably covered with wadding, (indicated at *b* in Fig. 1,) so that when the mouth of the bag is closed there shall be no spaces between the stiffeners to admit moths or other insects. I prefer also to apply to the sides of the bag, at the top, elastic webbing a^2, which shall hold the sides snugly between the ends of the stiffeners when the bag is closed.

When the bag is to be closed, the ends of the studs D D are passed through the holes *a* in the front of the bag and the flap A′ is turned down, so that its holes shall also slip upon the studs. The latches F are then turned down to cause the ends thereof to enter the slots or cuts *d* in the ends of the stud D and the lugs *f′* thereof to press against the gromets C′ and so to press all of the stiffeners closely together.

It will be understood that I do not intend to restrict myself to the precise details of construction and arrangement shown and described herein, as the same may be varied without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim as my invention—

The combination with a bag, of stiffeners applied to the edge of said bag, studs secured to one of said stiffeners, and having slots or notches and adapted to enter holes in the opposing stiffener and latches pivoted upon said opposing stiffener to engage said notches, each of said latches having upon its inner surface a lug to press the last-named stiffener toward the first-named stiffener, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 5th day of October, 1896.

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