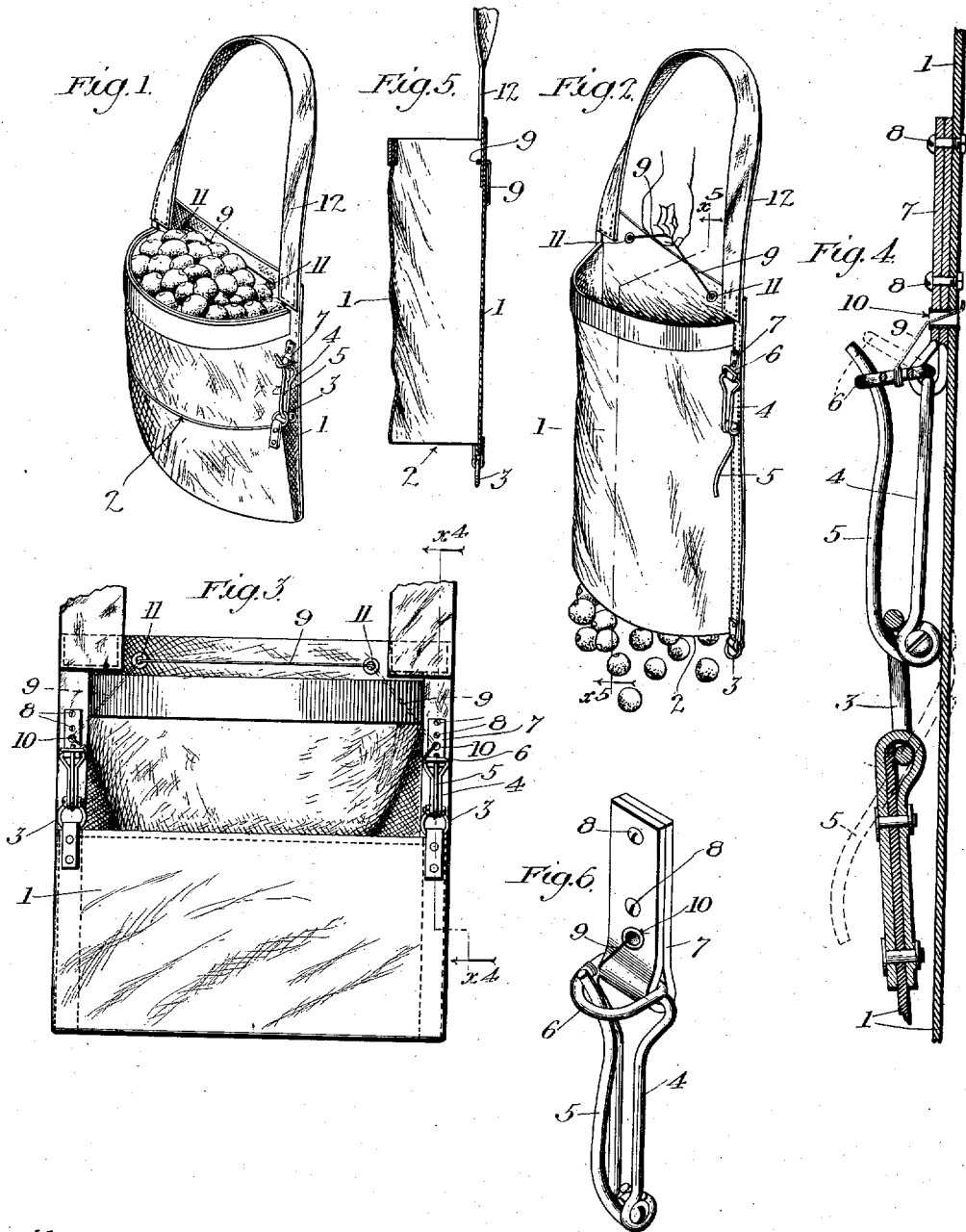


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN A. WILLIAMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Riverside, in the county of Riverside and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Fruit-Pickers' Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to fruit pickers' bags, and the object of the invention is to provide an improved means for detachably holding the bag in closed position and to enable the same to be readily unfastened with one hand alone when it is desired to discharge the oranges from the bag.

Referring to the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bag, showing it filled with fruit. Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing the manner of releasing the fasteners and the bag opened with the oranges escaping. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the bag closed. Fig. 4 is an enlarged section on line x^4-x^4 Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a section on line x^5-x^5 Fig. 2. Fig. 6 is a perspective of one of the fasteners.

1 designates the bag which is formed with an open bottom 2, as clearly shown in Fig. 5. At each lower corner of the bag is an eye 3. On each side of the bag near its upper end is a fastener comprising a link 4, in the lower end of which is provided a tongue 5, the upper end of the tongue being adapted to be detachably caught by a loop 6. The link 4 and loop 6 are both pivotally retained in a strap 7 which is secured to the edges of the bag as by means of the screw bolts 8, as clearly shown in Fig. 4. A cord 9 has each end secured to a loop 6, the cord passing through an orifice 10 in the strap 7, thence up behind the bag, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3, thence forward through eyelets 11 in the upper part of the bag. 12 is a strap for suspending the bag from the shoulder of the operator.

When the bag is folded, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, the eyes 3 are retained between the tongues 5 and loops 4 and when in this position, the bag is adapted to receive and hold the fruit, as the folded bottom of the

bag prevents the fruit from falling out. 50 The tongues 5 are retained by the loops 6. By referring to Fig. 4, it will be seen that when the parts are in this position, the strain of the eyes 3 on the tongues 5 tending to open the tongues is comparatively slight 55 as the eyes 3 engage the tongues so close to their pivots in the loops 4, therefore the strain of the upper ends of the tongues against the loops 6 is not excessive and there is thus no great amount of friction re- 60 quired to swing the loops up into the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 4 to release the tongues 5, which is done by pulling the cord 9, as shown in Fig. 2, whereupon the weight of the oranges within the bag 65 which exert a constant downward pull on the eyes 3 causes the latter to quickly swing down the tongues 5 when the tongues 5 are released from the loops 6 and the tongues 5 being moved into the dotted line position 70 shown in Fig. 4, the eyes 3 slip down therefore and the bag assumes the position shown in Fig. 2. This action takes place instantaneously upon pulling the cord 9.

A strap 13 is secured at the upper edge 75 of the front portion of the bag 1 and may be formed of leather or other stiffening material and serves to bow the front portion of the bag outwardly, which enables the fruit to be readily placed in the bag. 80

What I claim is:

A fruit picker's bag formed with an open bottom having a folding portion to prevent the fruit from escaping, eyes at the corners of the folding portion, fasteners on the body 85 portion of the bag detachably engaging said eyes, and a cord extending to both fasteners for opening the same to release the eyes to permit the folded portion to hang down and allow the escape of the fruit. 90

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Riverside California, this 29th day of April, 1911.

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