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Bag-Holders.

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Fig. 1.

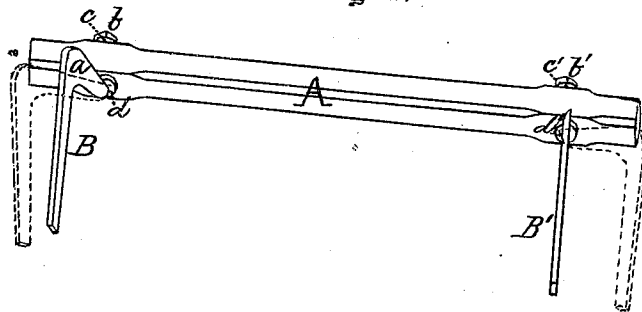
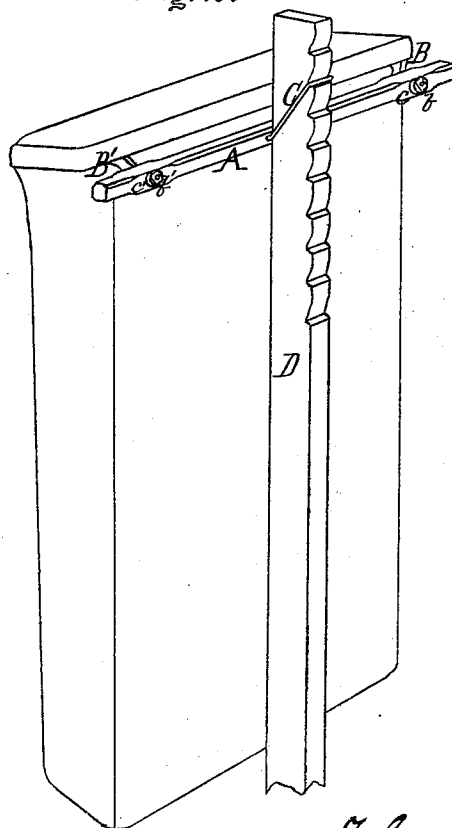


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BAG-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN HUNTER and HENRY M. CLAYTON, both of Ashland, in the county of Schuylkill and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful improvement in Bag-Holders; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the said invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improvement; and Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same when holding a bag and suspended from a post.

The same parts are denoted by the same letters in both figures.

The object of this invention is to enable a bag to be readily and easily fixed on a support which shall hold the mouth of the bag open and firmly sustain the weight of its contents as it is filled; and, to this end, the said invention consists of two bent arms pivoted to a suitable support, and operating as hereinafter described.

A in the drawing represents a bar of wood or other material, to which are pivoted, in any suitable manner, the bent arms B B'. We prefer to make them with shanks passing through the bar A, and with burrs *b b'*, between which and the said bar we interpose washers *c c'*.

Similar washers, *d d'*, may also be interposed between the bar A and the upright part *a* of the bent arms, as shown.

The bar A may either be immovably fixed in position so as to constitute a permanent support, or it may be detachably secured to any convenient support, as shown in Fig. 2, which represents a clevis, C, as attached to it, by which it may be adjusted at different heights on the notched post D.

The operation of this improvement is as follows: The arms B B' being in the position shown in full lines in Fig. 1, (*i. e.* at right angles to the bar, or nearly so,) the mouth of the bag is turned down over the said arms, which are then turned outward, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1. In this position it is obvious that the increased strain on the arms, caused by filling the bag, will tend to draw them further apart and hold the mouth of the bag open more firmly. When the bag has been filled the arms are turned inward, and it slips off or is readily removed.

What we claim as our invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The bent arms B B' pivoted to a support, A, and operating as shown and described.

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