

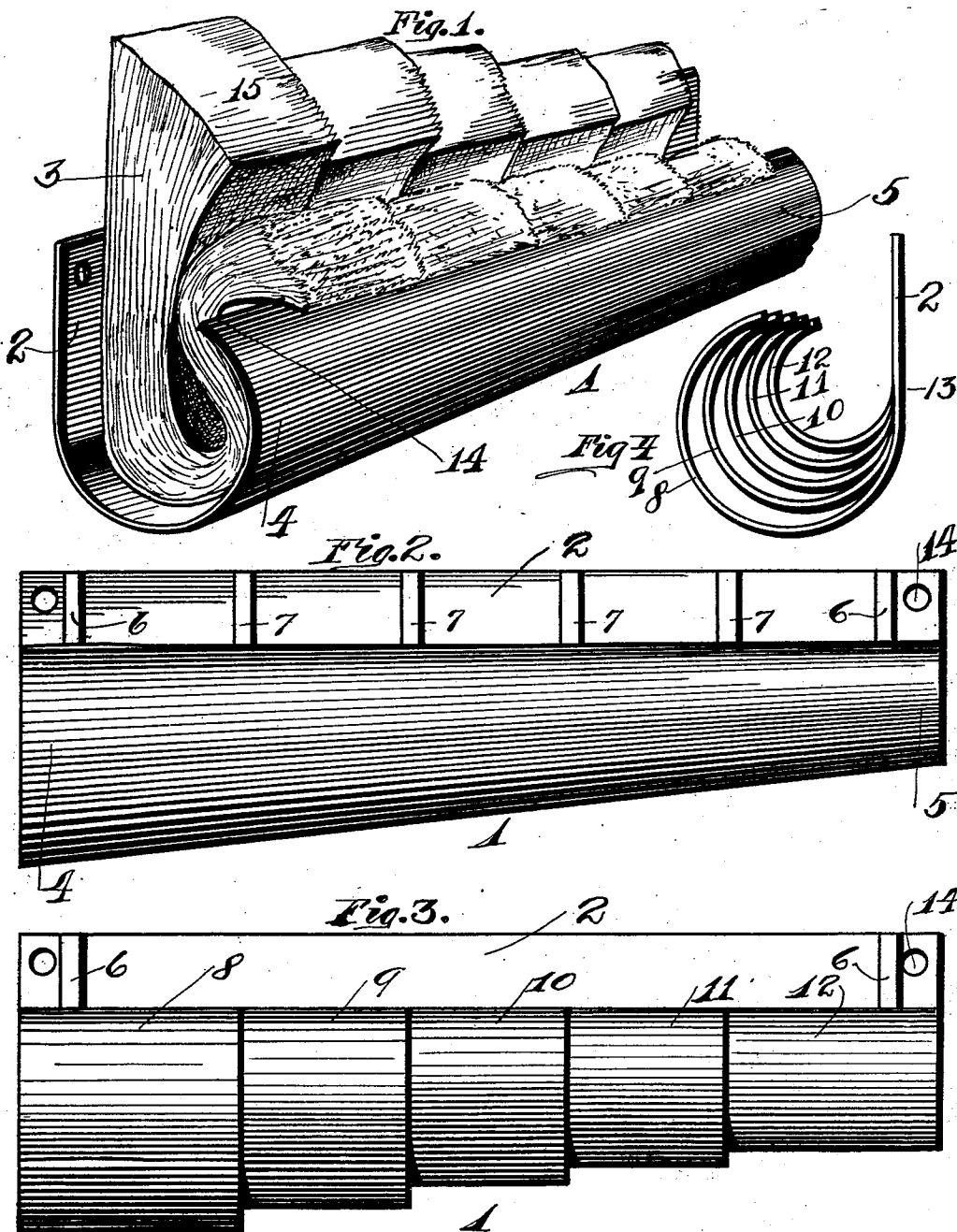
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN O. BRANCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Memphis, Shelby county, State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in bag-holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable any one skilled in the art to construct the same.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and efficient holder for bags of different sizes, from which holder the bags can be easily removed one (or more, if desired) at a time for use and which may be quickly refilled when necessary and which will hold bags of several sizes. I accomplish these objects, as will be more fully hereinafter set out in the drawings, specification, and claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my bag-holder, showing it filled with five sizes of bags. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of a slightly-modified form, showing ends and partitions between the bag-compartments. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a slightly-different modification in which the separate bag-compartments are partially cut apart. Fig. 4 is an end elevation of the form shown in Fig. 3 except that for convenience of illustration the ends 6 have been omitted.

Referring now to the drawings, in which like numerals indicate like parts in all the views, my invention consists of a long tapering or partially-cone-shaped metal piece 1 of substantially a J or fish-hook cross-section, having one side 2 (the stem of the J) extending outward straight from the curved portion to form a back.

3 represents the bags, which are doubled at or near the center and pushed into the holder. The holder 1 at the end 4 is made large enough in diameter to permit the insertion of large-sized bags, whereas at the end 5 it is smaller to hold a much smaller size.

In Fig. 2, 6 6 are ends, and 7 7 partitions, preferably of wood, to separate the holder 1 into bag-compartments. If so desired, all the partitions 7 7 may be omitted and the ends

6 6 only be used. These ends may be flush with the end of the holder, if so desired.

In Figs. 3 and 4 I show a slightly-modified form, in which the compartments 8 9 10, &c., for different-sized bags are formed by cutting into the cone 1 as far as the line 13, Fig. 4, and bending the compartments to different sizes for the different-sized bags. Ends 6 6 are preferably used in this form, but may be omitted, if desired. 14 represents holes by which the holder may be suspended or fastened down.

While I have shown the holder 1 horizontal with the open side up, it is to be distinctly understood that I do not thereby limit myself to this position, since, especially with those forms having ends 6 6 or ends and partitions such as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the holder may be stood on either end or, in other words, be held or suspended in a vertical position. Any of the forms shown may also be placed horizontal, with the back 2 on top or underneath and the opening forward, if desired. The bags being held firmly together by the edge 14 of the cone, the bottoms 15 of the bags spring slightly apart, and a person desiring to remove a bag catches hold of one and pulls it out, the friction between the bags being sufficient to prevent the removal of more than the one grasped.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. As a bag-holder a long piece of substantially J-shaped cross-section having the curved portion of the J of less diameter at one end than at the other, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. As a bag-holder a long piece of substantially J-shaped cross-section, having the curved portion of the J of decreasing diameter from one end to the other, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. As a bag-holder a long metal piece of substantially J-shaped cross-section, having the curved portion of the J of decreasing diameter from one end to the other, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

4. As a bag-holder, a long piece of substantially J-shaped cross-section, having the

curved portion of the J decreasing in diameter from one end to the other, and partition ends, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

- 5 5. As a bag-holder a long piece of substantially J-shaped cross-section, having the curved portion of the J of less diameter at one end than at the other, and partitions and ends across same to form compartments, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

- 10 6. As a bag-holder a long metal piece of substantially J-shaped cross-section, having the

curved portion of the J of less diameter at one end than at the other, and partitions and ends across same to form compartments, substantially as and for the purposes set forth. 15

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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