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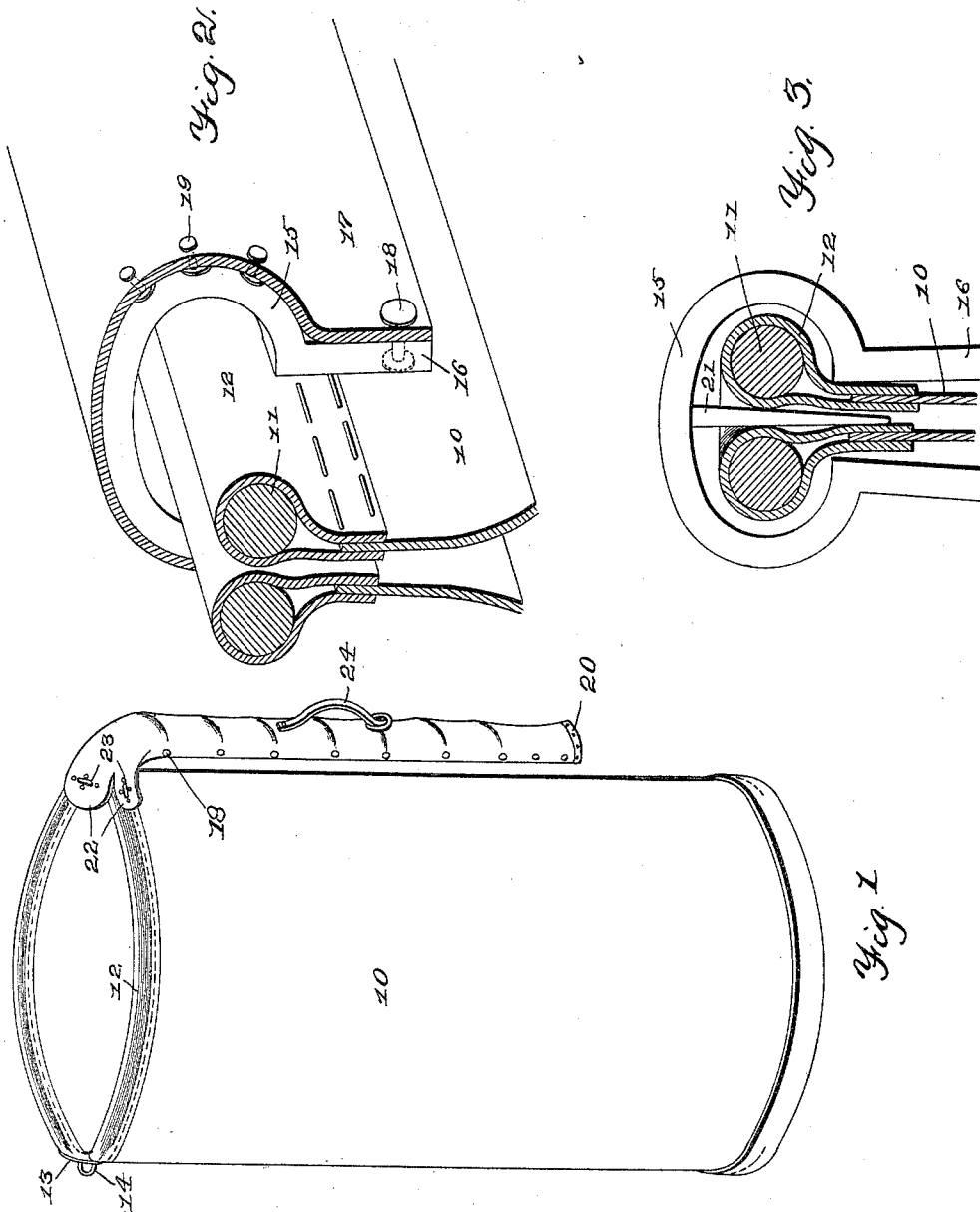
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM H. LYON and JESSE C. WALLICK, citizens of the United States, residing at Creston, in the county of Union, State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mail-Pouches, of which the following is a specification.

The object of our invention is to provide a mail-pouch of simple, strong, durable, and inexpensive construction that may be opened and closed very rapidly and when closed may be easily and quickly locked to securely hold the contents of the bag.

Figure 1 shows in perspective a mail-pouch having our improved cover applied thereto in its open position. Fig. 2 shows an isometric view of a portion of the pouch and cover to show certain details of construction. Fig. 3 shows a sectional view through the end portion of the top of the pouch with the cover thereon to illustrate the device for preventing the removal of the cover from the pouch.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, we have used the reference-numeral 10 to indicate the pouch proper, which is of the ordinary construction. At its top we have placed a rope or heavy cord 11 to cover the entire top edge and which is held thereto by means of a leather strip 12, sewed to the pouch and overlapping the rope, which it entirely conceals and protects. At the point where the ends of the rope meet is a heavy leather strip 13, having thereon a metal loop 14 to receive a padlock.

The cover is composed of a series of metal loops 15, each having at its top an opening large enough to admit the ropes at the top of the bags, arranged side by side and having its lower ends 16 projected straight downwardly, the said ends being separated sufficiently to admit the top of the pouch beneath the ropes between them. This series of loops is placed on the ropes at the top, and a leather or other flexible cover 17 is made to completely inclose the loops except at the bottom. This cover is connected with the loops only by means of the rivets 18, which are passed through the ends of the loop and through the cover, thus producing a perfectly flexible cover that cannot be injured by any amount of bending or twisting. We have provided

means whereby this movement of the loops relative to the cover does not wear out the cover, as follows:

The numeral 19 indicates a series of flat-headed rivets passed through the cover only with their heads engaging the loop. Hence all of the wear is upon the rivet-head. It is now obvious that the cover may readily be moved longitudinally upon the top edge of the pouch, and that when it covers the pouch the contents thereof are securely held.

The outer end of the cover at 20 is connected by rivets, so that the cover may not be drawn over the top of the pouch in one direction. For preventing this movement in the opposite direction—that is, for guarding against the cover being removed entirely from the pouch—we have provided a downwardly-projecting arm 21 on the central portion of the loop at the end opposite from 20 to enter between the ropes at the top of the pouch. In practical use and assuming that the cover were drawn in the position shown in Fig. 1 this arm will engage the rope at one end of the top of the pouch, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 3, and thereby prevent the removal of the cover from the pouch; but said arm does not interfere with movement of the slide in any other direction.

In opening and closing a mail-pouch it is well known that great haste is usually necessary; hence the great advantage of this feature, for obviously the cover may be drawn with great force to either end of its movement, as required in opening and closing, without danger of drawing it too far and with only one movement of the hand.

In the end of the cover opposite from 20 are three flaps 22, and in each is an opening 23. When the cover is drawn to close the pouch, these flaps are placed over the metal loop 14, and then a padlock is passed through the loop, thereby securely locking the pouch.

A handle 24 of the common kind is secured to the top of the sliding cover.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States therefor, is—

1. The combination with a mail-pouch, of a rope secured to the top edges of the pouch, a series of metal loops with downwardly-projecting ends to encircle the ropes and admit

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the top edges of the bag or pouch between the ends, a flexible cover to overlap said loops and closed at one end, means, as shown, for securing the ends only of the loops to the
5 cover, and means for locking the cover to the pouch at the end opposite from the closed end, arranged and combined substantially as and for the purposes stated.

2. The combination with a mail-pouch, of
10 a rope 11 secured to its top edges, a strip 12 secured to the pouch to cover said rope, a series of metal loops 15 to overlap the rope, an arm 21 in one of said loops 15, as shown, a flexible cover 17 to overlap the loops closed
15 at one end and rivets 18 for connecting the cover with the lower ends of the loops 15, all arranged and combined as and for the purposes stated.

3. An improved mail-pouch, comprising in combination, a bag or pouch proper, a rope 20 secured to its top edges, a cover therefor composed of a series of metal loops with downwardly-projecting ends to encircle the ropes and admit the top edge of the mail-pouch between the ends, a flexible cover to overlap 25 said loops and secured thereto, a downwardly-projecting arm on the end of one of said loops to enter between the ropes, to prevent the detachment of the cover from the pouch, and means for locking the pouch for purposes 30 stated.

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