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Fig. 1.

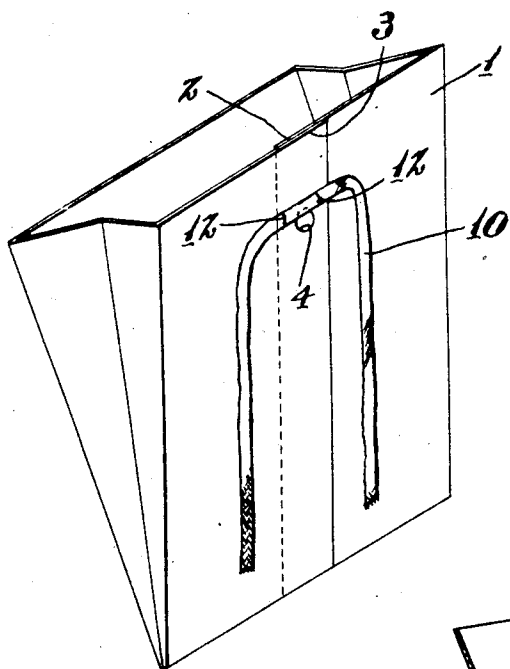


Fig. 2.

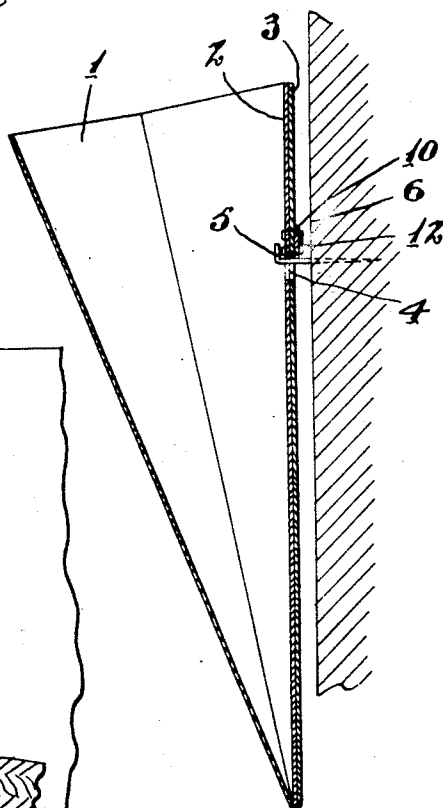
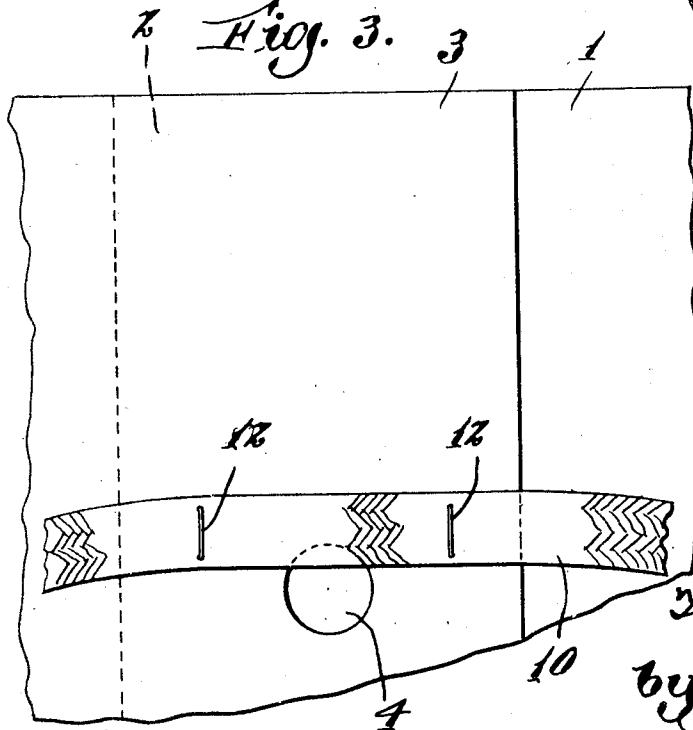


Fig. 3.



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## PAPER LAUNDRY BAG.

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My present invention is a novel and improved paper laundry bag, and is made by new and novel process.

The laundry bags at present in use are made of paper, particularly for utilization in hotel rooms and the like, which necessarily are made of relatively strong, but light manila paper or equivalent fibrous material. Such laundry bags must be extremely cheap in construction as they are destroyed by one use, and heretofore great difficulty has been experienced with such articles in the provision of means for tying the same together, means or devices for suspending or hanging them on hooks or the like preparatory to and during preliminary use, and all such prior forms and constructions, so far as I am aware, have been unsatisfactory. Such paper laundry bags, while being light and yet strong, must have provision for hanging up the same on hooks or supports in hotel rooms, it being customary for the user to open the bag and throw in soiled clothing to be sent to the laundry. The paper bag itself necessarily tears easily under such use, and would quickly become useless if any considerable weight is put into the same. Furthermore, such paper bags must have secured thereto in some suitable quick acting, readily operated way means to fasten the same. Heretofore it has been customary to simply secure a loop of thread or cord by a strip or tag pasted onto a part of the bag, and to attach to the open end of the bag fastening devices such as wire, wood, tape, or cord. The pasting of loops of thread or cord for suspending such bags requires time, difficulty, expense, and skill as it is entirely a hand operation, and adds considerable to the expense of manufacture of such paper laundry bags. Furthermore, an additional hand operation is required to secure the fastening devices or means, such expense being often prohibitive, particularly for the cheaper grades of laundry bags. Since such bags are not sold, but simply used and destroyed by use, it will be appreciated that the item of expense, manual handling, etc., is one of very great importance.

In my present invention I have obviated the difficulties heretofore experienced in manufacture and use of such paper laundry bags, and have devised a novel and improved means which will simultaneously provide and strengthen the means for suspending the bag

to a hook or the like, and likewise provide suitable fastening means. In carrying out this invention I have formed my improved laundry bag with a doubled or overlapping strip or portion at the back through which a hole or perforation is formed to permit hanging of the bag on a hook. Thereupon I attach to this doubled portion of the bag material, by stapling or the like, and in a position to partially overlap the recess or hook receiving opening, a suitable cord or tape, or other fastening means. Thus, by my novel construction I provide at once both the reinforced hanging opening and attach the closing cord or tape, and all in a speedy, simple, strong, and efficient manner.

Further features, advantages, and novelty will be hereinafter pointed out and claimed.

Referring to the drawings illustrating a preferred embodiment of my present improved bag made by my novel process,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view illustrating a completed paper laundry bag.

Fig. 2 is a side view, partly in cross section, illustrating the same suspended to a hook on the wall, door, or other support.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary view illustrating the cooperation of the closing and strengthening cord at the doubled portion.

It will be appreciated that my present invention is readily applicable to any form, style, shape, or size of bag desired, but is mainly intended for use with paper laundry bags which are relatively large, with considerable capacity, and must be able to hold and carry bulky soiled clothes, and hence of sufficient strength therefor.

A typical form of paper laundry bag is illustrated at 1 wherein strong, light manila paper is utilized, which bag may be of the V type, square bottom type, or otherwise, but is formed with overlapping edges 2 and 3 along the middle portion of front or back, herein designated as the "back". This doubled portion is made of substantial width and thus provides increased thickness, and can be gauged during the manufacture of the bag. At an appropriate position in the doubled portion is formed a perforation 4 on which the bag may be hung over a hook 5 secured to the wall, door, or other suitable support 6. When hung up for use it is customary for the user to throw in the soiled clothing or articles with the bag thus hung on the hook

5, as shown in Fig. 2, thereby putting a considerable strain on the paper portion around the hole 4. By the reenforced thickness as above noted with the double layers 2 and 3, I thus secure at the inception a considerable strength substantially equivalent to pasted reinforcements, but without the hand labor incident to such pasting actions.

Adjacent to the hole or recess 4 I apply the reenforcing and closing tape or cord 10 substantially overlapping the upper part of the opening 4 so that said cord will take up a considerable extent of the strain or load of the bag, particularly when full, on the hook 5.

This tape or cord I secure to the doubled portion 2 and 3 by a pair of staples 12—12 or other suitable attaching means. this simultaneously and instantly securing both the reenforcing for the hanging portion of the bag and a cord closing member 10 by the simple act of fixing the staples therethrough. A plurality of such staples 12 may be utilized, but ordinarily a pair of same at each side of

the opening or recess 4 through the doubled portion 2 and 3 is usually sufficient.

It will thus be seen that I have devised a simple, efficient, and novel method of simultaneously securing a hanging reenforcement and closing cord or tape to laundry bags of this character, and I believe that this process, as well as the completed article, is distinctly new in this art and therefore wish to claim the same broadly.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

An improved laundry bag of the type described comprising a paper bag having overlapping portions, a recess through said portions to receive a hook to hang the bag thereon, and a combined reenforcing tape or cord and bag closing member secured to the overlapped portions adjacent to the recess to cooperate therewith in supporting the bag when hung on a hook or like member.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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