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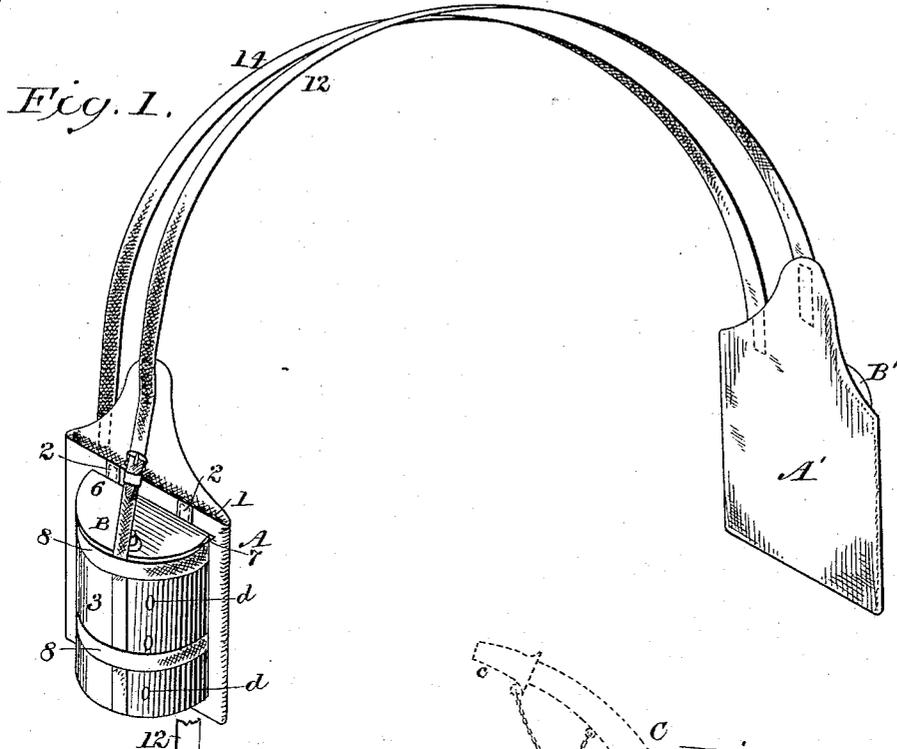


Fig. 1.

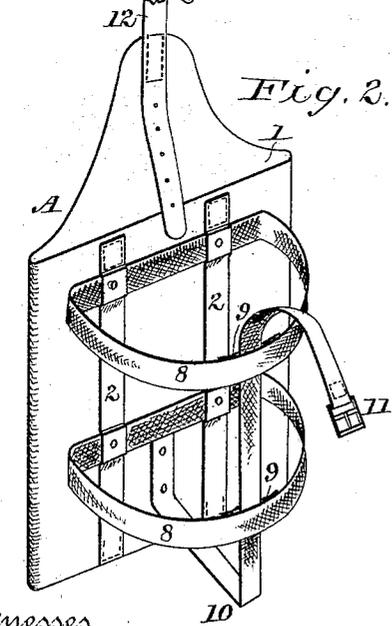


Fig. 2.

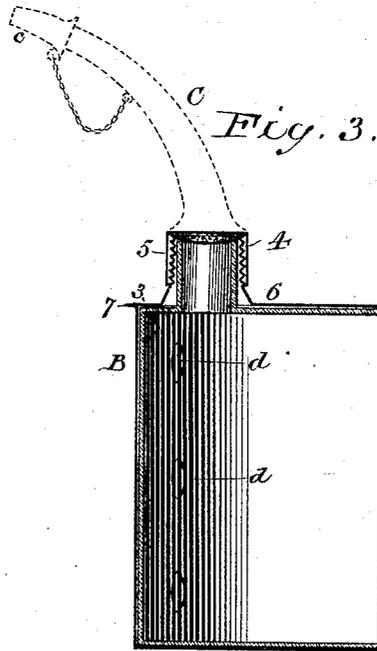


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEROY S. BELL, of Clifty, in the county of Todd and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Packets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in packets, and to that class particularly adapted to be strung over a horse's back, after the manner of saddle-bags, for carrying cans of oil, dry goods, groceries, or the like.

The object is to provide a device of simple construction, consisting of few parts and capable of being hung over a horse's back for carrying various articles of merchandise when it is necessary to transport goods for some distance along country roads or other places where it is inconvenient to otherwise carry them.

With this end in view my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my invention. Fig. 2 is a view of one of the packets with the can removed, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view through one of the cans.

A A' represent a pair of pads or fenders, which are preferably made just alike and are adapted to constitute a back and support for the cans or other articles to be carried by the packet. These fenders may be made of a single layer of leather, which will serve as a support simply; but ordinarily I make these double, forming a pocket 1 therein to furnish a receptacle for holding merchandise—such as groceries, dry goods, &c. After the goods are placed in these pockets they may be buttoned or otherwise fastened at the top, or even if they remain empty they are usually kept closed, as described, to give them the required strength.

Two or more straps 2 2 are fastened at their ends and middle by rivets or otherwise to the front of the pockets, and by means of them the cans are held in place. B B' represent these cans, consisting of glass, of general

cylindrical shape, but with flat backs where they rest against the pockets, and overlaid with tin to furnish a substantial casing. This casing 3 has a screw-threaded neck 4 on its top, and the glass lining extends up into this neck. A screw-cap 5, with cork in its top, is screwed onto this neck until the cork rests on the neck to prevent the oil or other contents from leaking out.

A removable spout C is provided for drawing off the oil when necessary. This spout is screwed onto the collar in place of the cap after first removing the latter, and a small cap c is loosely chained to the spout and adapted to close the outer end of the latter. The casing is furnished with several holes or openings d d, arranged vertically, so that the height of the oil can always be ascertained. The top 6 of the can projects over the sides to form the flange 7, and one or more straps 8 8 encircle the can beneath this flange, passing around the straps 2 2, whereby the can is supported and enabled to be raised and lowered for a short distance. Loops 9 9 are formed in these encircling straps 8 8, opposite the front of the can, and a strap 10, secured to the outside of the pocket, passes beneath the bottom of the can and up through the loops 9 9, and at its end is furnished with a buckle 11 or similar means. The pockets are connected by the strap 12, and the ends of this strap are free, so as to enter buckle 11 and be drawn up as tight as required to raise the cans or to lower them. When they are raised, goods may be carried beneath them.

The several straps may all be provided with buckles, so that they may be unfastened at a moment's notice. An additional strap 14 connects the pockets to hold them in place.

The packet is of practical value among farmers or buyers traveling a long distance with goods when it is inconvenient to take a vehicle or other conveyance along.

It is evident that slight changes might be resorted to in the form and arrangement of the several parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not wish to limit myself to the particular construction herein set forth; but,

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a pair of pads or fenders and straps connecting the latter, of straps secured at their ends to the fenders, cans or similar receptacles held loosely on the said straps, and a strap secured to each fender and extending around the bottoms of the cans, whereby the cans may be raised or lowered on the pads, substantially as set forth.
2. The combination, with a pair of pads or fenders and straps connecting the latter, of straps secured at their ends to the pads, cans having one flattened side adapted to rest against the pads, straps or bands extending around these cans and having loops therein, and straps secured at one end to the pads adapted to pass around the cans through the loops and be secured at the opposite end to ends of one of the connecting-straps, substantially as set forth.
3. The combination, with a pair of pads or fenders having pockets therein, said pads be-

ing connected by suitable straps, of a pair of short straps connected at their ends and middle to the pads, cans consisting of glass overlaid with tin, said cans having bands around them with loops therein, and straps secured at one end with the free end passed around the cans through the loops in the bands and fastened to the ends of the connecting-straps, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination, with a pair of pads or fenders having pockets therein and straps connecting the fenders, of straps secured at their ends to said fenders and forming open receptacles for cans and similar articles, substantially as set forth.

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

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