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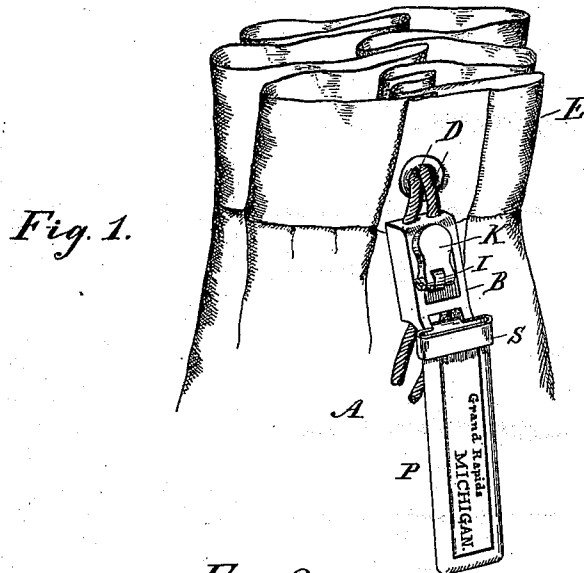


Fig. 2.

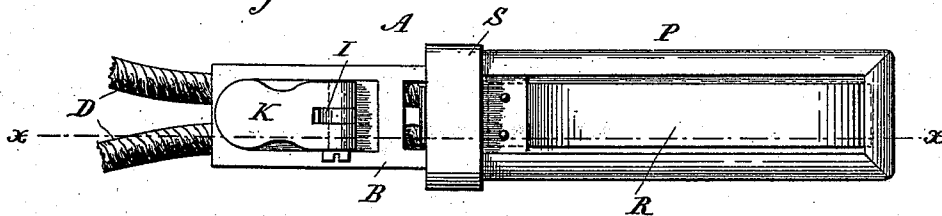


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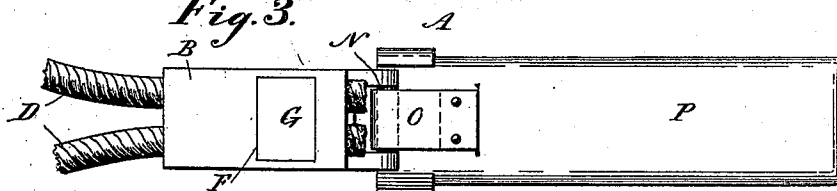
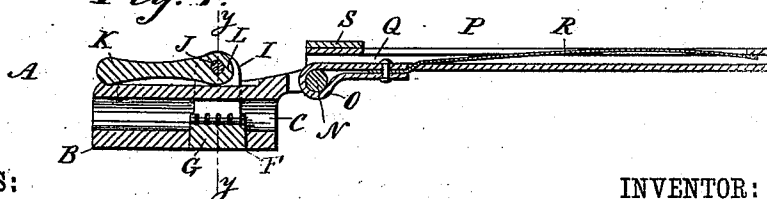


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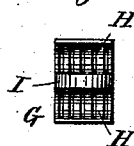


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY N. OCKFORD, of Jackson, in the county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Mail-Bag Fastener and Tag-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved mail-bag fastener and tag-holder for conveniently locking a mail-bag, and at the same time carrying the tag indicating the destination of the mail-bag.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of certain parts and details and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter, and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement as applied. Fig. 2 is an enlarged plan view of my improvement. Fig. 3 is a bottom view of the same. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional elevation of the same on the line *xx* of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a vertical cross-section of the same on the line *yy* of Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is a plan view of the locking-jaw.

My improved mail-bag fastener and tag-holder A is provided with the body part B, having two parallel longitudinally-arranged apertures, C, through which pass the ends of the cord D, for closing the open end of the mail-bag E, in the usual manner.

In the under side of the body part B is formed a recess, F, extending into both apertures C, and in it is fitted to slide the jaw G, provided on top with two curved and serrated sides, H H, adapted to grasp the under side of the ends of the cord D. From the middle, on top of the jaw G, extends upward a lug, I, which passes through a slot in the top of the body part B, and carries on its outer end a pin, J, on which is fulcrumed the forked end of the lever K, provided on its forked end with cams L, bearing on the top of the body part B at each side of the lug I, so that when the lever K is moved downward into the position shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 4, then the cams

L bear on the top of the body part B, thus drawing the jaws G upward whereby the curved sides H of the clamp C grasp the under side of the ends of the rope D and draw the latter against the inside top of the recess F of the body part B, thus holding the latter securely to the ends of the rope D. When the lever K is moved into a vertical position, then the jaw G moves outwardly and the ends of the rope D are released, so that the operator can move the holder outwardly on the rope D and then open the bag E. On the outer end of the body part B is formed the cross-pin N, on which is fitted to turn the eye O, formed on the inner end of the tag-holder P, which is open at top and on one end.

In the sides and on the outer end is formed a guide, Q, in which are held the side edges, and one end of the tag inserted through the open inner end of the tag-holder P. This tag is visible on its upper side, and bears an inscription indicating the place of destination of the mail-bag.

In the center opening of the holder P is held a spring, R, which presses against the under side of the tag when the latter is inserted, so that the tag is prevented from falling out of the holder P. On the open end of the latter is also placed a cross-bar, S, to protect the end of the tag.

The holder P is pivoted on the body part B, so as to permit of it being swung into right angles to the body part for the convenient insertion or removal of the tag.

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

1. In a mail-bag fastener and tag-holder, the combination of the body portion of the fastener, provided with a cross-pin and a clamp for holding the mail-bag ropes, and a tag-holder provided with an eye to receive the pin of the fastener, substantially as described.

2. A mail-bag fastener consisting of a body portion provided with longitudinal apertures for the passage of the mail-bag ropes, a recess on its under side and a slot in its top, a jaw sliding in said recess at right angles, or approximately so, to said rope-apertures, and provided with a central lug projecting through the slot

of the body portion, and means for locking the jaw in position, substantially as herein shown and described.

3. In a mail-bag fastener and tag-holder, the
5 combination, with a body part having two parallel apertures through which pass the ends of the mail-bag rope, of a jaw held to slide in the said body part and adapted to grip the ends of the said rope, and a cam-lever fulcrumed on
10 the said jaw and operating with its cam against the top of the said body part, so as to cause the said jaw to slide, substantially as shown and described.

4. In a mail-bag fastener and tag-holder, the
15 combination, with a body part having two parallel apertures through which pass the ends of the mail-bag rope, of a jaw held to slide in the said body part and adapted to grip the ends of the said rope, and a cam-lever fulcrumed on the said jaw and operating with its cam against the top of the said body part, so as to cause the said jaw to slide, substantially as shown and described.

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20 the top of the said body part, so as to cause the said jaw to slide, and a tag-holder pivoted on the said body part and provided with a spring to hold the tag in place on the holder, substantially as shown and described.

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