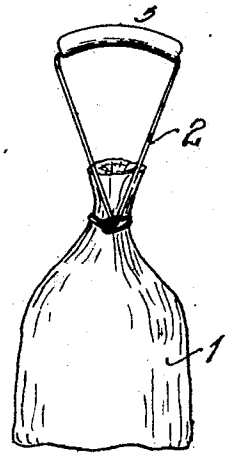
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Fig. 1



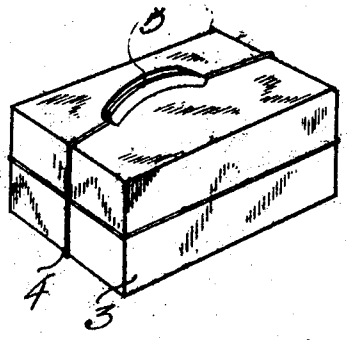


Fig. 2

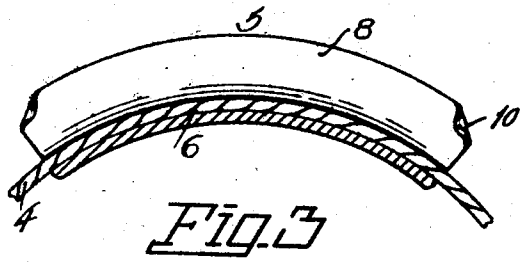


Fig. 3

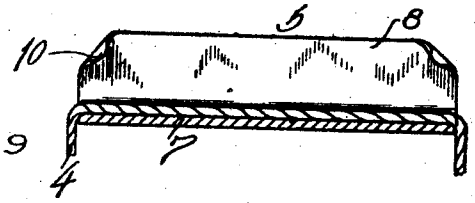


Fig. 4

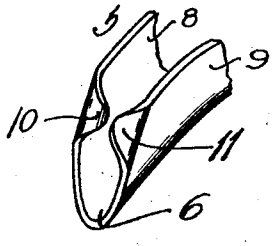


Fig. 5

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WEBSTER H. RANSOM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Spokane, in Spokane County and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Package Carriers, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to improvements in package carriers, and the device of the invention is adapted for use in carrying boxes, bags, and other similar receptacles that are tied with a cord or string.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character which is inexpensive in cost of production, simple in construction, and which may with facility be applied for use with a cord or tie employed on packages.

By the use of my invention a device is provided by means of which a package may be carried with convenience and which is also equipped with means for preventing displacement of the carrier from the cord or tie.

The invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, I have illustrated two examples of the physical embodiment of my invention wherein the parts are combined and arranged according to the principles of my invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the package carrier used with a bag.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device used in connection with a box.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged longitudinal sectional view showing the device with a cord or tie therein.

Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of a slight modification of the invention.

Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view at one end of the device of Fig. 3.

In order to illustrate the utility of my invention, I have shown in Fig. 1 a bag 1 having a string or cord 2 tied thereon, and in Fig. 2 I have shown a box 3 with a tie cord or string 4 thereon.

The carrier is indicated as a whole by the numeral 5. This device may be made of suitable material such as metal, fiber, board, or other material. The carrier is of a length to correspond with the width of a hand, and is U-shaped in cross section. The bottom 6 of the carrier in Fig. 3 is provided with a curvature, while the bottom portion 7 of the carrier in Fig. 4 is flattened. In both forms of the invention, the carrier has a pair of side walls 8 and 9 spaced apart a sufficient distance to accommodate a string or cord, and also afford an easy grip of the hand on the carrier when the latter is being used.

In Figs. 3 and 4, it will be apparent that the string 4 rests upon the bottom of the carrier and the package, through the string or cord, is suspended from the carrier.

For the purpose of preventing accidental displacement or loss of the carrier from the cord or string, when the carrier is not in the grasp of the hand, I provide at both ends of the carrier a pair of opposed retaining lugs 10 and 11. These lugs are formed by bending inwardly the opposite ends of the side walls of the carrier. A space is left, as in Fig. 5, between the adjoining lugs, to permit ready attachment of the carrier to a cord, but this space is not of sufficient width to permit the cord to readily pass therethrough. To disengage the carrier from the cord it is necessary that pressure be applied to pull the string between the lugs 10 and 11, and of course a reverse operation takes place when the carrier is being placed on the string or cord.

The carrier is of proper size and shape for convenience and comfort to the hand which grasps it, and it will be apparent that the carrier, although simple in construction, is an efficient device for performing its proper functions.

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

A package carrier comprising a blank bent to U-shape cross-section with relatively high parallel side arms spaced apart sufficiently to receive therebetween a package cord for free movement, the ends of said blank at the upper edges of the arms being rounded and bent inwardly to form retaining flanges terminating in slightly spaced relation intermediate the arms to permit passage of a package cord therebetween only by forcing, the rounded portions of said flanges forming converging guide edges inclined in the direction of passage of a package cord therebetween.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

WEBSTER H. RANSOM.