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Tobacco-Bag.

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*Fig. 1.*

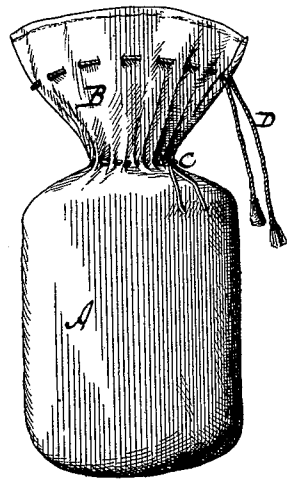



*Fig. 3.*

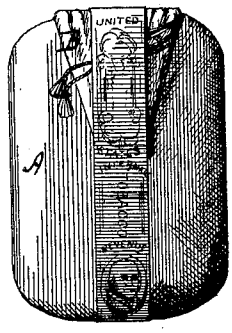
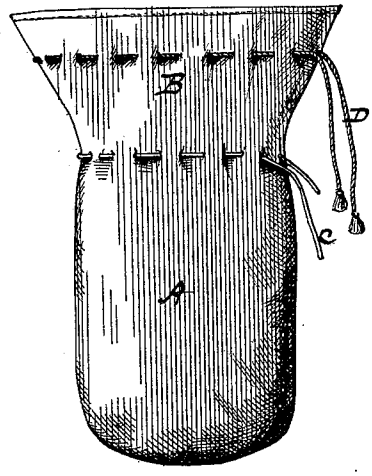



*Fig. 2.*




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## IMPROVEMENT IN TOBACCO-BAGS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **213,580**, dated March 25, 1879; application filed November 6, 1878.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MINNIE LINDHEIM, of the city and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Package for Tobacco and other articles; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my package with the retaining-string drawn. Fig. 2 is a view of the package distended. Fig. 3 is a view of the package filled and ready for market.

Heretofore it has been customary to pack tobacco and like articles in muslin bags having straight sides and provided with a drawing-string running through a hem around the edge of the open end, the said drawing-string drawing the mouth together after the tobacco has been compressed into the bag, and being tied to retain the tobacco in the package. In most instances purchasers of tobacco put up in this way desire to retain the bag as a pouch from which to use the tobacco from time to time, and are much inconvenienced in this desire from the fact that the moment the drawing-string is loosened to take out a pipeful of the tobacco the elasticity of the compressed tobacco will bulge it up, so the mouth of the bag cannot again be closed to prevent the escape of tobacco into the pocket and consequent wastage.

To overcome this difficulty is the object of my invention; and it consists in a bag of substantially the ordinary formation, provided with a drawing-string to keep the tobacco in place when packed, and above this drawing-string with an extension, flaring or otherwise, provided near its edge with a drawing-string.

In order that those skilled in the art may make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings, A is a tobacco package or bag, provided with an extension, B, preferably flaring, which commences immediately at a drawing-string, *c*, intended to retain the tobacco packed in portion A, which is made of a capacity to contain any desired amount of tobacco. Near the edge of the flaring portion B is another drawing-string, D, for the purpose hereinafter set forth.

While the tobacco is being placed in portion A, to be compressed as usual, the flaring portion serves to direct it in its course. After portion A is filled string *c* is drawn, as seen in Fig. 1, and subsequently the flaring extension is folded down and the revenue-stamp applied, or otherwise prepared for market in a neat salable package, as seen in Fig. 3.

When the purchaser buys the package of tobacco he simply cuts string *c*, raises extension B, and has a handy tobacco-pouch to carry in his pocket, the mouth being controlled by string D.

Though I have shown the extension-piece B made with flaring sides, it is evident it can be made with straight sides without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

A tobacco-package constructed as described, consisting of the body A, provided with a fastening device, *c*, and the extension B, provided with fastening device D near its mouth, substantially as set forth.

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