

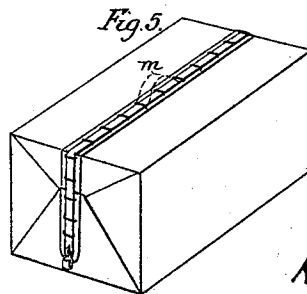
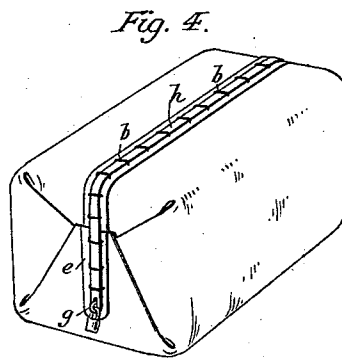
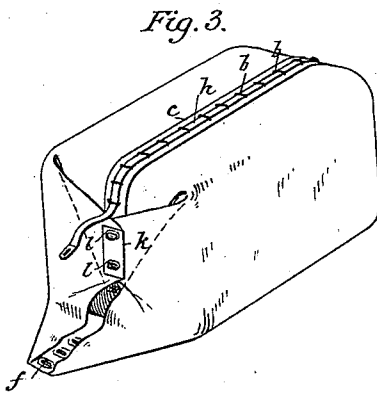
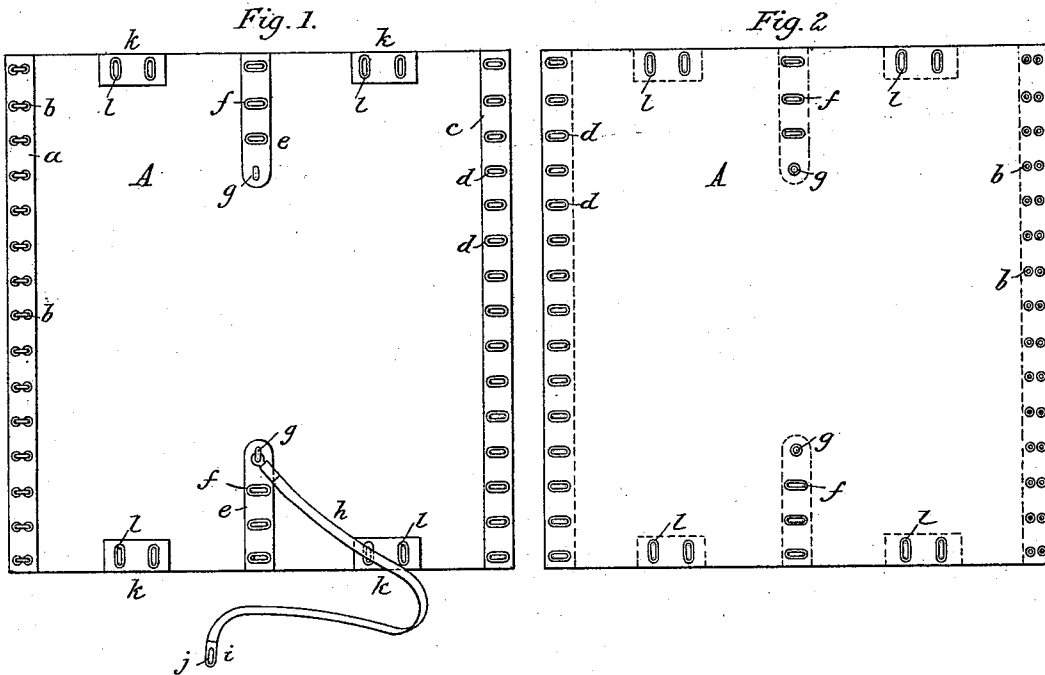
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY H. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Sample Packages or Wrappers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of an improvement in sample packages or wrappers and the means of securing the contents of the same.

The drawings accompanying this specification show, in Figure 1, a view of the outside package or sample covering or wrapper when the wrapper is opened to its fullest extent. Fig. 2 is a view of the inside of the covering in the same position; Fig. 3, a perspective view showing the covering applied to a package and partially closed; Fig. 4, the covering applied to a package and closed and secured. Fig. 5 is a modified form of the package.

The package-covering consists of a single piece of canvas, leather, or other suitable material re-enforced at all edges, calculated to overlap and to be secured in locking the package with re-enforcing strips of the same material or other suitable material.

In the drawings I have designated the body of the wrapper by the letter A. To opposite side edges of this piece A are secured re-enforcing strips *a c*, in one of which re-enforcing strips I secure a row of staples, *b b*, in the other of which is a corresponding row of eyelets, *d d*. On a line intermediate to the two side edges to which are secured these re-enforcing strips I secure at either end of the package-wrapping short re-enforcing strips *e e*, in which are formed two or more eyelet-holes, *f f*, and to the ends of these re-enforcing strips are secured staples *g g*, to one of which is secured a strap, *h*, at the outer end of which is secured a metal re-enforce, *i*, in which is formed an eyelet, *j*. This strap is intended, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, to pass through the staples on the edges of the wrapper after the eyelets have been passed over the staples and to be locked to the terminal staple *g* in any suitable way, as by a padlock, lead seal, or any other suitable locking or securing device, as shown in Fig. 4. At a point on the end edges of the covering or wrapper intermediate between the re-enforcing strips *b c* and the cen-

tral line, to which are secured the re-enforcing strips *e*, are secured short re-enforces *k k*, in which are formed eyelets *l l*. The purpose of these eyelets is sufficiently shown in Fig. 3. They are intended as a means of securing the loose flap between the overlapping and locking edges at the end of the package.

In making up the package, as shown in Fig. 3, the wrapping or cover is placed around the sample or package to be secured. The staples *b* on the strip *a* are passed through the eyelets *d* on the strip *c* and the eyelets of the short re-enforces *k k* brought over the terminal staples in the ends of the line of staples *b b*, as shown in Fig. 3. The remaining flap of the end of the package is then turned up over the terminal staples and the locking-strap *h* passed through these staples and the eyelet *j* passed over the terminal staple *g* and locked or secured in any suitable way.

In Fig. 5 I have shown a modified form of the package, in which the sides and ends, instead of being formed of flexible material, are made of rigid material hinged at all points where flexibility is desired by joints of leather, canvas, or other flexible material.

It may be desirable in some instances for carrying a small package of the kind described to leave a certain amount of slack, as shown at *m*, Fig. 5, to be used as a handle.

I do not confine myself to a single piece of material, as in making larger coverings two or more pieces joined together may be necessary to make the required size; nor do I confine myself to re-enforcing the edges, as the use of heavy material would make this unnecessary.

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

1. A wrapper for sample and other packages, consisting of a sheet of flexible material provided at one edge with eyelets, at the opposite edge with staples arranged to pass through said eyelets when the edges are overlapped, and at one end edge with a strap so positioned that when the wrapper is folded the strap may pass through the staples, and at the other end edge with means for fastening and securing the free end of the strap, substantially as described.

2. A wrapper for sample and other pack-

ages, consisting of a sheet of flexible material having re-enforcing strips on its two side edges, one of said strips being provided with eyelets and the other with staples arranged to pass through said eyelets when the edges are overlapped, and at the end edges with short re-enforcing strips parallel with and intermediate the side strips, one of said side strips provided with a strap adapted to pass through the staples when the wrapper is folded, and the other end strip with means for fastening and securing the free end of the strap, substantially as described.

3. A wrapper for sample and other packages, consisting of a sheet of flexible material provided at one of its side edges with a series of staples, at the opposite side edge and end edges with series of eyelets, said eyelets being relatively arranged to register with each other and with the staples when the wrapper is folded, and a strap secured near one end edge and arranged to lock the staples within the eyelets when the wrapper is folded, and a loop or eyelet in the free end of the strap for en-

gaging a staple near the other end edge, substantially as and for the purposes described.

4. A wrapper for sample and other packages, consisting of a sheet of flexible material having re-enforcing strips *a c* on its side edges, in one of which is secured a row of staples and in the other a corresponding row of eyelets, re-enforcing strips *e e* at central points between the strips *a c* and parallel therewith, re-enforcing strips *k k* at the end edges intermediate the strips *a e* and *c e*, said strips *e* and *k* being provided with eyelets, and a locking-strap attached to one of the strips *e*, and adapted to pass through the staples when the wrapper is folded and be locked to a staple in the other strip *e*, substantially as described.

Signed at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 22d day of December, A. D. 1887.

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