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PARCEL CARRIER.

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Fig. 1.

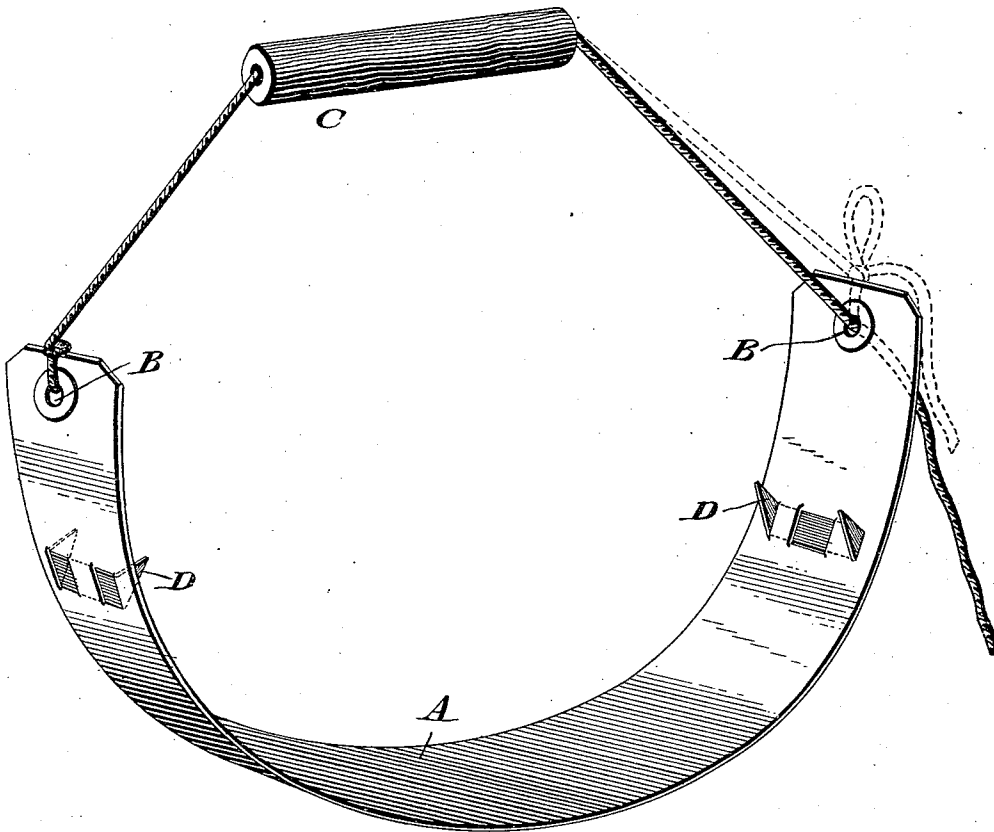
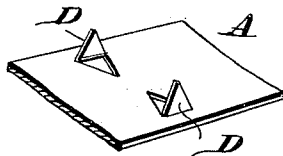


Fig. 2.



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PARCEL-CARRIER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN R. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Belleville, in the county of St. Clair and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Carriers for Melons, Parcels, &c., which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a carrier for melons, parcels, &c., the same embodying a strip of paper or other suitable material, a cord connected therewith, a handle on said cord, and spurs on the strip for engagement with the article carried, whereby displacement or slipping of the same is prevented.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a carrier embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of a portion of a modification thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the two figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a strip of flexible material, in the ends whereof are openings B for attachment of a cord C, in lieu of which a piece of wire, tape, &c., may be employed. On the cord is a handle or grip C for carrying purposes.

D designates prongs or spurs, which are connected with the strip A and project inwardly therefrom, said spurs being either attached to the strip, as in Fig. 1, or forming an integral part of the same, as in Fig. 2, when the strip is made of metal or material from which the spurs may be punched up. In Fig. 1 said spurs are formed of metal, and the strip of paper, card-board, &c., with loops E thereon through which the spurs are passed, so as to

be held in position, it being evident that the spurs may be flattened out when not required or when the strips are to be packed or bundled.

The operation is as follows: A parcel, melon, or other article to be carried is placed on the strip A and the latter bent around the same, whereby the spurs pierce the article, so as to prevent its displacement. The cord is then drawn up or tightened and tied or knotted, and thus the article may be nicely carried. When the cord is released the article may be removed, the device being capable of further service. The strip being flat may have advertisements or other information printed or otherwise marked thereon, and forms, with the string and handle, a cheap, substantial, and light carrier for the purpose intended.

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

1. A carrier consisting of a strip of flexible material having spurs projecting inwardly therefrom, and a cord fastened at one end to one end of said strip and passing loosely through an opening in the other end of the said strip, said parts being combined substantially as described.

2. A carrier having a flexible strip of suitable material with loops thereon, spurs fitting in said loops and projecting from said strip, and a carrying-cord connected with said strip, said parts being combined substantially as described.

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