To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT E. NASON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Money-Bag Locks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to means for closing and locking the mouths of money-bags so that they may be effectually held closed and sealed to retain the contents against unauthorized opening and prevent tampering with the lock without detection.

My invention consists in features of novelty hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

Figure I is a perspective view of the bag open. Fig. II is a perspective view showing the bag closed. Fig. III is a cross-sectional view taken on the line III III, Fig. II. Fig. IV is a cross-sectional view taken on the line IV IV, Fig. I.

1 designates the bag, to the edge of which are affixed a suitable number—say five—of strips 2, that are slightly separated from each other and each of which is provided with a pair of apertures 3. The strips 2 are preferably of metal and are affixed to the bag by rivets 4 or other suitable means.

8 designates a rear plate attached to the bag 1 between the ends of two of the strips 2 by rivets 6 or other means of attachment.

The rear plate 5 is provided at its upper edge with apertured hinge-ears 7, adapted to receive the hinge-pin 8, seated therein.

9 designates eyebolts, having eyes 10, the shanks of which are loosely seated in the rear plate 5, as seen in Fig. III.

11 designates a hood provided with hinge-ears 111, that are associated with the ears 7 of the rear plate 5 and receive the hinge-pin 8 in common with the ears of said rear plate.

The hood 11 is provided in its front wall with a pair of apertures 12, situated therein a distance corresponding to the eyes 10 of the eyebolts 9.

13 designates end flanges carried by the hood and which with the front wall of the hood serve to produce an effective closure for the folds of the mouth of the bag and prevent the escape of any of the contents of the bag.

14 designates a locking-bolt inserted through the eyes 10 of the eyebolts after the bag is closed, said locking-pin being provided with a retainer 15, pivoted in a slot in the end of said pin. The retainer 15 is provided with an opening 16, adapted to receive a seal 17, 60 that is passed therethrough and prevents the movement of the retainer into line with the locking-pin, thereby preventing the removal of the pin without breaking the seal 17.

In the practical use of the bag equipped with my lock to close the mouth of the bag the eyebolts 9 are slid rearwardly in the rear plate 81, so that the eyes will rest against the bag. The bag is folded over at the location of the strips 2, beginning at either end of the rear plate 5, one after another of the strips being brought into close association with the edge of the bag at the location of the rear plate, so that the folds of the bag and the strips 2 will lie snugly assembled, as seen in Fig. III. The eyebolts are then slid forwardly, carrying the eyes 10 through the apertures 3, while said eyes are in alignment with said apertures. Before the eyebolts are moved into their extreme forward position the hood 11 is swung 80 over the mouth of the bag, so as to inclose said mouth, and the eyebolts are moved forward to their limit. The eyebolts are then turned at right angles to the apertures in the strips 2 and the apertures 12, thereby preventing the escape of said eyebolts. The locking-pin 13 is next inserted through the eyes 10, while the retainer 15 is held in line therewith.

After the locking-pin has been inserted the retainer is turned on its pivot to assume a position crosswise of the locking-pin, and the seal 17 is applied thereto, thereby effectually preventing the withdrawal of the locking-pin until the seal has been broken.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a bag-lock, the combination with a bag, of eyebolts located at the mouth thereof, a series of apertured strips attached to said bag at the mouth thereof, a hood movably connected to said bag and having an apertured front wall and end flanges, said eyebolts being adapted for passage through the apertures in said strips and in said hood, and means for retaining said eyebolts from re-
traction after they have been passed through said parts, substantially as described.

2. In a bag-lock, the combination with a bag, of a series of apertured strips attached to said bag, a hood hinged to the bag at its mouth and having an apertured front wall and end flanges, eyebolts movably positioned in said bag and adapted for passage through the apertures in said strips, and hood, and means for retaining said eyebolts after they have been passed through said parts, substantially as described.

3. In a bag-lock, the combination with a bag, of a series of apertured strips attached thereto, of a rear plate attached to said bag, an apertured hood hinged to said rear plate, eyebolts movably mounted in said rear plate and adapted for passage through the apertures in said strips and hood, and means for retaining said eyebolts after they have been passed through said parts, substantially as described.

4. In a bag-lock, the combination with a bag, of a series of apertured strips attached to said bag, a rear plate attached to said bag, an apertured hood hinged to said rear plate, eyebolts loosely mounted in said rear plate and adapted for passage through the apertures in said strips and said hood, and a locking-pin adapted for insertion through said eyebolts after they have been passed through said parts, substantially as described.

5. In a bag-lock, the combination with a bag, of apertured strips attached thereto, a rear plate attached to said bag, an apertured hood hinged to said rear plate, eyebolts loosely mounted in said rear plate and adapted for passage through the apertures in said strips and hood, a locking-pin adapted for insertion through said eyebolts, and a retainer mounted in said locking-pin, said retainer being adapted to receive a seal, substantially as described.

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