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Fig 1

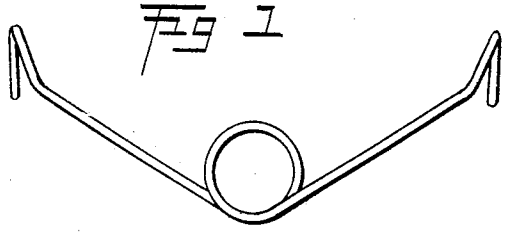


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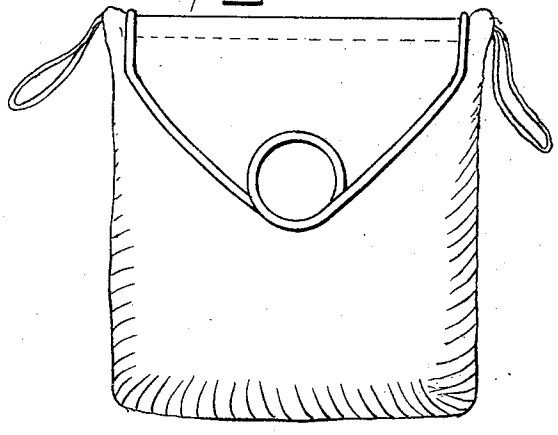
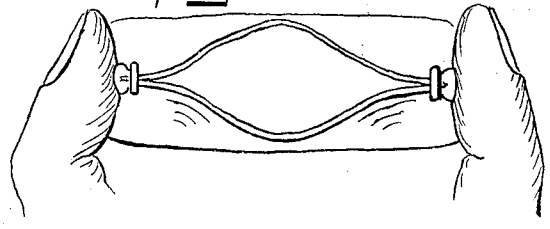


Fig 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES FRANCIS JENKINS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Washington, District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bag-Closures, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The principal object of my invention is to secure a bag-closure of simple construction, inexpensive, and readily interchangeable from one bag to another, as from an empty one to a full one, and is particularly adapted to the form of bag in which smoking-tobacco is commonly sold. These bags are usually made by turning the top and stitching over two gathering-strings.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows the closure alone and relaxed; Fig. 2, the closure attached to a bag and in tension with the effort of closing the bag, and Fig. 3 the closure and bag being compressed between the thumb and finger to open the bag.

The closure is made of one piece of wire with one complete turn in the middle, and having a hook turned over at each end, the plane of the hooks lying at an angle to the plane of the arms in such manner as to grip the bag when slipped over them. The extension of the spring draws the two edges of the mouth of the bag together with considerable force and in such manner as to bring the two edges into contact throughout their length, closing the bag. To permit of pouring out the tobacco, the two corners of the bag, and obviously the hooked ends of the closure, also are pressed toward each other, which causes the mouth of the bag to gap open, as shown in Fig. 3. Releasing the pressure allows the spring to close the bag again.

What I claim as my invention, and wish to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In a bag-closure, a spring member having each end provided with a hook, the plane of said hooks being at an angle to the plane of the said spring member, and adapted to grasp the outside of the bag to close the same by extension.

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