

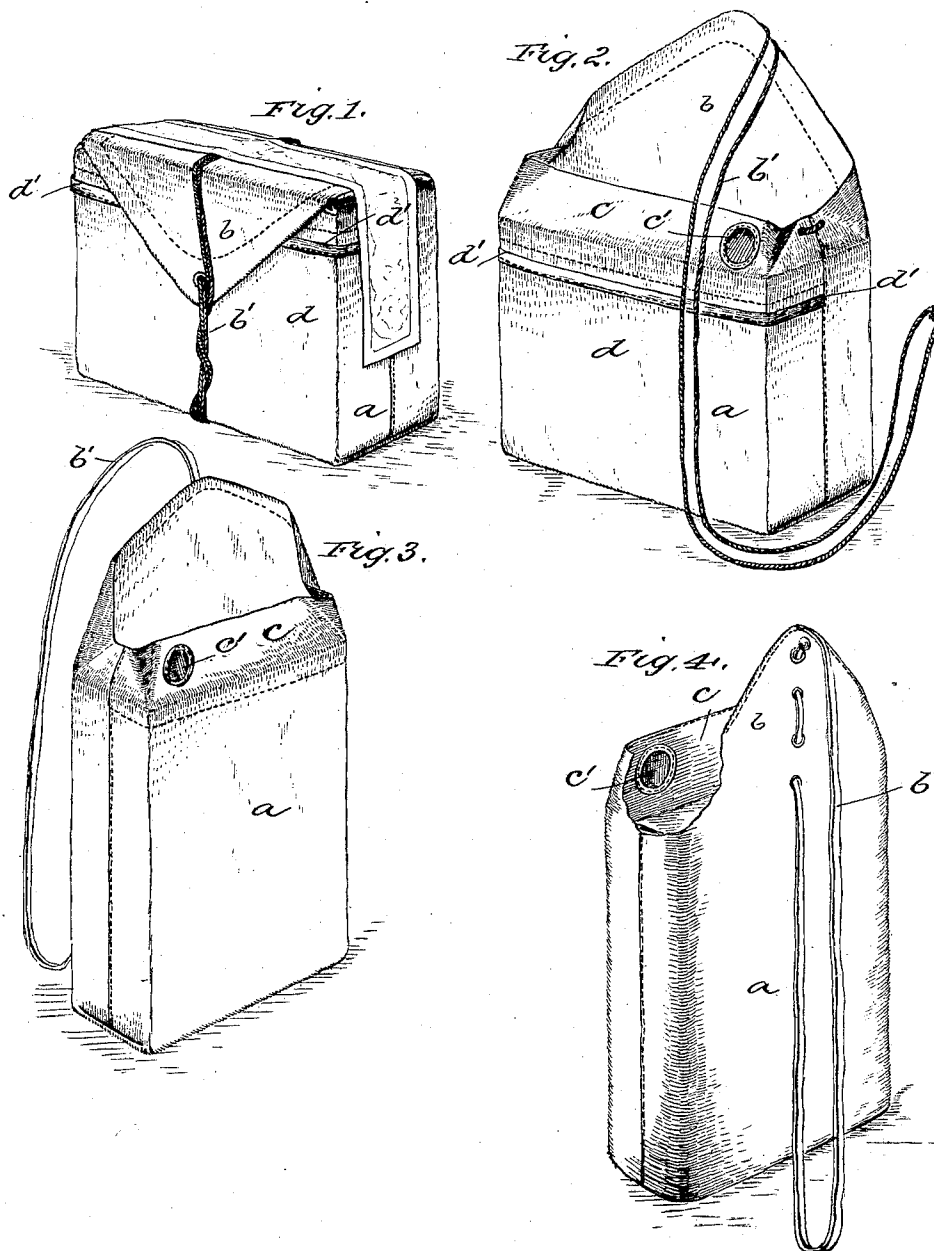
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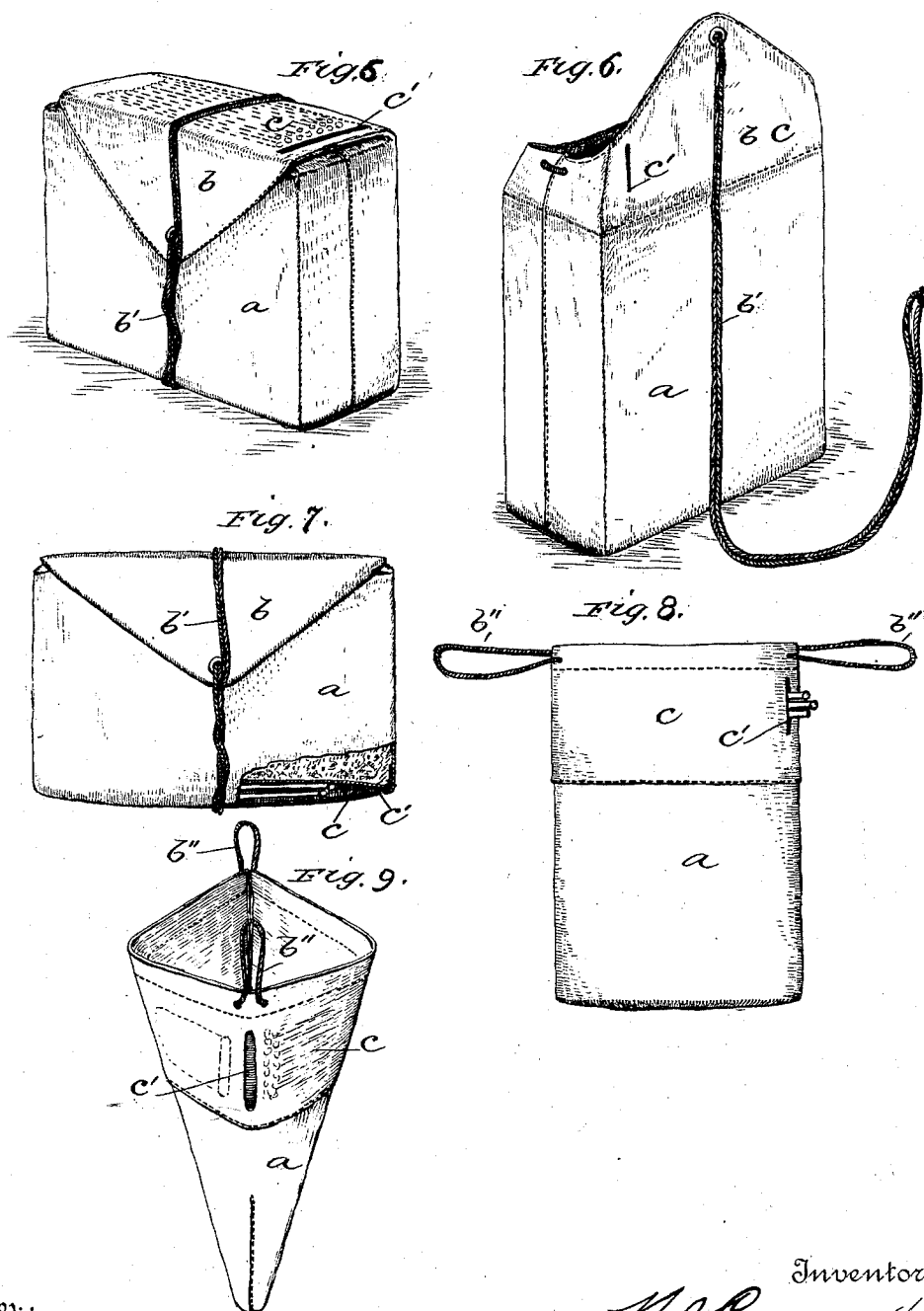
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. CUSSEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Pouches, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the preferred form of pouch provided with the receptacles and closed and stamped ready for the market; Fig. 2, a similar view of the pouch opened, showing more clearly the match-receptacle; Figs. 3 and 4, perspective views of different forms of pouches and receptacles therein; Figs. 5 and 6, perspective views of pouches provided with the match-receptacles extending across their tops; Fig. 7, a side elevation, partly in section, showing the match-receptacle on the bottom of the pouch; Fig. 8, a side elevation of an empty bag provided with the match-receptacle, and Fig. 9 a perspective view showing still another form of the match-receptacle.

This invention is designed to provide cloth tobacco pouches or bags with convenient receptacles for matches and plug-tobacco, which receptacles will not render the pouches or bags unsightly or materially increase their bulk or cost, as will more fully hereinafter appear.

Referring to the drawings, *a* designates a pouch of suitable construction, made of textile fabric and provided, as shown in Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, with the usual flap *b*, folding across the top and down on its front side, and with the usual fastening tape or string *b'* passing lengthwise around it, or, as shown in some of the other views, with the usual draw or gathering string *b''* around its mouth.

As shown most clearly in Figs. 2, 3, and 4, the match receptacle or pocket *c* is preferably formed across the front side of the pouch at its upper edge, the pocket being formed by simply deepening or widening the hem along the front edge of the mouth or by a separate piece of lining attached thereto. The entrance *c'* to the pocket is formed at or near one side of the pouch, either through the outer fabric, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, or

through the inner one, as shown in Fig. 4, as the exigencies of the case may render desirable. The openings are preferably circular and formed near the upper edge of the pocket and a short distance from one of its ends, so that the matches will be thereby prevented from being accidentally displaced while in the pocket of the consumer. By thus placing the match-box at the upper edge of the pouch it will be observed it will be folded in under the flap in originally packing the pouch and be entirely hidden by the flap when the same is folded down over the pouch, as shown in Fig. 1.

It is intended that the matches shall be inserted by the consumer after he purchases and opens the pouch; but the manufacturer may insert them when the pouch is originally packed, if he desires. The matches are inserted endwise into the pocket, so that they extend across the pouch, in which position they are convenient without rendering the pouch unduly bulky or unsightly and will not be liable to become displaced. This position is also advantageous for the reason that the fastening-string in passing lengthwise around the pouch assists in holding the matches securely in place, and, further, because the matches will not interfere with keeping the tobacco prime and fresh by the folding down of the top part of the bag tightly upon the tobacco remaining in it after a portion has been removed, which are great desiderata in this class of pouches. To form this match-receptacle in pouches will add so little to the cost of the manufacture of the same that the manufacturers will be able to sell them to their customers at the same cost as pouches unprovided with them. The matches are readily inserted and removed, and when inclosed in the pocket will be less liable to accidental ignition than when scattered loosely in the pocket of the consumer, and by being inserted by the consumer after he purchases the pouch they will not be so liable to communicate an unpleasant odor to the tobacco as when inserted at the original packing by the manufacturer. The convenience of having the matches always accompany the pouch is too obvious to need dwelling upon.

In addition to the match-receptacle the

pouches may be provided with a pocket *d* on one side for the reception of a piece of chewing-tobacco, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, which pocket is formed, preferably, by stitching an extra piece of fabric either on the inside or outside of the pouch, as shown, the mouth or entrance of this extra pocket being preferably across its upper end at *d'*. The consumer may insert his plug of tobacco in this pocket, and thus have it handy and keep it sweet and clean, as is evident.

Instead of forming the match-receptacles as shown in the foregoing figures, they may be arranged in various other ways without departing from the invention in the least. As shown in Figs. 5 and 6, the pocket may be formed in the flap, so that when the same is folded it will extend lengthwise across the top of the same, the entrance being by a slit or other shaped opening *c'* at one side; or, as shown in Fig. 7, the pocket may be formed on the bottom of the pouch, the matches extending across the same lengthwise. In pouches not provided with flaps, but with the ordinary draw-string, as shown in Figs. 8 and 9, the receptacles may be formed across either side along their upper edges, the entrance *c* being a slit or other opening at one side of the pouch. As shown in Fig. 9, a receptacle may be formed on each side of the pouch, one receptacle being for the reception of matches and the other being especially for plug-tobacco. These two receptacles may be reached by a single opening at one edge of the pouch, as shown, or they may be provided with independent openings.

It is evident that this match-receptacle may be used on any of the well-known fabric pouches and bags, and I therefore do not wish to confine myself in this respect.

It is evident that the entrance openings or slits may be varied in shape, if desired, without departing from the invention.

The essential feature of the invention, it will be observed, lies in the fact that the pouch and receptacle is made of flexible or textile fabric, and so constructed that the matches

will be securely held in place and the cost of the pouches not materially increased.

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

1. A flexible tobacco-pouch provided with a fastening-string and having embodied in it a flexible match-receptacle, said receptacle extending across one side of the pouch, so that the matches will extend lengthwise across the same, whereby the matches will be entirely inclosed and prevented from being displaced, while at the same time the pouch and the receptacle will be capable of folding as the contents of the former are consumed, substantially as described.

2. A flexible tobacco-pouch provided with a fastening-string adapted to extend lengthwise around the same and a flexible match-receptacle extending across it, whereby the matches will extend lengthwise across the pouch and be securely held in place by the string, substantially as described.

3. A combined pouch for smoking-tobacco, chewing-tobacco, and matches, the same consisting of a main flexible pouch *a*, provided with a closing-string, a flexible match-receptacle *c*, extending across one side of the pouch and formed by securing to the interior of the main pouch a piece of fabric, and a pocket *d* for plug-tobacco, formed of flexible fabric stitched to the main pouch, substantially as described.

4. The combination of a main pouch *a* for smoking-tobacco, provided with a fastening-string, a flexible pouch *d* for plug-tobacco, formed on one side of the main pouch, and a flexible match-receptacle formed across the main pouch above the pouch *d*, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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