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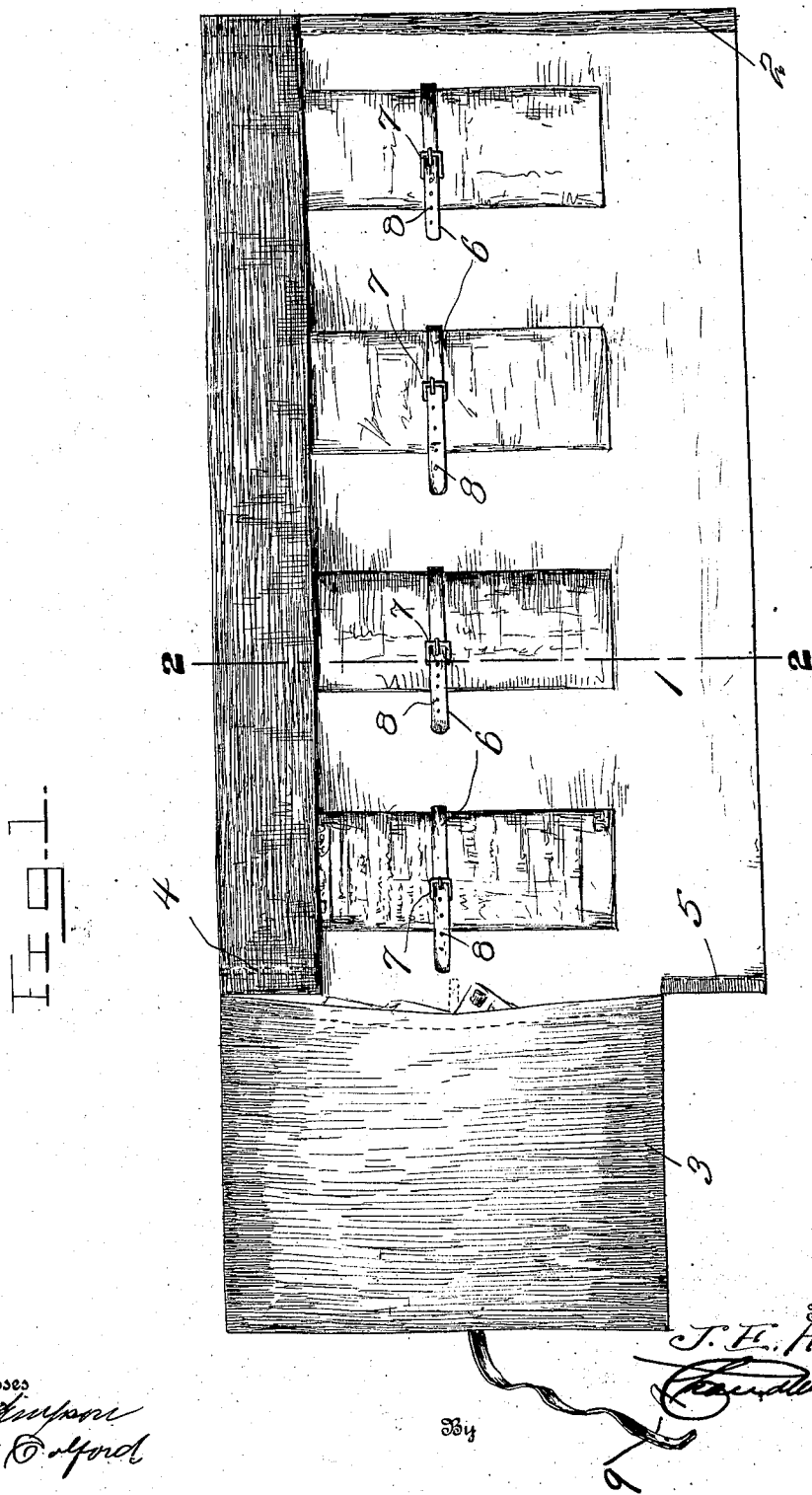
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Fig. 2.

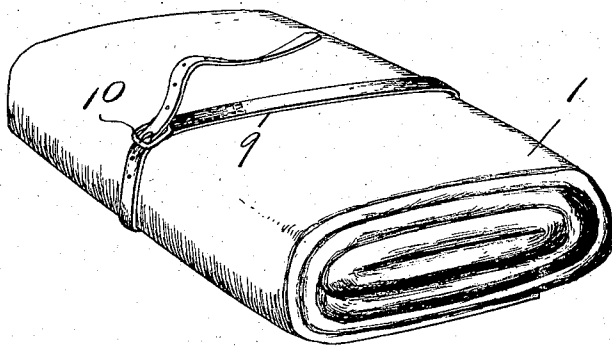
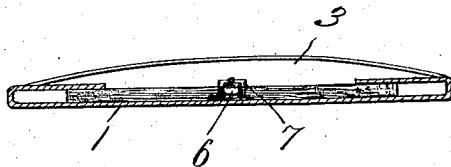


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. HARRIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Danville, in the county of Caledonia, State of Vermont, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mail-Pouches; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

10 This invention relates to mail pouches.

One object of the invention is to provide a mail pouch particularly adapted for use by rural mail carriers.

15 With this and other objects in view, the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

20 In the drawings: Figure 1 is a plan view of the pouch in its unfolded position illustrating the interior thereof and also illustrating mail held between the straps of the material. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view of the folded pouch on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the pouch in its folded position.

25 In the accompanying drawings, the reference character 1 designates a sheet of leather, rubber or other suitable weather-proof material having one end doubled upon itself and seamed for reinforcing purposes as indicated by the reference character 2, the opposite end of the material 1 having a pocket 3 formed from an integral part of the body portion of said material, and of less width than the latter, the ends of the margins extending laterally in the plane of the inner open edge of the pocket, being turned inward and seamed for reinforcing purposes, as indicated by the reference characters 4 and 5.

30 Secured in spaced relation from one end of the material 1 to the open end of the pocket 3 and midway of the side edges of the material 1 is a series of straps 6, the ends of each strap 6 being free of engagement with the material 1 and one end of each strap being provided with a buckle 7 for engagement in the perforations 8 of the opposite end of the strap for binding separate sets of mail against the inner face of the material 1 therebetween and the corresponding strap.

35 The number of straps depends upon the number of deliveries usually made by the carrier; and the mail to be first delivered is secured by the strap adjacent the open end of the pocket 3 and so on toward the opposite end of the material 1 according to the deliveries to be made. In other words, the mail to be delivered

to the second place is secured in the strap adjacent the first strap and toward and in the direction stated and so on according to the number of places at which mail is to be delivered. If the carrier should find that he has not sufficient straps in his carrier to arrange the mail in the manner stated, he may then place the mail to be delivered at the end of his route in the pocket 3 for assortment along the route as by the first assortment or for distribution by him as may be convenient. It will be understood that these straps may be used solely for the purpose of securing papers, magazines, etc. in the carrier or for the purpose of securing papers, magazines and letters and that the pocket 3 may be employed solely for packages or letters or papers as may be preferred. At any rate after the mail has been assorted by the carrier according to the manner in which he has to or prefers to deliver the same, the side edges of the material 1 are folded over the mail held by the strap 6 and the end of the material 1 opposite to the end to which the pocket is secured is folded in separate laps between the respective straps toward the pocket 3. The last lap will then fall adjacent or near the open end of the pocket 3 when the pocket may be folded in a direction opposite to the folding of the material 1 and over the latter and the material and pocket secured in the manner stated by means of a suitable strap 9 secured to the material 1 in advance of the open end of the pocket 3 with both of its ends free of the material and the pocket. The inner end of the strap 9 is provided with a buckle 10 for engagement with the opposite end of the said strap, in a manner well understood.

40 From the foregoing, it will be manifest that the contents of the pocket 3 being always at the top of the folded carrier, the mail contained therein, such as packages may be delivered at the time the mail it accompanies for a person according to the arrangement of the mail within said straps and that when the mail is taken from the first strap adjacent the open end of the pocket 3, the other mail is not exposed to the weather, and so on according to the distribution of the mail along the route of the carrier.

45 It will be seen that my invention is of an exceedingly simple nature and that the carrier embodies among many other characteristics, the feature of being not bulky but on the contrary foldable in such manner as to be conveniently transported from place to place by the carrier.

What is claimed is:

50 An article of manufacture consisting of a mail-pouch comprising a sheet of material having a pocket formed at

one end from an integral part of the body portion of said material, said pocket being narrower than the body of the material and having its opening at the inner edge where it joins the body portion, substantially in alignment with the ends of the extended margins of the said body, divers 5 parcel-holding straps secured in spaced relationship to the inner face of the material, in alignment midway of its side edges, the inner face of the body portion including its margins being otherwise free and unincumbered, the said

margins of the body portion lying beyond the ends of the 10 pocket being adapted to be folded inward toward said parcel-holding straps.

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

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