

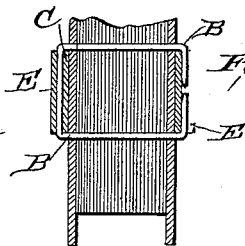
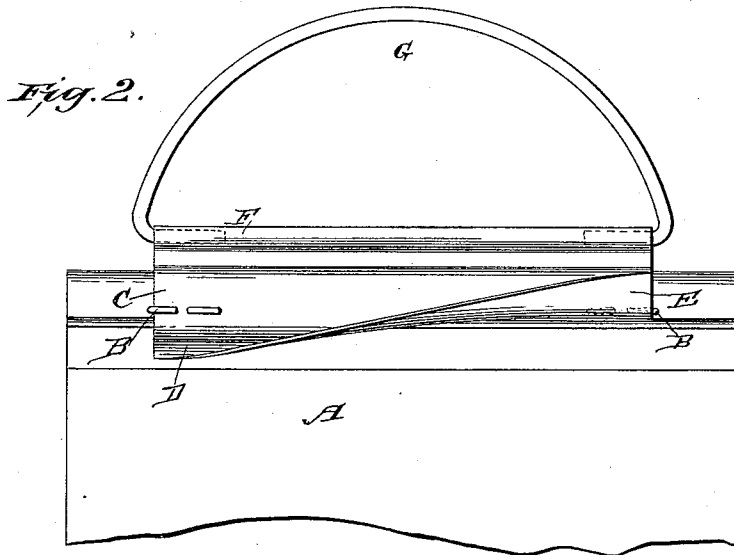
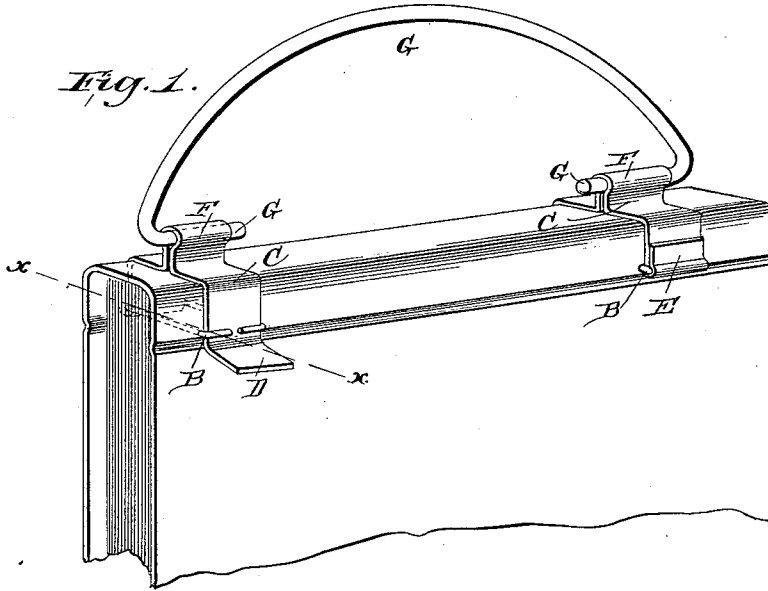
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN JOHNSTON MESTON and NATE SMITH DYGERT, of Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Binding Books, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to shipping-receipt books as used by merchants, draymen, expressmen, and others; and it consists in the peculiar construction and combination of parts forming a binding for such books, whereby these books may be more conveniently handled and carried, the book protected from mutilation, and a better and stronger binding provided for the same.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the back edge of a shipping-receipt book provided with our invention, and Fig. 2 is a side view showing a modification of our invention. Fig. 3 is a cross-section through line *xx* of Fig. 1.

In the drawings, A represents the book, to the back of which are applied one or more thin strips, C, of metal or other suitable material. Each strip is crimped up in the middle to form a tubular socket, F, arranged longitudinally

with the edge of the back, and said strips are secured to the back by the staples B. The free ends of the strips (shown at D) are then bent up over the staples, as shown at E, which serves to hold the staples and prevent them from opening or pulling out. Into the sockets, F, formed by these strips are inserted the bent ends of a wire bail or handle, G, by which the book is carried and handled.

We do not confine ourselves to the detached strips C, but may in some cases use a single strip, which extends along the edge of the back, as shown in Fig. 2.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new is—

The combination, with the book, of one or more strips, C, bent in the middle to form longitudinal sockets F, the handle G, having its ends seated in the sockets F, and staples B, securing the strip to the sides of the book, substantially as shown and described.

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