

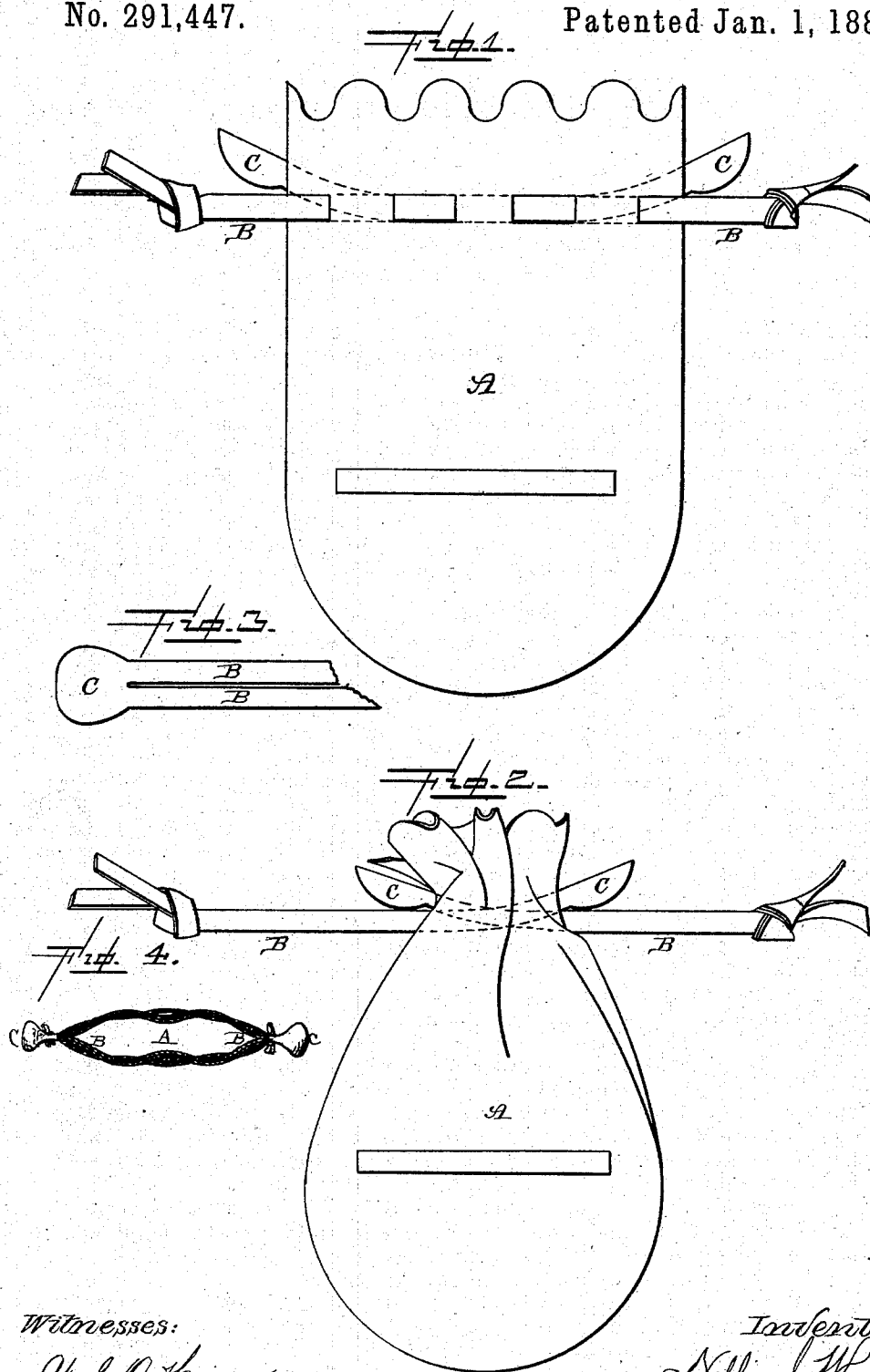
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELLIE J. WHEELER, of West Winfield, in the county of Herkimer and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Specie-Bags; 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 pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in specie-bags; and it consists, first, in the combination of the purse having a series of slits or openings made through its top with the divided strings, which have their free ends passed through the slits in opposite directions and then fastened together, the said strings being provided with ears for drawing the mouth of the purse open; second, in the combination of the bag having a series of slits made through its upper end with the divided strings, provided with ears for drawing the mouth of the purse open, the free ends of the strings being passed through the slits in opposite directions and then fastened together, the ends which are provided with the ears being stitched in or to the purse, so as to be held permanently in position, as will be more fully set forth hereinafter.

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of a bag embodying my invention when open. Fig. 2 represents a similar view with the bag closed. Fig. 3 represents a detail view of one of the strings. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken through the slits.

A represents an ordinary specie-bag, and B are the strings by means of which its mouth is closed. Two of these split strings B are used in connection with each purse, and the divided ends of the two strings are passed through the slits made in the upper end of the bag A in opposite directions, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The free ends of the strings are knotted or tied together. The bag is closed by pulling upon the knotted ends, and

is opened by pulling in the opposite direction upon the ears C. In cutting a string, a piece of material is taken, one end enlarged, so as to form an ear, C, and then the string is split from the ear to the other end, as shown. These ends of the string are then passed through suitable slits made through the sides of the mouth of the bag, as shown, the ends of the two strings passing through the same holes, but in opposite directions. That end of each string which has the ear C formed upon it is stitched with the seam of the bag, the ear being left projecting, as shown, so that it can be readily taken hold of for the purpose of drawing the mouth of the bag open.

While the free ends of the strings serve to close the mouth of the bag, the ears serve to draw the mouth quickly open without any strain upon the seams of the bag or upon the material out of which the bag is formed, as is always the case where no means are provided for pulling the mouth open.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination of the purse A, having a series of slits or openings made through its top, with the divided strings B, which have their free ends passed through the slits in opposite directions and then fastened together, and which strings are provided with the ears C, substantially as shown.

2. The combination of the bag A, having a series of slits made through its upper end, with the divided strings B, provided with the ears C, the free ends of the strings being passed through the slits in opposite directions and then fastened together, the ends which are provided with the ears C being stitched in or to the purse A, so as to be held permanently in position, substantially as set forth.

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

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