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Mail Bag Fastener.

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Fig: 1.

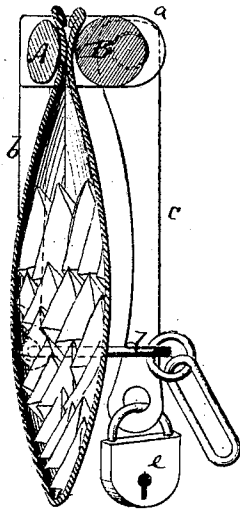
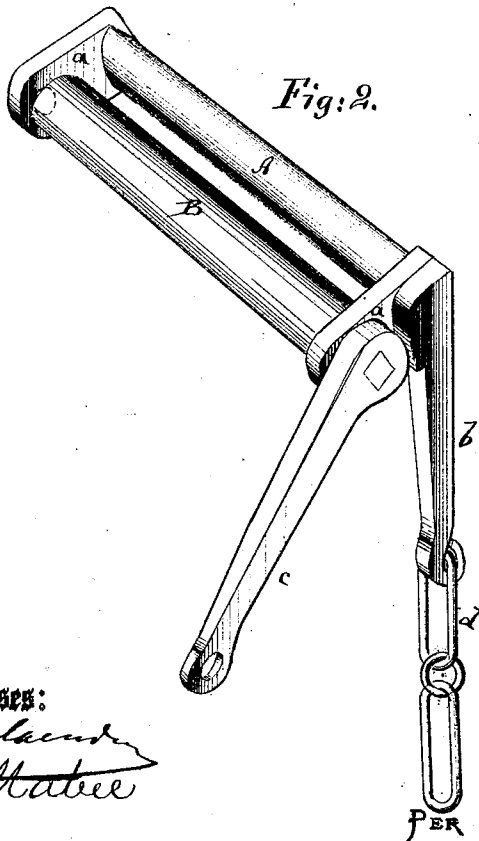


Fig: 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN MAIL-BAG FASTENERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID G. GAY, of Eugene City, in the county of Lane and State of Oregon, have invented a new and improved Mail-bag Fastener; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

Figure 1 represents a transverse section of my improved mail-bag fastener.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention has for its object to provide a simple and reliable device for closing mail-bags, and consists in the use of a metallic eccentric clamp, which closes the mouth of the bag without difficulty.

A in the drawing represents a metal bar, as long as the mail-bag to be closed is wide.

From the ends of the bar A project ears *a a*, which serve to support an eccentric bar, B.

The bar A is provided with a projecting arm, *b*, at one end.

The end of the eccentric B has also a projecting arm, *c*.

The mouth of the bag D is put between the bars A B, and then the latter is turned to close and clamp the mouth of the bag, as indicated in fig. 1. The ends of the levers *b c* are then connected by means of links *d*, and a padlock, *e*, applied to prevent opening. Thus a very convenient and reliable fastening is obtained.

Having thus described my invention,

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A mail-bag fastener, composed of the bar A, eccentric B, and arms *b c*, all arranged to operate substantially as herein shown and described.

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