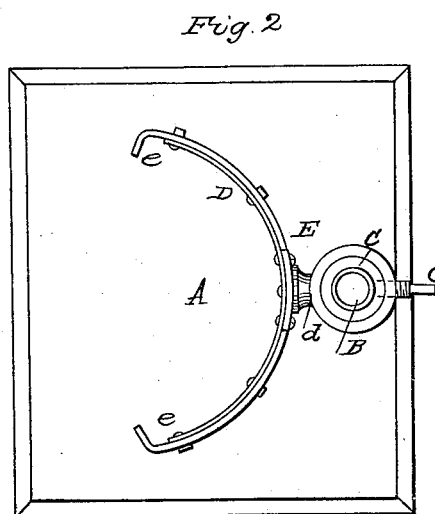
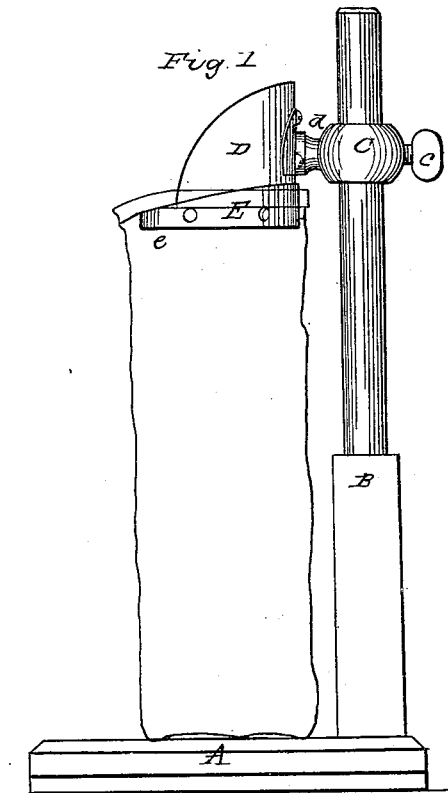


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IMPROVEMENT IN BAG-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, S. S. ROCKWELL, of Lansing, in the county of Ingham and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Bag-Holder; 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 drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my invention. Fig. 2 is a top view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

My invention consists in the use of a spring and shield connected together and used in combination with a slide working upon a standard and provided with a thumb-screw, by which device the mouth of the bag will be kept open and the meal or grain or other article be prevented from scattering while the bag is being filled, and which is capable of being adjusted to suit bags of various lengths.

To enable others to understand my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

A represents a platform on which the bag rests, from one side of which there rises upward a standard, B, which may be a rod made wholly of metal or wood.

C is a slide fitted to slide up and down on the standard B, and provided with a thumb-screw, *c*, for keeping it at any place upon the rod, according to the length or height of the bag to be filled. To the forward part, *d*, of this slide, which part is the shank thereof, there is secured a metallic shield, D, which is curved outward from the standard, and this, in horizontal section, is of the form of an arc of a circle, and its ends are tapered down toward its base, as shown in Fig. 1.

To the bottom of the shield D a spring, E, is secured, which is bent similarly to the shield, and its two ends, *e e*, project out beyond the shield, so as to insure a good hold upon the bag, as shown in Fig. 2.

To use my bag-holder it is desirable to adjust the height of the slide C on the standard B according to the length or height of the bag to be filled—that is, so that the bottom of the bag will just rest upon the platform A. To apply the bag it is merely necessary to bend the ends of the springs E toward each other sufficiently to place over the same the mouth of the bag, when, on releasing them, they will spring outward, and thus hold open the mouth of the bag, and when filling the bag the shield D effectually prevents the spilling or scattering of the meal, flour, or grain or other article.

This is a very simple device and can be used anywhere, as it is not dependent for support upon hooks or the like driven into other objects, but it can be located anywhere, or, indeed, it may be provided with rollers, and so soon as a bag is filled and tied can be drawn along to the place where the bag is to be deposited—say in a flouring-mill, for instance—and thus a great deal of lifting and dragging of bags across the floor will be obviated. Hence the device recommends itself for efficacy, simplicity of construction, and utility.

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

The shield D, in combination with the spring E, when used for the purpose of a bag-holder in the manner and for the purpose herein described.

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