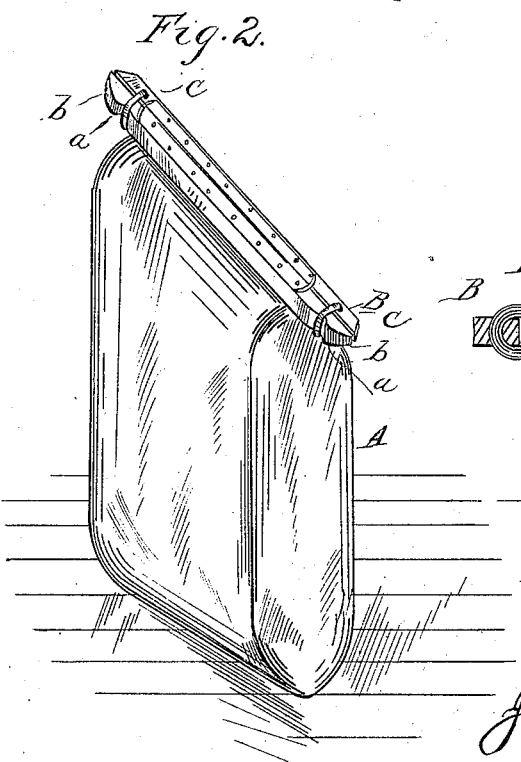
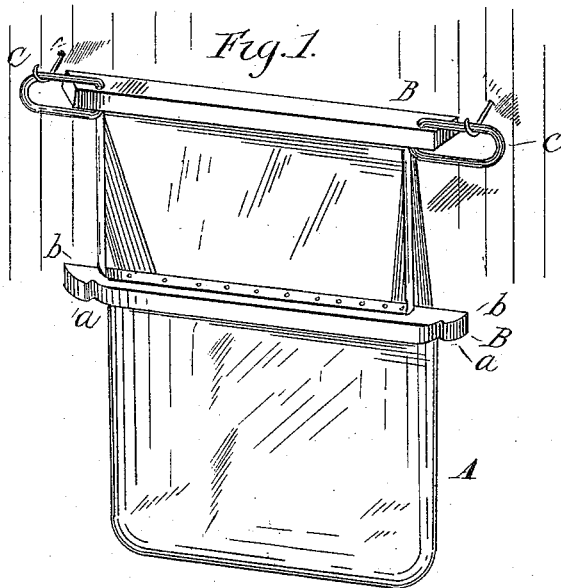


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## FASTENING FOR BAGS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN M. FULTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Quincy, in the county of Adams and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Fastening for Bags, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to an improvement in bags or sacks used for the transportation of grain, &c., and more particularly to an improved fastening for the same; and it has for its object to provide a bag with a fastening which shall be simple in its construction, readily applied, and easily operated, and, further, to provide a fastening which shall prevent the bag from becoming unfastened and the consequent spilling and wasting of its contents.

A further object of the invention provides means for holding open the mouth of the bag while it is being filled, and to provide a fastening which may be also utilized to support the bag while being filled.

With these ends in view the invention consists in the combination, with a bag, of two plates or strips secured to the mouth of the same, and a bail or loop for fastening said strips together, thereby closing the mouth of the bag.

The invention further consists in the details of construction and combinations of parts, hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bag suspended and ready to be filled. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the bag filled and fastened, and Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken through one of the fastening-bails at the end of the clamping plates or strips.

In the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures, A represents the bag, of any desired shape, and constructed of any suitable material.

To the upper outer side of the bag A, to the edges of the same, are secured strips or plates B, which are preferably constructed of wood. One of said plates is provided at its ends, and upon the outer side thereof, with notches *a*, while the corners are beveled or cut off, as shown at *b*, to allow the easy passage of the securing-bail, as will be more fully described. To the other or opposite strip, and at each end thereof, is provided a bail,

C, preferably rectangular in form, as shown, and adapted to turn loosely in the opening.

When the bag is to be filled, it may be suspended on nails or hooks by means of said bails, and the mouth of the bag will be held open by the weight of the opposite strip, substantially in the manner shown in Fig. 1. When the bag is to be closed and fastened, the strips are brought together, inclosing between them the slack of the bag, if there be any. The bail at one end is then pushed into engagement with the notch of the adjacent strip, the beveled end allowing said bail to be easily inserted into said notch. The other ends of the clamping-strips are then depressed and the bail passed into engagement with the notch in a similar manner.

To unlock or unfasten the bag it is only necessary to depress the strips at one end. The bail may then be readily removed from the notch, after which the bail at the other end is readily disengaged.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that my improved fastening is cheap, simple, and readily applied. Moreover, by beveling the ends of the clamping-strips the locking or fastening of said bails is made easy. By the construction shown it will also be apparent that effective means are provided for holding the mouth of the bag open, and also for suspending the bag when it is to be filled.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a bag or sack, of clamping-strips secured to the mouth thereof, one of said clamping-strips having a notch at each end, while the other is provided at each end with a bail or loop, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with a bag or sack, of strips secured to the mouth thereof, one of said strips carrying at each end a rectangular bail or loop, while the other strip is beveled and notched at each end, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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