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Fig. 1.

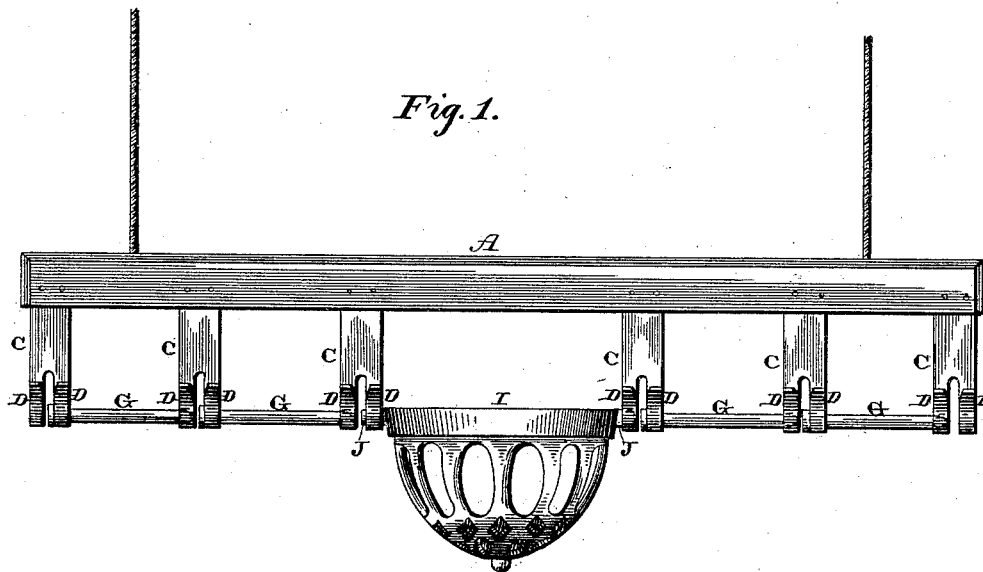
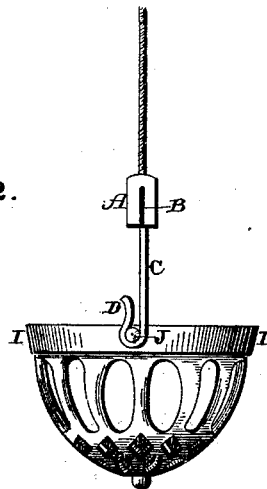


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELSON R. STREETER, of Groton, in the county of Tompkins and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag-Holders; 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 bag-holders; and it consists in the combination of a bar of any suitable length, a suitable number of metallic strips which are secured thereto and which have their lower ends pronged and these prongs then bent backward upon themselves, so as to form U-shaped springs, and sharp-pointed headed wires upon which the bags are strung, and which wires are made to catch in the springs.

The object of my invention is to provide a very cheap and simple bag-holder in which the different sizes of bags are strung upon separate wires and then placed in suitable supporting-springs, from which they can be readily and quickly removed or returned to position.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a bag-holder which embodies my invention. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same.

A represents a wooden bar or strip of any desired length, and which is intended to be supported in any suitable manner above the counter or in any other convenient place. In the lower edge of this strip is formed a cut or groove B, of any suitable depth, and into this cut or groove the upper ends of the supporting metallic strip C are inserted, and then secured in place by any suitable means. These strips are of any desired length and width and preferably have their lower ends divided into two prongs which are bent back upon themselves, so as to form the U-shaped springs D for the support of the headed sharp-pointed wires G, upon which the bags are strung. Two of the springs are required for each wire, one spring upon one strip being used to support the head of the wire and another strip to support the point. The heads

upon the wires serve to prevent the wires from having an endwise movement and thus becoming displaced, and the slots or cuts between the springs serve for the heads upon the wires to catch in and thus prevent any possibility of one wire interfering with another. There will preferably be six wires upon which the different sizes of bags are placed. Each wire has only to be forced upward out of the two springs in which it is held, and then after being filled with bags it is returned to position. The bags are then drawn off as rapidly as they are needed. The springs being partially closed at their upper ends, prevent the wires from being moved vertically and thus becoming accidentally misplaced. The two central supporting-strips are placed slightly farther apart than the others, and serve, in addition to helping to support the wires, to support the twine-holder I, of any suitable construction. This twine-holder has projections J extending from opposite sides, and these two projections catch in the two inner springs upon the two supporting-strips, and thus support the twine-holder below the center of the bar A. This twine-holder can be displaced and returned to position the same as one of the wires.

It will be seen that the construction here shown and described is very cheap and simple and the parts strong, durable, and not likely to get out of order while in daily use.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. In a bag-holder, the combination of a supporting-bar, supporting-strips secured thereto and having their lower ends formed into springs, and the wires which are made to catch in the springs, substantially as shown.

2. The combination of the bar, the supporting-strips secured thereto, and having their lower ends divided into prongs which form U-shaped springs, and the headed wires upon which the bags are placed, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with a supporting-strip having arms which are provided with U-shaped springs on their ends, of a twine-holder having projections which catch in the said springs, substantially as shown.

4. In a combined bag and twine holder, the

combination of the bar, the supporting-strips
secured thereto and having their lower ends
pronged and then bent into U-shaped springs,
the headed wires, each one of which is held
5 by two of the springs, and the twine-holder
provided with projections upon opposite
sides, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in
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