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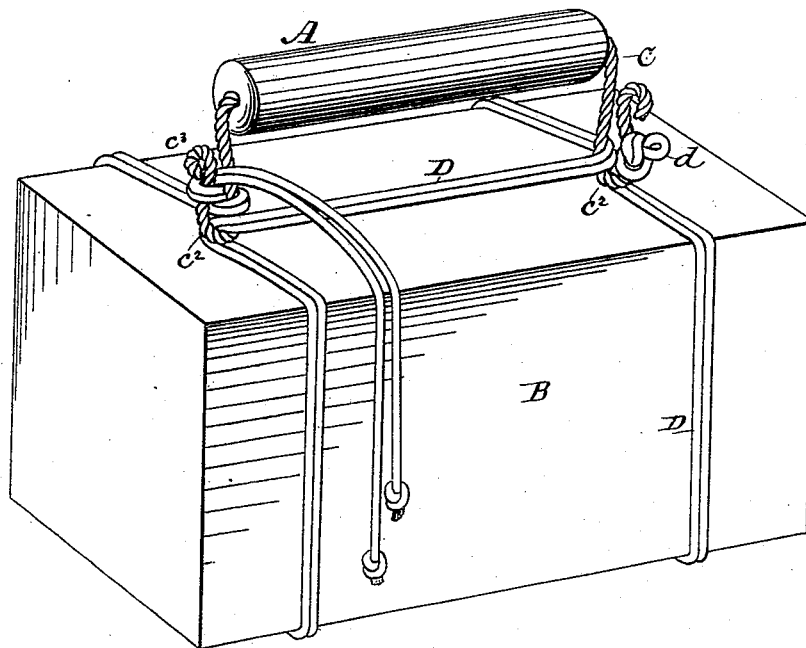
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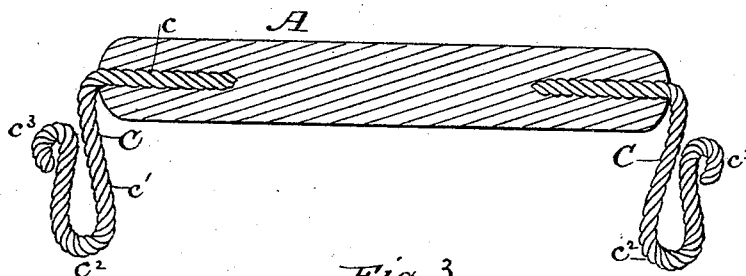
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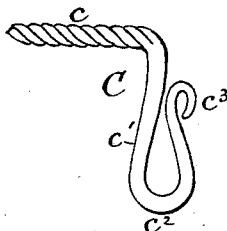
*Fig. 1.*



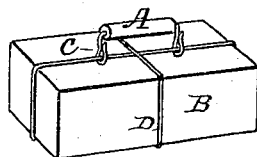
*Fig. 2.*



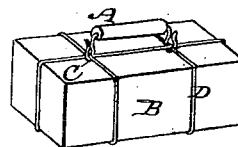
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*



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## PACKAGE-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. BENEDICT, a citizen of the United States, residing in New York city, county and State of New York, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Package-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and effective package-  
10 holder which can be readily applied in a secure manner to packages of various shapes and sizes without knotting together the ends of the cord; and it consists in certain features hereinafter described, and specifically set forth  
15 in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of a holder constructed in accordance with my invention applied to a package. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the handle, the  
20 hooks being shown in elevation; and Fig. 3 is a detail representing one of the hooks, hereinafter described. Figs. 4 and 5 represent the holders connected to packages already tied.

Like letters refer to like parts in all the figures.

A represents the handle of the carrier, and at each end it is bored longitudinally a suitable distance and size for the reception of the screw-threaded or wire-cable shank *c* of a suspension spring-hook, C, the body *c'* of which  
30 is bent at substantially a right angle to the shank, and is then recurved to form a loop, *c''*, and the end *c'''* is brought near or in contact with the body portion, as shown, so that the  
35 space between the end and the body portion is contracted, in order that the end portion shall act as a spring-retainer, as hereinafter described. As illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, the hook C is constructed of twisted or cable wire,  
40 which not only gives a fanciful and tasty appearance to the holder, but provides cheaply a screw-threaded surface to the shank, whereby it can be readily and securely introduced and attached to the handle, as shown clearly  
45 in Fig. 3. The shank is the only part required to be screw-threaded, and the body, loop, and end portions may be made with smooth contour and the latter tapered, which construction permits of a higher finish, if desired.

50 A double (or it may be a single) cord, D, is used in connection with the handle and hooks,

in the manner shown clearly in Fig. 1, or it may be used to secure a package in any of the various ways common in devices of this character. In the present instance the cord is  
55 knotted at *d*, substantially at its mid-length, and is pressed, between the body and spring-end portions of the hook, into the loop *c''*, and is then passed around the package B and is again pressed into the loop, and from thence  
60 is carried to the companion-loop at the opposite end of the handle and sprung into the loop *c''* thereof and passed around the package, and a second time into the loop of the hook. It now remains to secure the end of the cord. In  
65 this instance it is passed under the handle A and around the body portion of the hook, and is then pressed between the spring end and body thereof and passed around said spring end, and finally drawn snugly between said  
70 end and the body portion. It may be secured in various other evident ways. For example, it may be successively wound about the end portion of the hook and finally clamped between it and the body portion. It is thus seen  
75 that a double cord may be readily secured in position, so that heavy packages may be provided with a convenient handle. For light bulky packages the same cord may be used  
80 singly around each end of the package.

If it is desired to prevent the hooks from becoming unscrewed from the handle or having their body bent toward each other under heavy weights, they may be connected and kept apart  
85 by a brace placed between them and soldered or otherwise secured thereto, adjoining their loops *c''*.

I am aware that some package-holders have been provided with a hollow handle through which passes a wire having loops at each end,  
90 and that others have been made with a handle having split ends for the passage of the cord; but none of them show spring-hooks to receive and clamp the ends of the cord, nor similar screw-fastenings for the hooks.

95 My holder, being composed mainly of the handle A and spring-hooks C, can be connected with packages or parcels already tied, and to facilitate the introduction of the hooks under the tying-string the hook ends are turned at  
100 right angle to a plane passing through the axis of the handle, as shown in Fig. 4, or diag-

onally thereto, as shown in Fig. 5, and to keep the device from sliding along the string a bight thereof can be passed twice over the open end of one of the hooks.

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

1. In a package-holder, the combination of hooks C, having screw-threaded shank *c* and  
10 spring end *c*<sup>2</sup>, with a handle, A, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination of the handle A, hooks C, provided with screw-threaded shanks *c* and spring ends *c*<sup>2</sup>, with the cord D, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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