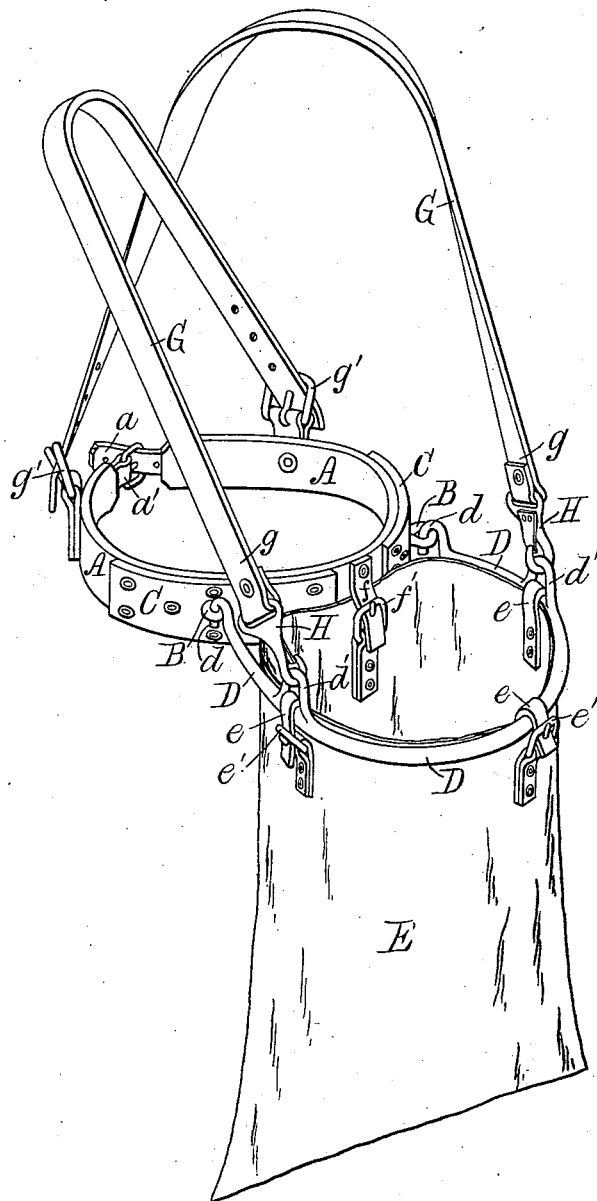


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BELL ROBINSON, of Dresden, in the county of Navarro and State of Texas, have invented a new and Improved Cotton-Sack Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive device for holding sacks or receptacles upon pickers of cotton or other plants or fruits, which will distribute the weight of the sack and contents over the body of the picker and enable him to work more easily and quickly.

The invention consists in special constructions and combinations of parts of the holder, all as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, and in which the figure is a perspective view of my improved cotton-sack holder.

The letter A indicates a belt adapted to be fastened around the waist of the picker by a strap and buckle, *a a'*, at the ends of the belt.

B B are a couple of eyes, which may be fixed in the belt A in any suitable manner. I prefer to fasten these eyes into separate straps or plates C C, and to rivet the plates to the belt A, as shown, which gives a more substantial connection of the eyes B to the belt A than fixing them directly to the belt would afford. The eyes B B receive the hook ends *d d'* of an open hoop or ring, D, to which the cotton sack or receptacle E is held by straps and buckles *e e'*, respectively, fixed to the sack at points around the outer portion of its mouth and by a strap, *f*, and buckle, *f'*, fixed, respectively, to the belt A and to the sack. This connection of the sack permits it to easily be removed when filled and replaced by an empty sack without removing the hoop D from the belt A. The hoop D is made preferably of a bent metal rod or bar of suitable thickness, and has side eyes or loops, *d' d'*, through which the side sack-fastening straps, *e*, may be passed, as shown. The principal office of the eyes *d' d'*, however, is to provide a convenient means for connecting the ends *g g'* of shoulder-straps G G to support the outer portion of the hoop D and hold the hoop up level and with the mouth of the attached sack fully open to receive the picked cotton. The

straps G G pass from the eyes *d' d'*, and are of proper length, when fastened to the belt A by the buckles *g'*, to sustain the greater portion of the weight of the sack E and its contents from the picker's shoulders, while the belt A is fastened around the picker's waist. The suspender straps G G may be crossed either at the front or back of the picker, as desired.

I propose to attach the ends *g'* of the straps G to the eyes *d'* of hoop D by snap-hooks H of any approved construction; but any ordinary hook or buckle attachment may be employed.

My improved sack-holder may, of course, be used with like advantage in picking any sort of growing fibrous or vegetable plants or fruits.

The receptacle E may be made of any desired size or material.

By the use of my improved sack holder the weight of the sack and contents is taken on the shoulders, waist, and body of the picker, and the weight is so distributed or equalized that the picker may do more and better work in a given time, and do it more easily, than is possible either with a loose basket or with a sack held to the picker's body in other ways.

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

1. The combination, in a sack-holder, of a waist-belt, A, having eyes B, a hoop, D, provided with hook ends, *d*, to enter the eyes, and shoulder-straps G, connected to the belt and hoop, substantially as shown and described.
2. The combination, with the belt A, having eyes B, of the sack-holding hoop D, having hooks *d*, substantially as shown and described.
3. The combination, with the belt A and hoop D, of the straps and buckles *e e' f'*, secured to the sack, and the strap *f*, secured to the belt, substantially as shown and described.
4. The combination, with the belt A and hoop D, having eyes *d'*, of the shoulder-straps G, buckled to the belt A at *g'*, and the snap-hooks H, substantially as shown and described.

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