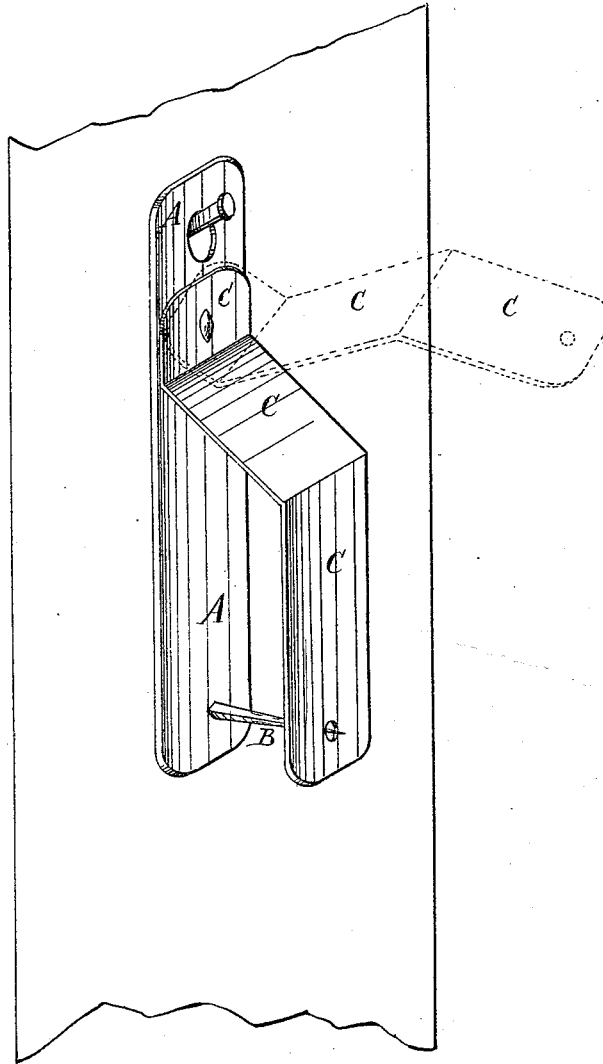


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## IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER-BAG HOLDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. CLEVELAND, of Camden, in the county of Knox and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Paper-Bag Holder, of which the following is a specification:

The figure is a perspective view of my improved paper-bag holder.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawing, and then pointed out in the claim.

A is a plate of heavy brass or other suitable material, in the upper end of which is formed a hole to receive the nail or hook upon which the device is to be hung, and to its lower end is attached a pointed rod, B, of such a length as to be capable of holding a hundred paper bags, which is the number always put up into a bundle. C is a plate of spring-brass, or other suitable material, the upper end of which is swiveled to the upper part of the plate A, a little below the hole in said plate A. The plate C is bent twice at an angle, so as to bring its lower end into such a position as to receive the point of the pointed rod B in a hole in said lower end. In using the device the lower end of the plate C is sprung off the point of the rod B, and is turned to one side, so as to leave the rod B free. The bags

or wrapping-paper are then placed upon the rod B, a few at a time, until the whole hundred have been placed upon it, by forcing the said rod through the said bags as near their edge as will hold them securely, and so near the edge that each bag may be torn off easily and without injuring the bag for use. It is designed to have as many holders as there are different sizes of bags to be used, and to hang them upon a post or partition one above the other, the largest bags the lowest, and about four inches apart, which space, together with the gradual decrease in size of the bags, will enable a bag of the required size to be readily selected and torn off. When the bags of any size have been used up the holder can be taken down and refilled without disturbing the others.

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

The end-perforated angle-plate C, swiveled to turn laterally on plate A, and made elastic to spring over or off a pin, B, as and for the purpose specified.

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