## A. S. DENNISON. Paper-Bag.

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FIG I

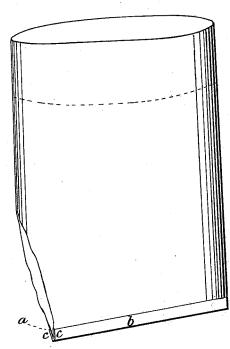
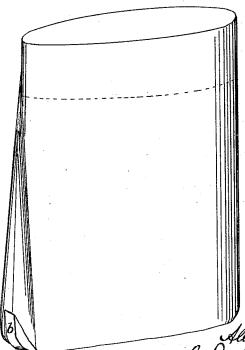


FIG II



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ALBERT S. DENNISON, OF CARTHAGE, ASSIGNOR OF ONE-HALF HIS RIGHT TO JOHN D. HUNTINGTON, OF WATERTOWN, NEW YORK.

## IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER BAGS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 168,461, dated October 5, 1875; application filed March 25, 1875.

## CASE B.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Albert S. Dennison, of the village of Carthage, in the county of Jefferson and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper Bags; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to produce a strong and durable paper parcel-bag for the use of grocers and other tradesmen; and it consists in providing the bottom lapped seam of a paper parcel-bag with a metallic re-enforcing-strip, which embraces and clamps said seam, and prevents the tendency to tearing out at the bottom and bottom corners, which is liable to occur when the bag is used for holding heavy articles of trade, and which strip is bent up at the corners with the bag to form a base or seat therefor.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of a paper parcel-bag embracing my invention, one of its bottom corners being cut away to show the bottom fold or seam and its re-enforcing-strip; and Fig. 2 a similar view, showing the corners of the re-enforcing-strip turned, and, by

carrying with them a portion of the bag, forming a base or support for the bag while being filled.

The bag is made by pasting together pieces of the desired paper and proper size, as ordinarily, except that the bottom seam or fold a is re-enforced by a metallic strip, b, embracing and clamping the paper fold, and thus making a strong, durable, and tight seam at that portion of the bag most likely to be torn by the weight of the bag's contents. This re-enforcing strip b embraces the fold a from its two sides c c, as shown in the detail of Fig. 1.

When the bag is about to be used, if deemed necessary, the shop-keeper may turn up the two ends of the strip b for a short space from the ends to about a right angle, as shown in Fig. 2. In so doing, a portion of the bottom of the bag is carried up at the corners, and a base is formed of sufficient breadth to support the bag while being filled.

I claim—

A paper parcel-bag for tradesmen's use, provided with a metallic re-enforcing-strip for the bottom, as and for the purpose described.

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

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