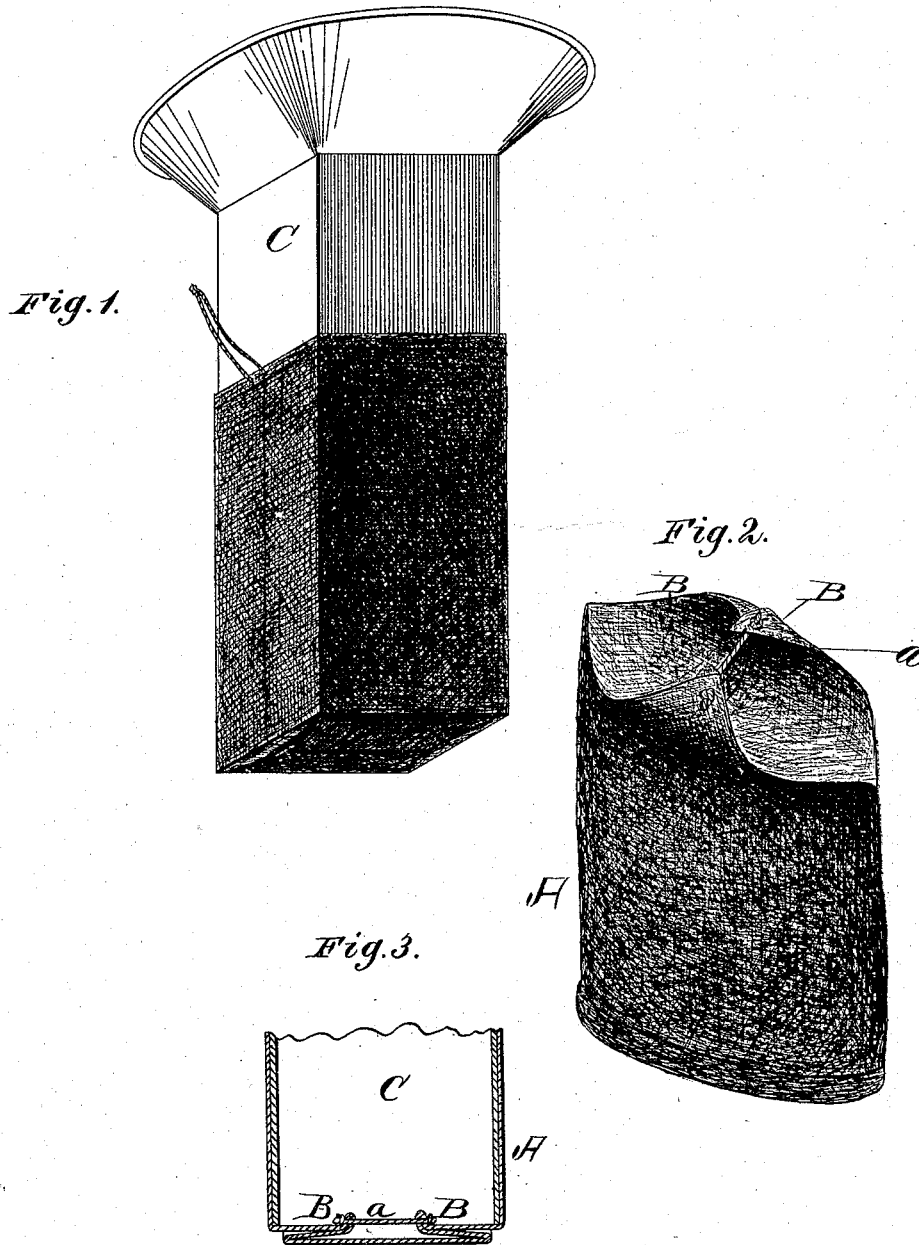


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IMPROVEMENT IN TOBACCO-BAGS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. CUSSEN, of Richmond, in the county of Henrico, and in the State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Smoking-Tobacco Bags; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

My invention relates to tobacco-bags; and it consists in providing the bottom of a tobacco-bag with an elastic string, or its equivalent, whereby the bottom is rendered self-adjusting to any form of tins used in filling the bags, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my tobacco-bag, showing the same in position on the tin. Fig. 2 is a view of the bag turned wrong side out. Fig. 3 is a section of the lower end of Fig. 1.

A represents a cloth tobacco-bag, made of one piece folded and sewed together on two sides, in the usual manner. The bottom of

the bag is then folded, forming two triangular pieces, B B, the points of which are connected by an elastic string, *a*.

In filling tobacco-bags, the bag is drawn over what is called a "tin," C, and the bottom of the bag assumes the form shown in Fig. 3.

Tins of various forms are used to produce differently-shaped packages; but if the circumference of such tins be the same, the same bag may answer for all, as by my invention the bottom of the bag will adjust itself according to the shape of the tin, the elastic string *a* stretching or contracting, as required, automatically.

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

A cloth tobacco-bag, A, having its bottom folded to form the triangular pieces B B, and the points thereof connected by an elastic string, *a*, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of May, 1876.

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