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Fig. 1.

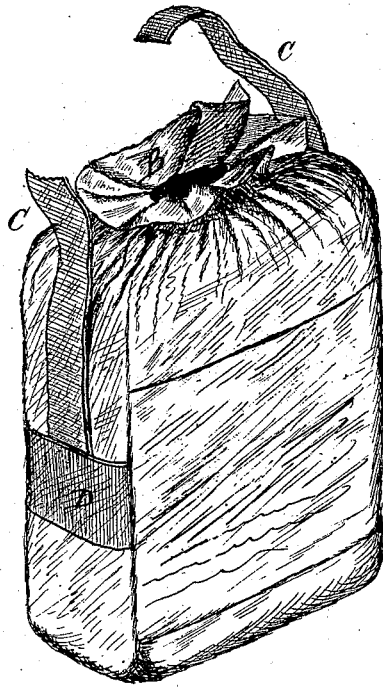


Fig. 2.

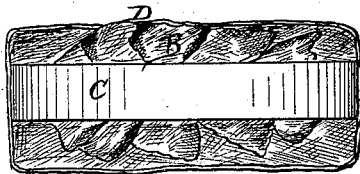
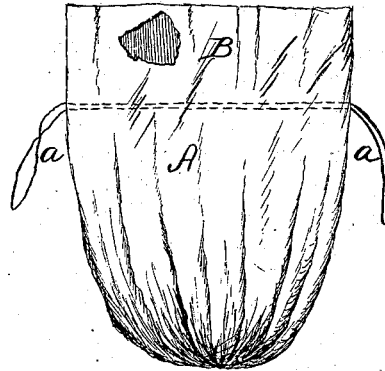


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TOBACCO-BAGS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **194,655**, dated August 23, 1877; application filed June 26, 1877.

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 of any shape and size; and it consists in the mode of constructing and fastening the mouth of the bag, 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 invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 3 shows the tobacco-bag before it is filled.

A represents the tobacco-bag, made of muslin or other suitable material, and having one end (forming the bottom) sewed or fastened in any desired manner. At the other end, which is to form the mouth of the bag, the muslin or material of which the bag is made is doubled, and at a suitable distance from this end are two drawing-strings, *a a*, passed through the material—that is, between the two thicknesses of the bag—and rows of stitching *b b* are made above and below the drawing-strings, so as to form a channel or casing, in which said strings work. The drawing-strings are thereby protected from being caught upon or by the tin when inserted for packing the bag. Without such channel or casing for completely inclosing the strings it would be impossible to pack the bag, as the entrance of tins into it would cut the strings and tear them out, carrying them to the bottom of the bag. When the bag is filled, and these two strings are drawn in opposite directions, the

bag is thereby tightened, and the two strings may then be tied around the bag, leaving the doubled portion B of the bag projecting on all sides, as shown, to form a convenient mouth for the bag, and a means for easily opening the same when the strings are untied. The bag is then sealed by the strip C being passed over the mouth and down on two opposite sides of the bag, after which a band, D, is passed around the bag, over the ends of said strip, the band and strip being both pasted or similarly attached to the bag.

The strip C may form the usual revenue-stamp, and the band D the manufacturer's label, or vice versa.

By making the enlarged mouth, as described, the material can be folded down comparatively smooth on the bag in all directions. The strip C holds the mouth down, and at the same time covers or closes any gap that may be left in closing the bag.

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

1. A tobacco-bag, A, having its mouth doubled, forming a projecting part, B, and provided with drawing-strings, inclosed in a channel formed by the stitching *b b*, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

2. The combination of a tobacco-bag, A, having drawing-strings *a a* and projecting part B, and the fastening-strip C, substantially as herein set forth.

3. The combination of a tobacco-bag, A, having drawing-strings *a a* and projecting part B, the strip C, and band D, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 22d day of June, 1877.

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