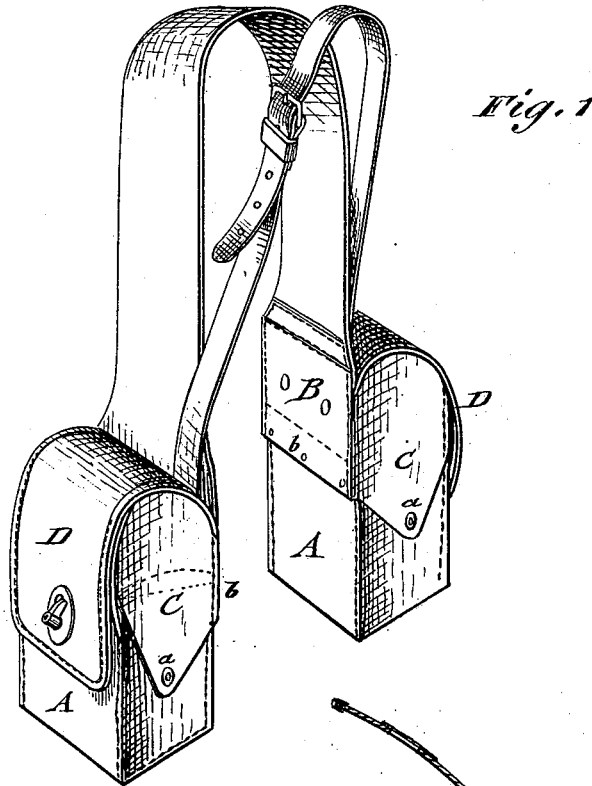


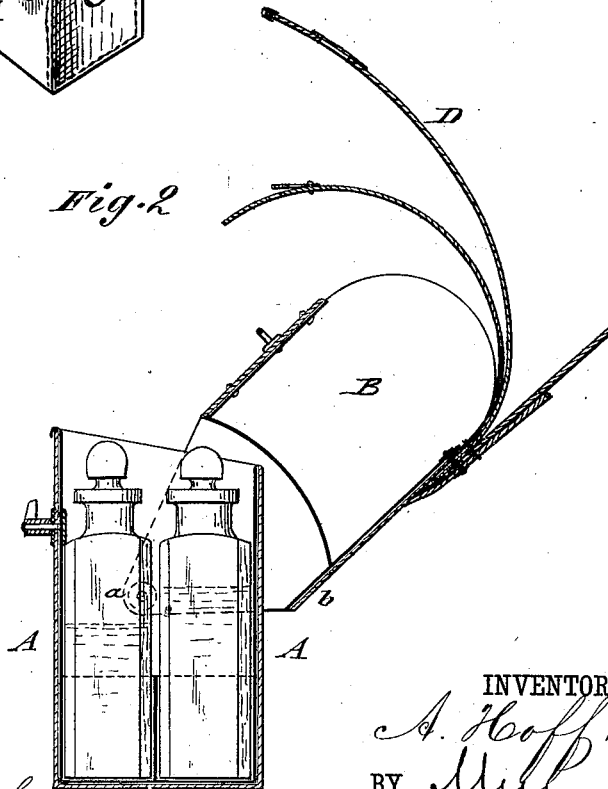
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*

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## IMPROVEMENT IN SADDLE-BAGS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AUGUSTUS HOFF, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and Improved Saddle-Bags for Physicians, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved saddle-bags for physicians; and Fig. 2, a vertical transverse section through a bag, showing method of hanging the vial-box.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to improved bags for physicians, which, when opened, give convenient and instant access to the medicine-vials, which are fully and completely inclosed, and protected against getting wet when closed.

The invention consists of a metal-lined vial-box that is pivoted eccentrically to side extensions or hangers of the instrument or sundry box, so that the latter may be swung instantly into open position for getting at the vials when the top flap is opened.

In the drawing, A represents a metal-lined vial-box, which is pivoted to the downward-extended and metal-lined sides or hangers C of the top case or box B, that is used to carry the instruments, powders, and sundries. The pivots *a* are riveted firmly to the lower vial-box and to the hangers C, being arranged preferably above and in front of the center of the vial-box, so that the same swings by its own weight instantly into open position thereon as soon as the covering top flap D is detached from the customary closing device of the vial-box.

The upper edge of the vial-box A has a slight backward inclination, and the bottom of the sundry-box B a slight inward curve, as shown in Fig. 2, so that the stoppers of the vials and the box swing clear of the sundry-

box into open position. The rear wall of the sundry-box is extended slightly below the upper rear edge of the vial-box, as at *b*, Fig. 2, so as to form a bearing for the latter, when thrown up by its own weight, for being closed by the flap D.

The swinging of the vial-box facilitates the getting at the contents of the same, as each bag may be conveniently opened, and the vial and sundry boxes retained in open position by the dropping back of the sundry-box to the rear of the vial-box.

The side extensions C and rear bearing *b* serve also as a complete water-shed, to prevent the entrance of moisture to the interior of the bags, and form, together with the swinging vial-box, very complete and handy bags for physicians' use, especially as the mere raising of the bags from the table or support returns the vial-boxes into closed position below the sundry-boxes, ready for the final closing by the flaps and locking devices.

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

1. In physicians' saddle-bags, the combination of the sundry-box, having side extensions or hangers, rear bearing, and inwardly-curved or concave bottom, with a pivoted vial-box, having backwardly-inclined upper part, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The combination of box A, with backwardly-inclined portion, and box B, with concave bottom, the latter having side hangers C, pivoted at *a* to the former, and provided with a flap, D, applied as and for the purpose specified.

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