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Mail-Bag Fastener and Tag-Holder.

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Fig. 1.

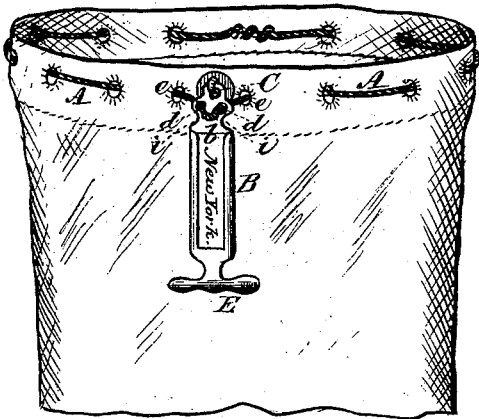


Fig. 3.

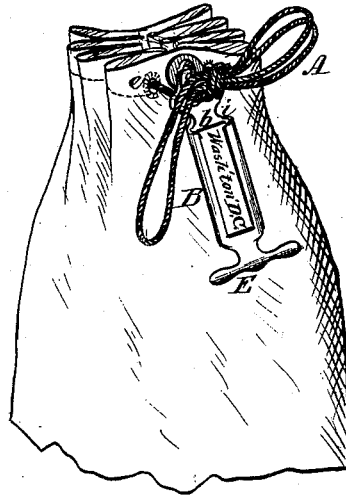


Fig. 2.

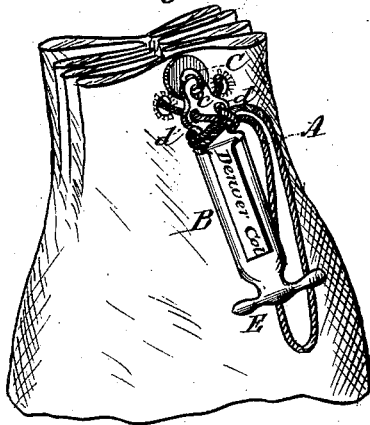
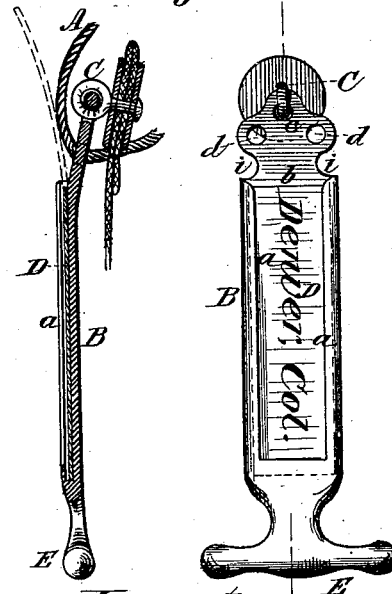


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN MAIL-BAG FASTENER AND TAG-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS METZ, of Denver city, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Mail-Bag Fastener and Tag-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My improved mail-bag fastener and tag-holder is designed for use with a label-slip. The construction of the tag-holder, in connection with the fastening-cord, is such as to give the advantage of securing the label-slip in place by the tying of the bag-fastening cord. The open end of the label-slip case and the connection of the tying-cord with the holder are at the end of said holder which is directly attached to the bag or sack, which gives the advantage of bringing the fastening loop or knot at a point close to the bag and across the open end of the label-slip case, so that the formation of the cord loop or knot serves as the means of securing the label-slip in the holder. This advantage and result is effected by connecting the fastening-cord with the tag-holder, by passing said cord through loops or holes at a point in said holder between the holder-attaching ring and the open end of the label-slip case, which is at the sack-attaching end of said holder, so that in whatever manner the tying may be effected it will secure the label-slip in the case, and thus avoid the use of springs or stop-shoulders for this purpose, and allow the label-slip to be easily and quickly inserted in place and removed therefrom.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 represents a portion of a mail bag or sack with my improved fastener and tag-holder in the position it occupies when the bag is open to receive the mail-matter; Fig. 2, a similar view, the fastening-cord being drawn and the label-slip secured in place by the tied knot; Fig. 3, a similar view, showing a differently-formed knot; and Fig. 4, a section and face view of the tag-holder with the label-slip in place.

The mouth of the bag or sack is provided

with the usual grommet-holes for receiving the fastening-cord A, and the tag or label-slip holder B is secured to the mouth of the bag or sack by a ring, C, and riveted plates. The tag or label-slip holder B consists of a plate of metal, having lip projections on one side, which, when bent over inwardly, form a grooved case, *a*, to receive and hold the label-slip D, which is inserted therein and withdrawn therefrom at the open end *b*, at the fastening end of the label-slip-holding case. This end of the tag or label-slip holder has an eye, *c*, by which it is secured to the riveted ring of the bag. Intermediately between the open end of the label-slip case and the ring-eye are formed two holes, *d d*, through which the fastening-cord is passed, in such manner that the ends of the cord from each side of the bag will pass through the holes *d d* from the corresponding bag-holes *e e* on each side of the ring. This projecting end of the label-slip holder has a neck formation, by curving the opposite edges at *i i*, Fig. 4, over which the cord may be tied just in front of the open end *b* of the label-slip, and thereby secure it in place, as it cannot come out or be withdrawn so long as the cord remains tied. The tying at this point, therefore, while fastening the bag, serves also to secure the label-slip in its case. This neck formation renders the tying of the cord more compact, and brings the knot in position to close the open end of the label-slip case, when such knot is formed as shown in Fig. 2; but the knot may be tied without causing the cord to embrace the neck formation, as shown in Fig. 3, in which case the tying is made on the front side of the fastening end of the tag-holder; but in either case the tying has the same function—that of securing the label-slip in place.

The label-slip is inserted in its case before the cord is tied, and to facilitate such insertion the extension of the tag-case is deflected from the plane of the case away from its front, so as to render the insertion and withdrawal of the label-slip more convenient, by allowing it to clear the cord passing through the tag-holder holes, as shown in Fig. 4. The free end of the tag-holder is formed with a handle, E, preferably of T form, by which to drag and handle the sack.

An important advantage of my improve-

ment is the fastening of the tag and the securing of the label-slip at a point close to the mouth of the sack by a single tying. The ends of the cord are properly united after they are passed through the tag-holder holes, as stated.

I claim—

1. In a combined mail-bag fastening and tag-holder, the bag-attaching end of said holder provided with holes *d d*, through which the fastening-cord is passed, at a point located and arranged between the attaching end of the holder and the open end of the label-slip-holding case, whereby the tying of the cord serves as the means of securing the label-slip in place.

2. The tag or label-slip holder having the cord-receiving holes *d d*, the neck formation *i i*, and the label-slip-receiving case *b*, provided with open end, all arranged in relation to each other, for the purpose stated.

3. The attaching end extension of the tag or label-slip holder bent to an angle with the plane of the card or ticket holding surface, for the purpose stated.

4. A combined mail-bag fastening and tag-holder, consisting of the fastening-cord A and the tag or label-slip holder B, having the end cord-receiving holes, *d d*, the label-slip case *b*, provided with an open end, and the handle E, all arranged and adapted for use substantially as described.

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

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