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Fastening for Tobacco-Bags.

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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FASTENINGS FOR TOBACCO-BAGS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS TALBOTT WATSON, of the city of Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastenings for Tobacco-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 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.

Heretofore tobacco-bags have been fastened by strings run through the hem of the top of the bag, so as to draw it together. This mode is inconvenient, because the strings easily slip after being drawn, and allow the mouth of the bag to fall open and spill the contents.

The object of my invention is to provide a bag with a fastening which will gather the mouth into folds or plaits, and at the same time hold them permanently closed.

The invention consists of a bag of textile

fabric having an elastic loop or ring attached permanently to the exterior, in such manner and in such a position that it may be passed over the folds or gathers of the mouth when closed and hold them under compression, preventing the escape of the contents.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents the empty bag, with the elastic ring or loop fastened thereto in proper position. Fig. 2 shows the bag filled with tobacco, the mouth closed in folds or gathers, and the loop passed over it, holding it under compression.

What I claim is—

The bag of textile fabric with the elastic loop or ring permanently attached at one point to the exterior, near the top, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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