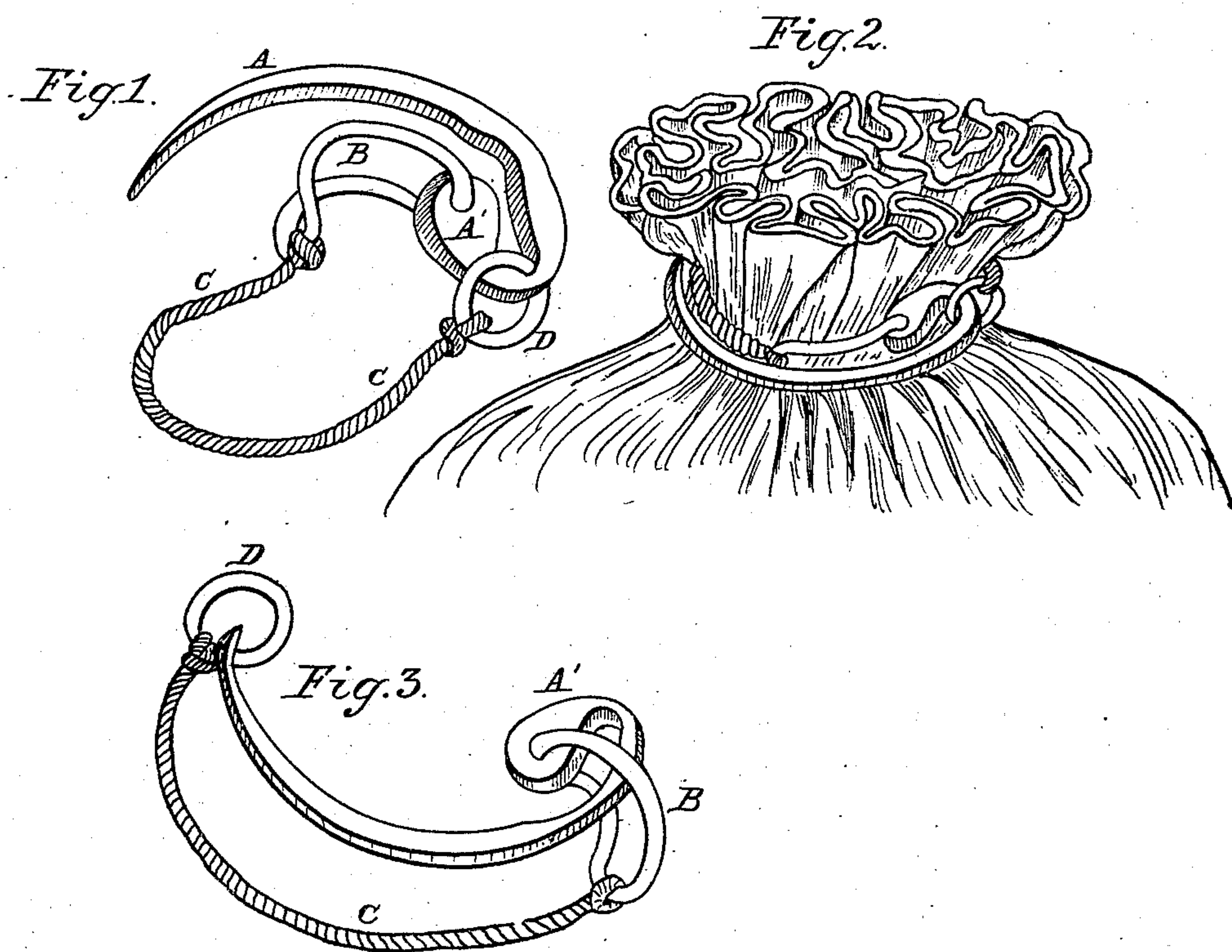


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BAG-FASTENERS.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM M. WRIGHT, of Safeharbor, in the county of Lancaster, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Mode of Constructing a Bag-Fastener; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 shows a perspective view of all its parts.

Figure 2, its application to a bag or sack.

Figure 3 shows the first position of the parts.

The nature of my invention consists in the peculiar link-connecting lever-hook, cord, and ring, simple in its operation, speedily executed, and so as to hold the mouth of the sack firmly closed and readily loosened, saving time in both operations.

The drawings clearly show the shape and combination; A the curved lever, with its link-head, A', and short retaining curve; the curved link B, connected with the metallic curved lever A at one end, and a short cord, c, at the other end. This cord is terminated by a ring, D.

The operation is simple. The lever A is held in the position shown by fig. 3; the cord is passed around the gathered mouth of the sack; the ring D, on the end, is slipped over the end of the lever, and the lever A caught at its outer end and turned back; the ring slides back in turning the lever, (which is easily done,) and gets into the short curve, shown by figs. 1 and 2, and has all the strain upon the heel end of the curve, causing the bent lever and link to lie up close, and no strain or force will cause it to rise by handling of the sack; but by simply pulling the lever out again, the ring will follow and become detached, releasing the tie or bindings.

I am aware that various devices are employed for fastening bags; among which is one composed of a jointed curved lever, held by a pivot, upon which it turns on a segment jointed to an intermediate segment between that and a jointed segment; said lever having a link for securing its free end to ratchet-segment. Such I do not use, nor claim. The novelty of my invention consists in so curving, tapering, and bending the end short into a hook, as to form, in itself, the combination of a lever, wedge, undulated inner face and hook A, with its head A' for a curved link, which link is attached permanently at both ends, combined with a cord and terminal ring, operated by slipping the ring over the end of the curved lever-wedge down into the hook, near its terminus or link-head A'.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The arrangement of the ring D, cord C, link B, in combination with my combined hook and wedge-lever A A', all constructed and operating in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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