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PAPER BAG.

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Fig. 1.

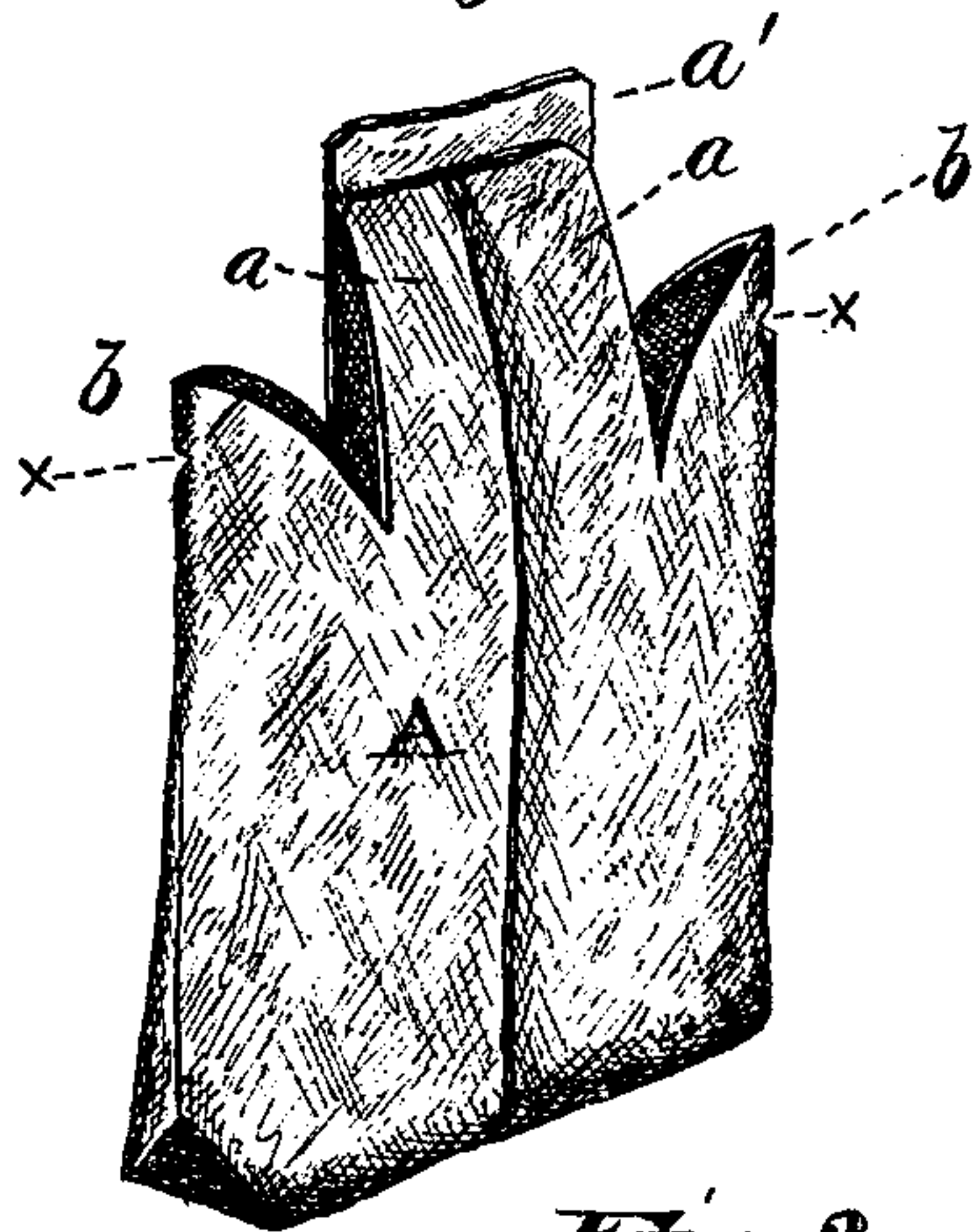


Fig. 2.

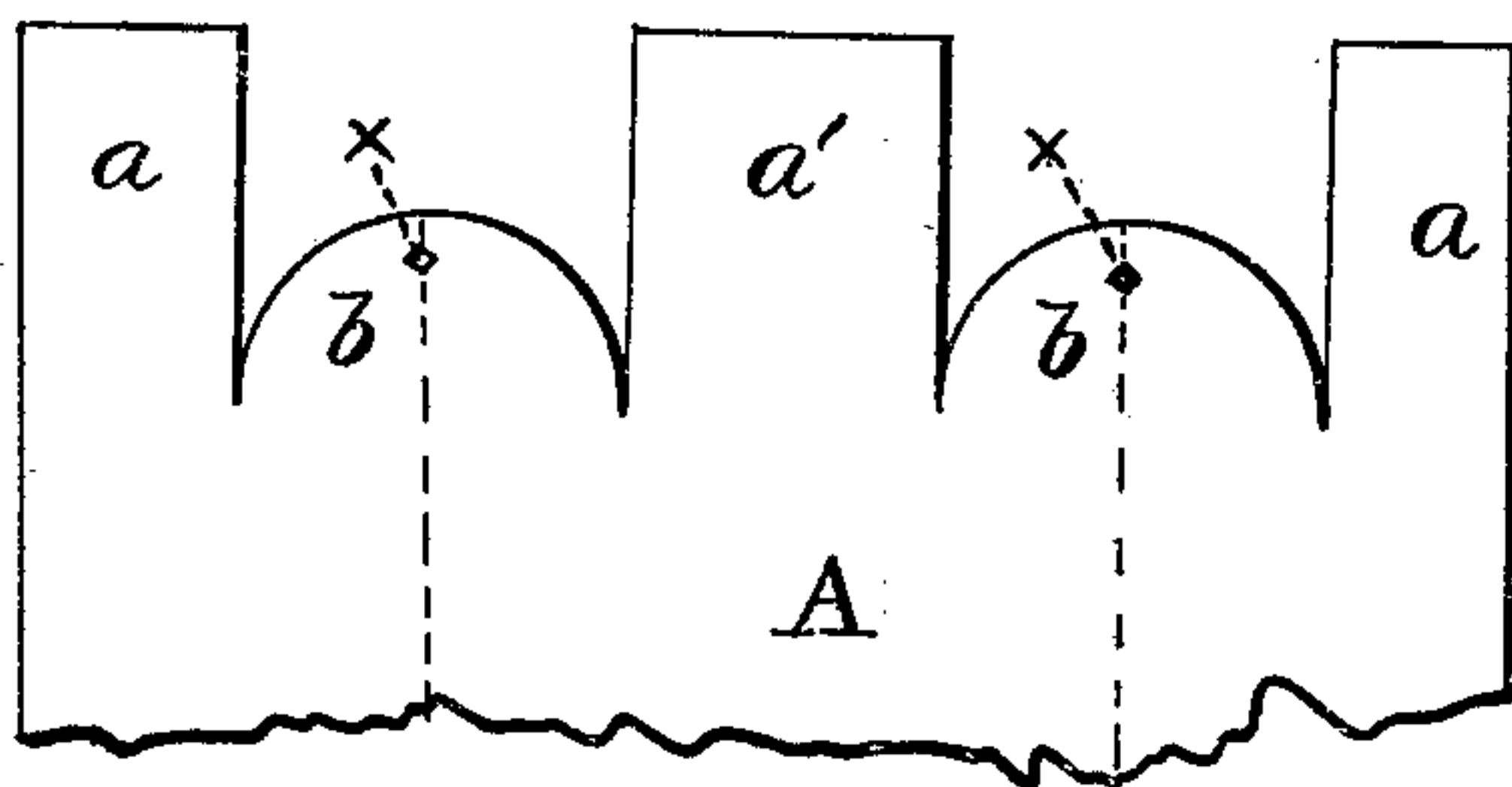
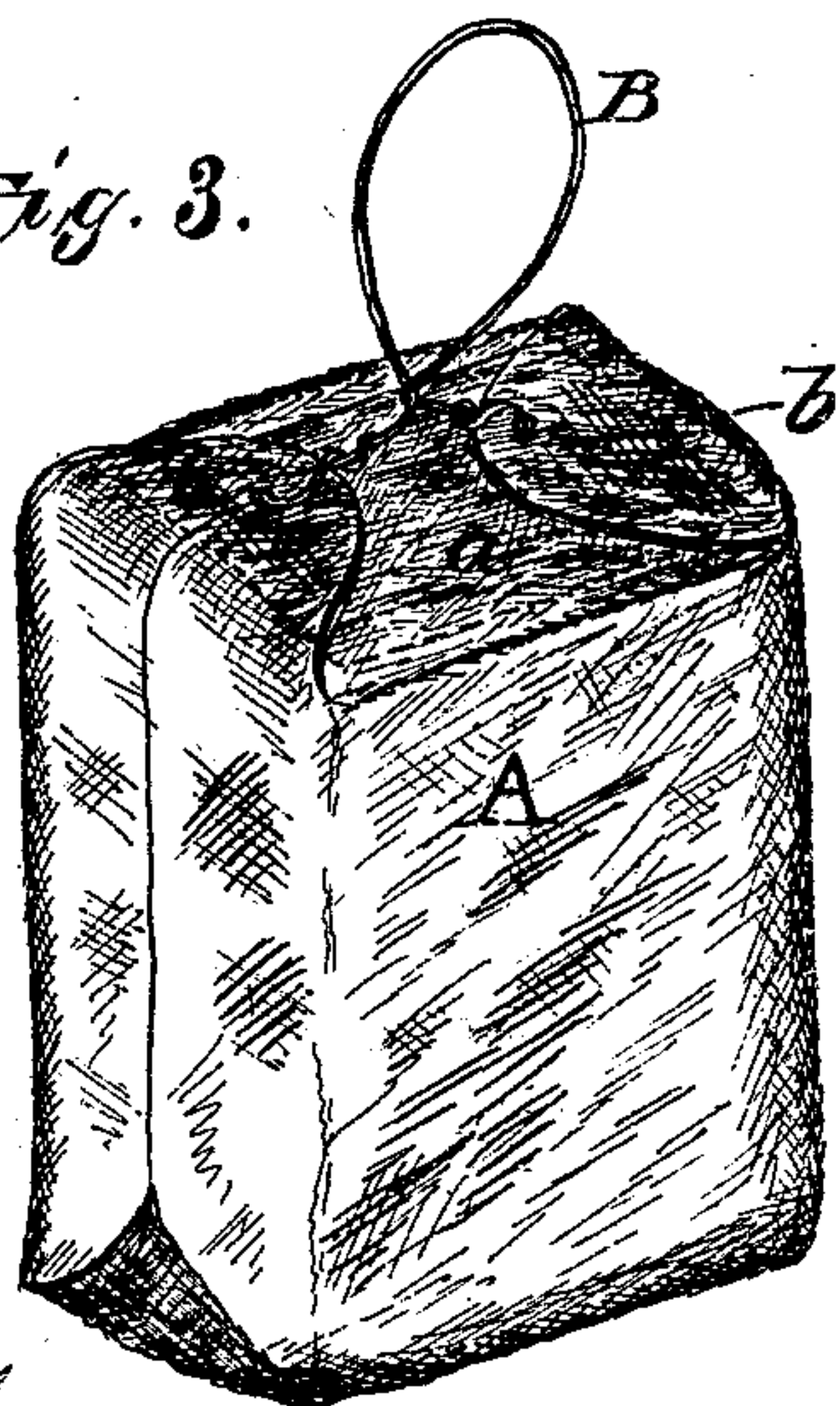


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER BAGS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT L. SLAGER, of Springfield, in the county of Clarke, and in the State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper 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.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a paper bag or sack for carrying groceries or other articles of merchandise, as 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 drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the bag with the top flaps not closed over. Fig. 2 represents a view of the top of the paper blank from which the bag is made. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of the bag closed, and having the bail connected thereto.

The bag or sack is formed of paper or other suitable flexible material, and is cut in a form so that the blank, before the same is folded and pasted together, shall have three projecting strips, *a a' a*, and two ears, *b b*, at the top, substantially as represented in Fig. 2.

When the blank is folded around, the strips *a a* overlap each other, and are pasted together, so that they form a strip of equal

width, or nearly so, to that of the opposite strip *a'*, as seen in Fig. 1. The bottom of the blank is folded in and pasted in the usual manner to form a flat base. To close the top or mouth of the bag, fold inward the strips *a' a*, one over the other, and then fold the ears *b b* over on top of the parts *a' a*, as represented in Fig. 3.

These ears *b* are each provided with a perforation, *x*, to which are connected the two ends of a wire, B.

After the ears are folded down, this wire is twisted to bring the ears as close together as is required, and at the same time it forms a hand or finger loop to carry the bag by, as seen.

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

1. A bag made of paper or other flexible material, formed from a blank, cut with the three projecting strips *a a' a*, and perforated ears *b b* at the top, substantially as shown and described.

2. The bail B, of wire, in combination with the ears *b b* and body A, having the turned-in strips *a a a'*, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of January, 1877.

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