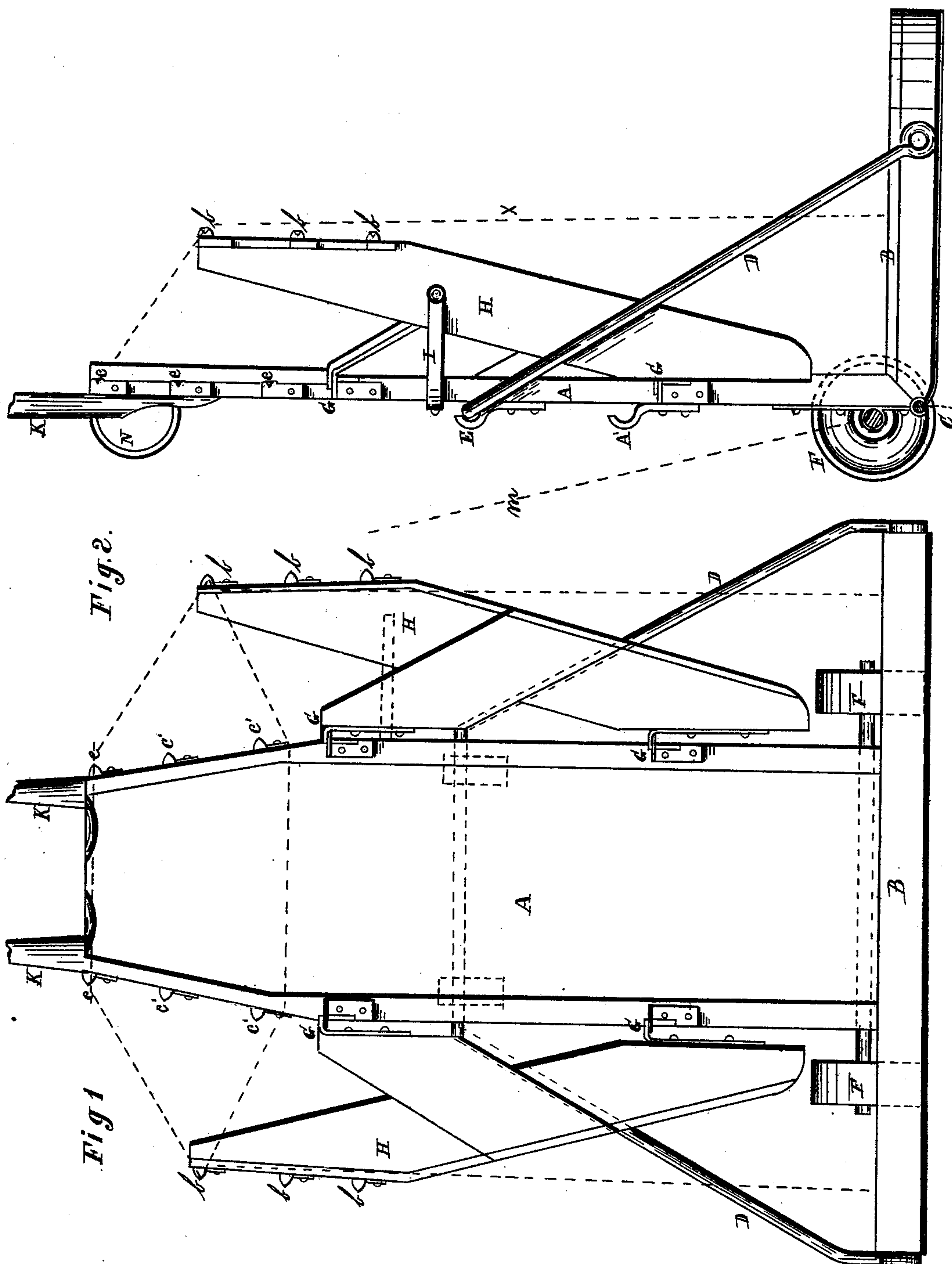


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IMPROVEMENT IN BAG-HOLDER AND TRUCK COMBINED.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY L. TOBIEN, of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bag-Holder and Truck Combined, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the bag-holder and truck combined. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, partially in section.

Like letters of reference denote like parts in the several drawings.

This invention is a device for holding bags while being filled, and which also may be easily and readily converted into a hand-truck, whereon to trundle the filled bags or other movable articles.

The following is a more full and complete description of the invention:

The invention alluded to is constructed in two sections, A and B, and which are connected to each other by a hinged joint, C, Fig. 2. Section A is the back of the bag-holder, and section B the base or platform whereon the bag stands while being filled, and which also serves as a base for supporting the back in an upright position, said position being maintained by the braces D, which consist of bent rod with an eye in each end, whereby it is attached to the sides of the platform. The central part of the rod passes behind the back A, and is thereto secured by hooks E, Fig. 2. (Also indicated by the dotted lines *a*.) To the lower end of the back is secured a pair of wheels, F, the purpose of which will presently be shown. To each side of the back is hinged, by hooks and eyes G, an arm or wing, H, and which are spread open or apart from each other, as shown in Fig. 1, by an elastic cord, I, or other spring. To the upper outer edge of each of the wings are secured a series of hooks, *b*; also, along the upper edges of the back are corresponding hooks *c*. The number of said hooks may be more or less to adapt the bag-holder to bags varying in size.

The practical operation of the above-described device is as follows: The position of the bag-holder, as shown in the drawings, is such as when a large bag is to be held there-

by. To this end the bag is held up against the back A, so that the bottom may rest upon the platform B. The inner edge of the mouth of the bag is then caught upon a pair of the hooks *c*, as the height of the bag may render it convenient. The mouth of the bag is then opened, and the two opposite sides fastened on the hooks *b* of the wings H—which of the hooks of the respective wings will depend upon the height of the bag. The tension of the springs I exerted upon the wings will be sufficient to hold the mouth of the bag open. A bag thus attached to the holder is indicated by the dotted lines *x*, representing a large size bag. Smaller ones are attached to the holder in like manner to the lower hooks, according to the length of the bag. The wings H are adjusted to the width of the bag by drawing them toward each other, as the size of the bag may determine. The resiliency of the springs I will be sufficient to hold distended the mouth of the bag when secured to the back and to the wings, in the manner as above described.

The bag when filled can be trundled off on the holder by taking hold of the handles K and tilting back the holder, thereby bringing the weight of the bag upon the wheels F above alluded to.

In the event the bag-holder is to be used simply as a hand-truck the sides or wings H are to be detached from the back, and the platform B adjusted to form an obtuse angle therewith. This will incline the back slightly rearward, as indicated by the dotted line *m*, for the convenience of inserting the foot-piece or platform under the article to be moved on the truck, and of which truck N are the legs.

In order to retain this adjustment of the back and platform for truck use, the brace D is dislodged from the hooks E, and lodged in the hooks A', thereby firmly bracing the back and platform together. To effect this change in the character of the bag-holder is the purpose of the joint C alluded to above. The joint, however, may be omitted, and the back and platform rigidly united and the wheels dispensed with, in the event a bag-holder only is required.

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

1. The adjustable wings H and springs I,

in combination with the back A and foot-piece or platform B, provided, respectively, with hooks *c* and *b*, in the manner substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. In combination with the back A, the platform B, hinged thereto as described, wheels F, and braces D, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

3. The combination of the back A, adjusta-

ble wings H and hooks, springs I, platform B, braces D, and wheels F, in the manner substantially as described, and for the purposes set forth.

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