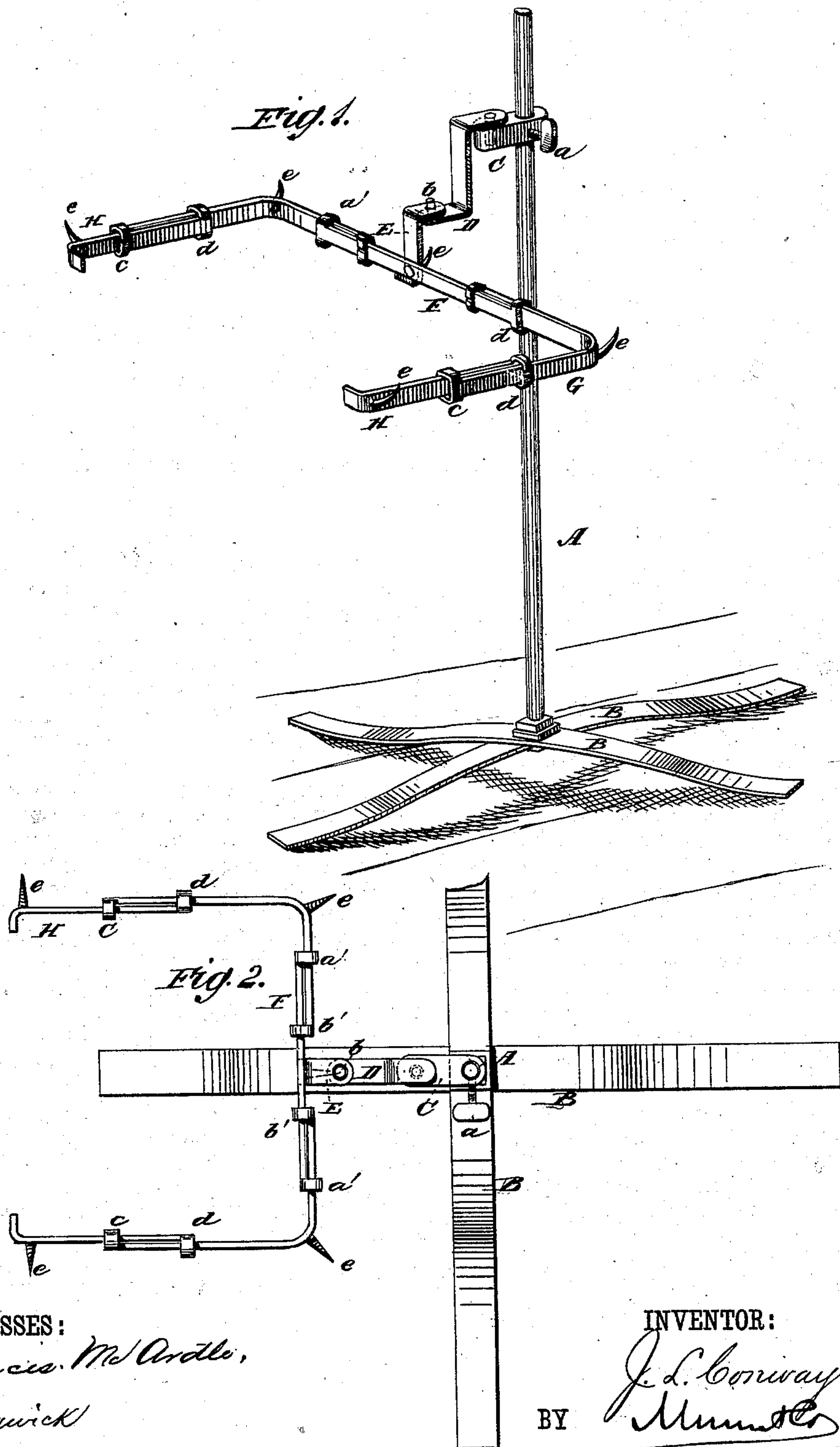


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BAG-HOLDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH L. CONWAY, of Bellefontaine, in the county of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented a new and Improved Sack-Holder, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved sack-holder. Fig. 2 is a plan view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and effective holder for holding sacks or bags of various sizes while they are filled.

In the drawing, A is a standard supported by the feet B, which consist of two bars apertured in the middle to receive the lower end of the standard that forms a pivot on which the bars swing. A sliding support, C, is placed on the standard A, and provided with a thumb-screw, *a*, for clamping it in any desired position. To this support an arm, D, is pivoted, which is offset or dropped down at its outer end, and is provided with a pivot, *b*, upon which is placed an L-shaped piece, E, which supports the bar F. The bar F has upon each end a clip, *a'*, for receiving the right-angled bars G, which are provided with clips *b'*, which embrace the bar F, forming a sliding joint, which permits of moving the right-angled bars G out or in on the bar F.

Upon the forward ends of the angled bars G there are clips *c*, for receiving the short bars H, which are provided with clips *d*, that embrace the angled bars G and form a sliding joint. The outer ends of the bars H, the corners of the right-angled bars G, and the back of the bar F are provided with spurs *e*, for receiving the edges of the mouth of the bag to be filled.

The frame composed of the bars F G H may be extended or contracted to adapt it to bags of different sizes, and it may be adjusted to any desired height on the standard A.

When the holder is used in connection with a thrashing-machine the standard is fastened to the frame of the thrashing-machine, so that the holder may be raised or lowered in accordance with the length of the sack. The feet B are then dispensed with.

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

The combination, with a frame, F G H, of the pivoted angle-bars D E, slide C, and standard A, the latter pivoted in the base B, as and for the purpose specified.

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