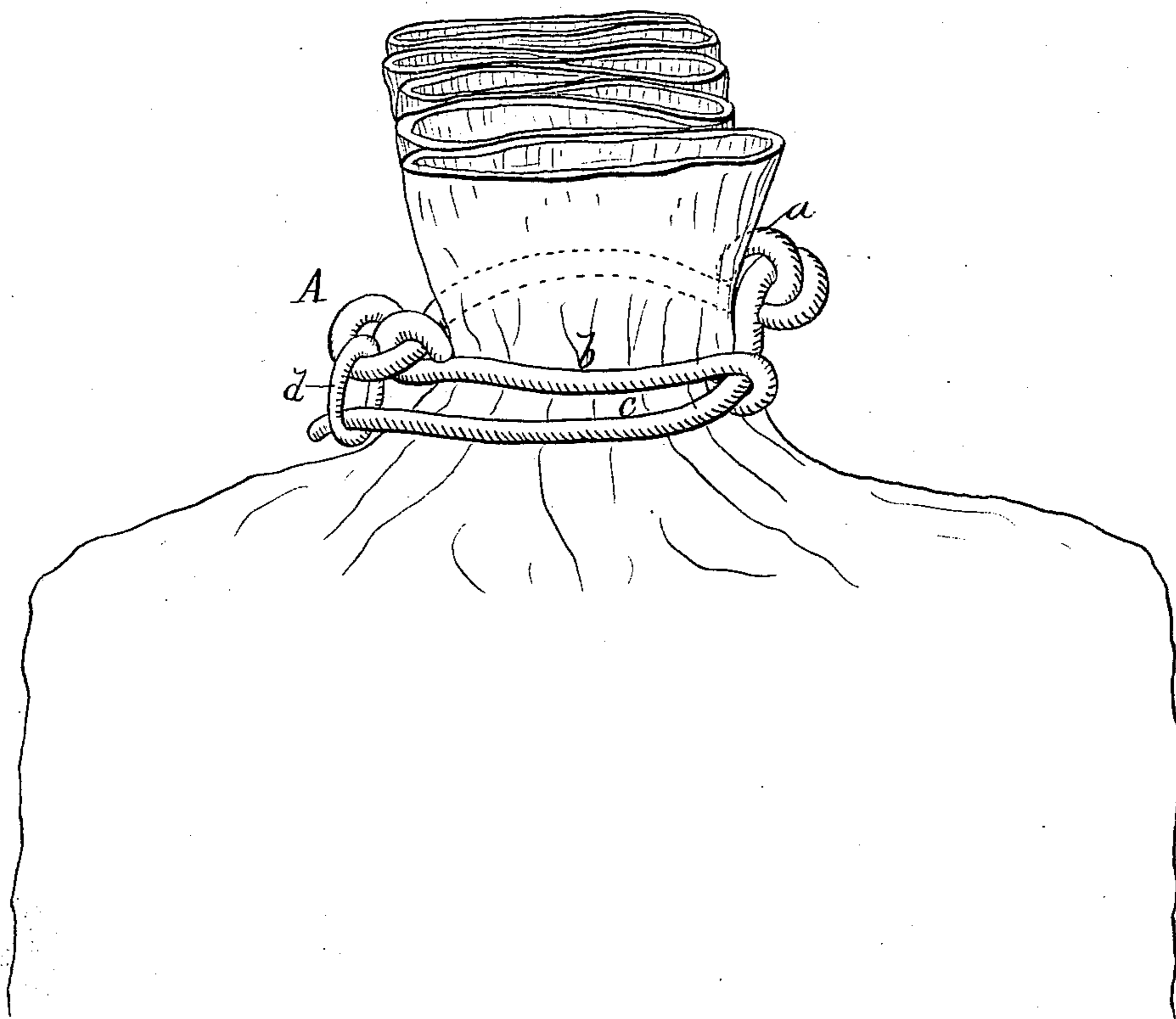


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BAG AND SACK FASTENERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLEY R. ELLIOTT, of Golden, in the county of Jefferson and State of Colorado, have invented a new and Improved Fastener for Bags and Sacks, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to furnish a simple and convenient device for fastening bags and sacks that may be used without sewing or otherwise permanently attaching it.

My device is adapted for grain and ore bags, particularly the latter; and it consists of two or more pieces of wire or links jointed together to pass around the gathered mouth of the bag, and provided with a tongue or arm, by which the jointed ends are drawn up and locked in place, as more particularly described in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein I have shown a side view of the fastener as attached upon a bag.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the fastener. This consists of two pieces, *a b*, of wire, preferably steel, curved slightly in the direction of their length, and formed with eyes or loops at both ends, and jointed together by interlocking the eyes at one end.

The parts *a b* are to be long enough to inclose the gathered mouth of the bag, and the fastener will be made of various sizes for different sizes and kinds of bags.

Upon the outer end of one of the wires *a*, as shown, is hung a wire arm or tongue, *c*, which is bent in a curved form to pass through the eye or loop on the outer end of wire *b*, and

is of a length to extend to the joint of the wires *a b*. Attached upon the joint is a ring, *d*, which, when the bag is fastened, is caught upon the end of arm *c*, to hold the same securely, and for greater security the end of *c* is nicked or made hook-shaped.

In applying the fastener, it is first placed around the bag, and the parts *a b* then drawn tightly together at their outer ends by using the arm *c* in the manner of a lever until the end of *c* can be caught by the ring *d*. This may be done by hand, or by using a pair of pinchers.

The fasteners may be secured to sacks, for convenience, with a piece of fine wire, so as to remain with the bags when opened.

The above-described fastening device for bags and sacks is durable, light, and convenient. It can be readily and quickly operated, and may be used on all kinds of bags, and to secure old bags that have become worn by repeated tying or sewing.

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

The improved bag and sack fastener A, consisting of the jointed wires or links *a b*, the jointed arm or tongue *c*, and the ring *d*, combined for operation substantially as described and shown.

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