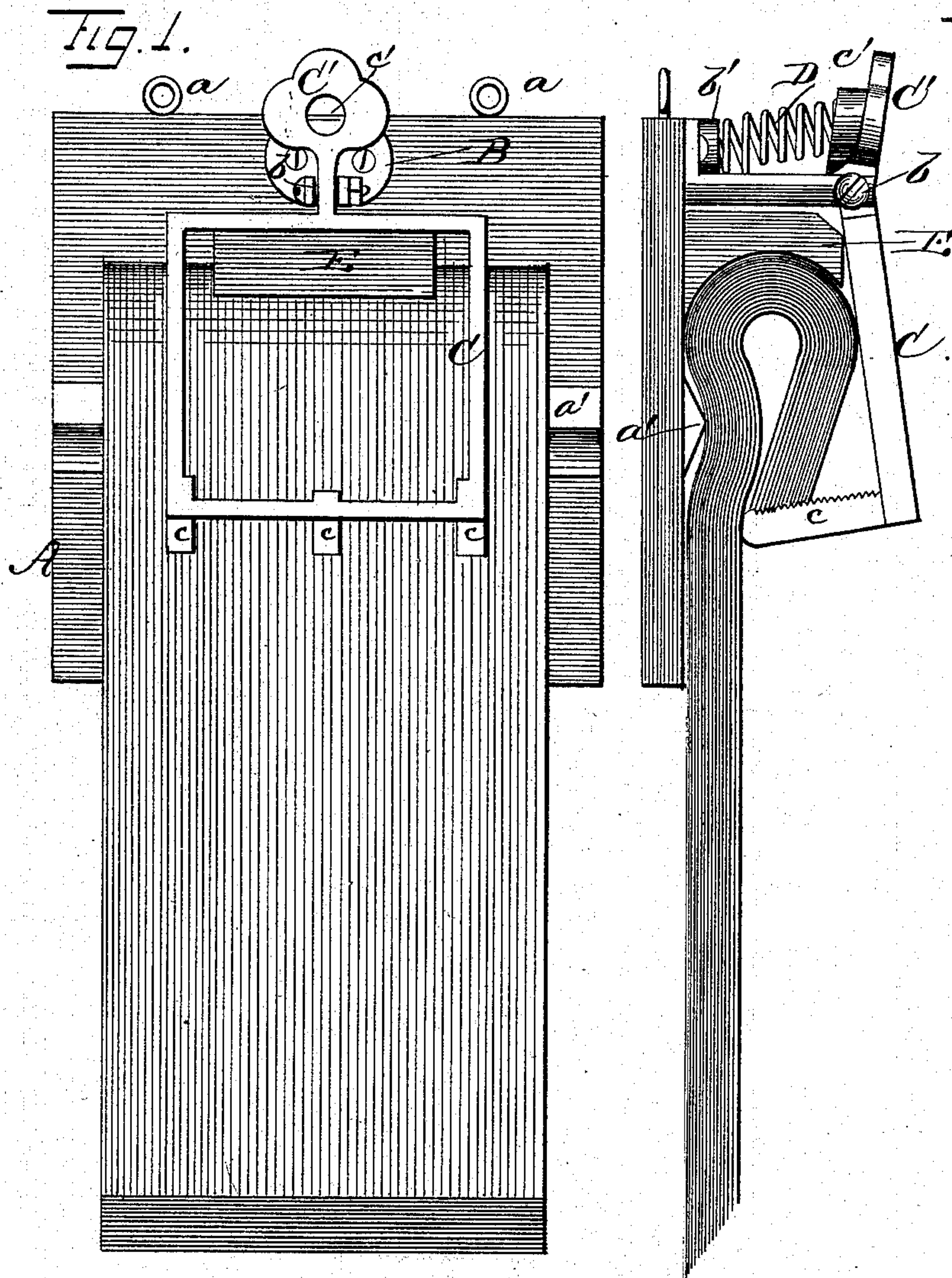


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. COOK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented an Improvement in Paper-Bag Holders, of which the following is a specification, to wit:

My invention relates to devices for holding paper bags in stores; and it consists in certain peculiarities of construction and arrangement which will presently be more fully explained.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to avail themselves of the benefits of my invention, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my invention, and Fig. 2 a side elevation of the same.

A represents a board or back, of suitable size, provided with eyes *a a*, for suspending the device from a nail or screws on the wall.

B is a casting secured to the face of the back A and formed with the post *b*. This post is bifurcated at its outer end, and pivoted to this bifurcation is a frame, C, which extends downward a suitable distance, and is provided with inwardly-extending arms *c c*. Any desired number of these arms may be used, having their inner edges serrated, as seen in Fig. 2, and their lower ends rounded, so as to allow the bags to slip under them without catching. Above the post *b* the frame C is provided with a thumb-piece, C', having a socket, *c'*, on its under side, in which is secured one end of a spiral spring, D, the opposite end resting in a similar socket, *b'*, on the casting B.

Under the frame C, secured to the back A, is a block, E, having its inner face concaved, as shown, and just below this block I secure across the back a double beveled strip, *a'*.

When it is desired to place bags in this holder I select any desired number and double their lower ends over, as seen in Fig. 2, and then depress the thumb-piece C', raising the frame C, with its legs *c c*, sufficiently to allow of slipping the bags into place. The fold of the pile of bags rests in the concave side of the block E, and the beveled strip *a'* under the back of the bags causes a curve in the pile at that point to assist in holding them in place. Upon releasing the thumb-piece the frame is forced back to place by the action of the spring D, and the legs *c c* press tightly against the bags and hold them securely in position. When one is wanted the top one is easily drawn out, while the others are held by the serrated legs *c c* and prevented from following. It will be seen that any number of legs *c c* may be used, and that a holder constructed as I have described will be cheap, durable, and convenient, and will hold any sized bag from the smallest to the largest.

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

The combination, in a bag-holder, of the back A, having block E, and beveled strip *a'*, with the post *b*, frame C, serrated legs *c c*, and spring D, all constructed and arranged to operate substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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