

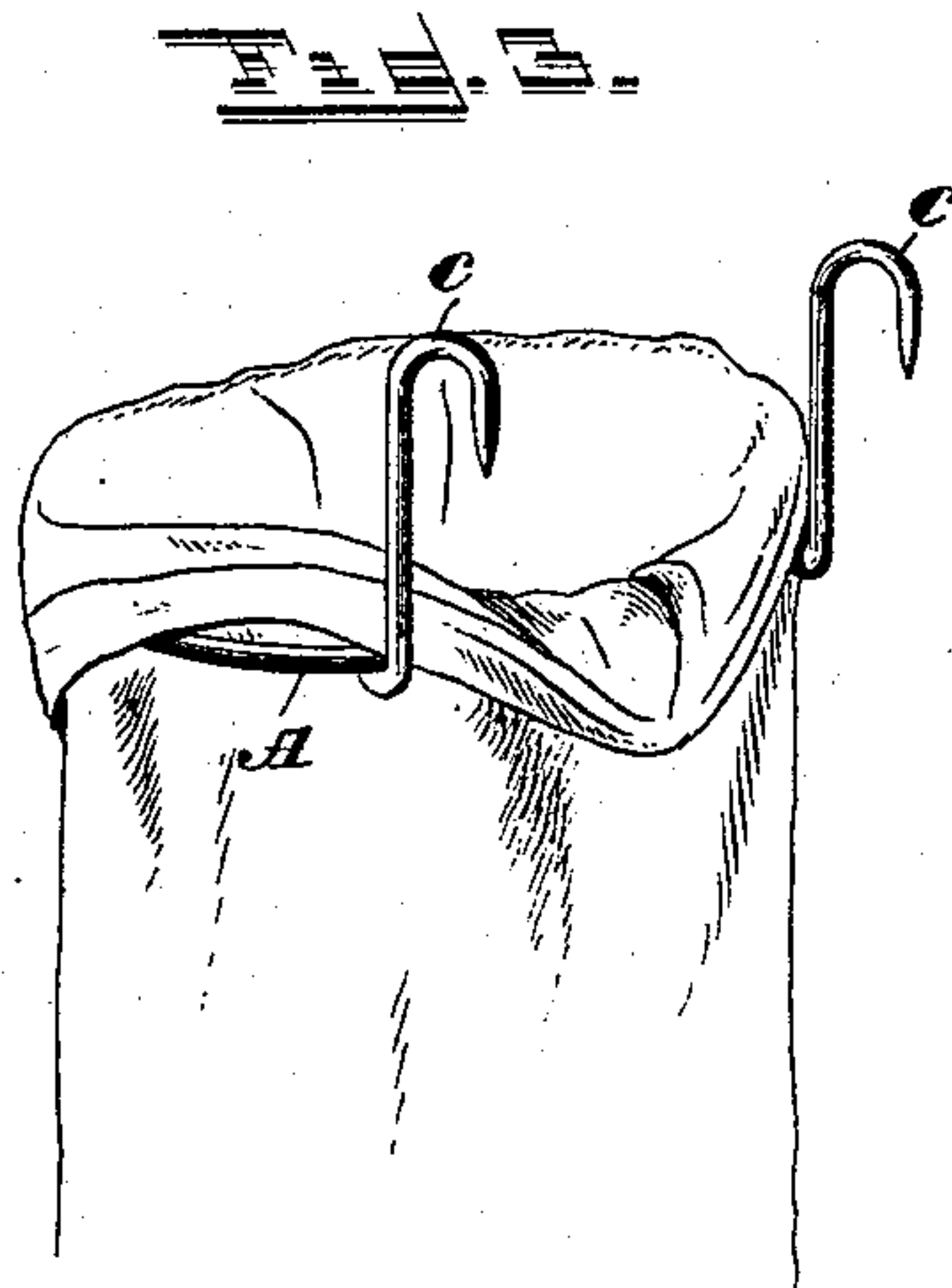
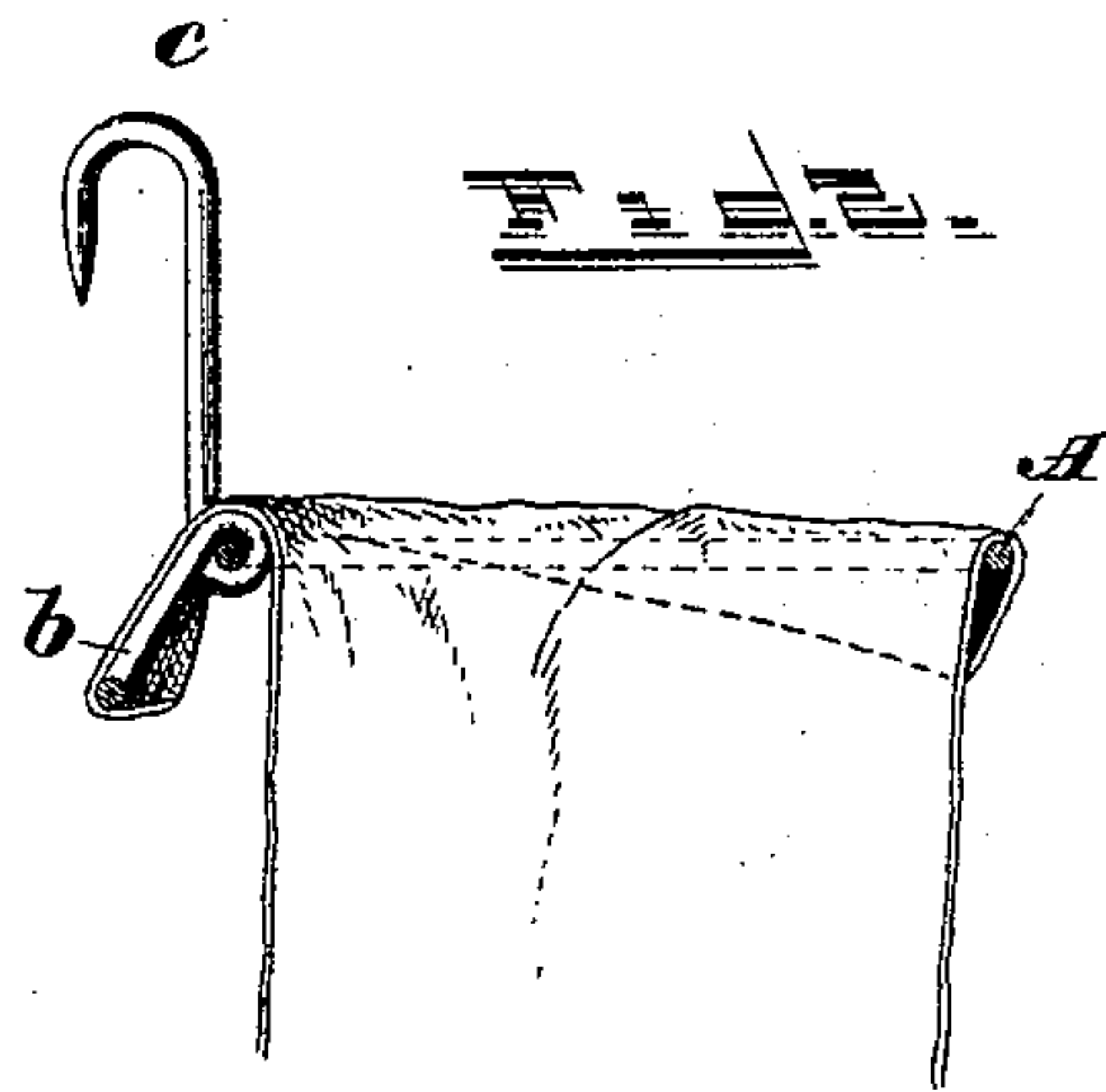
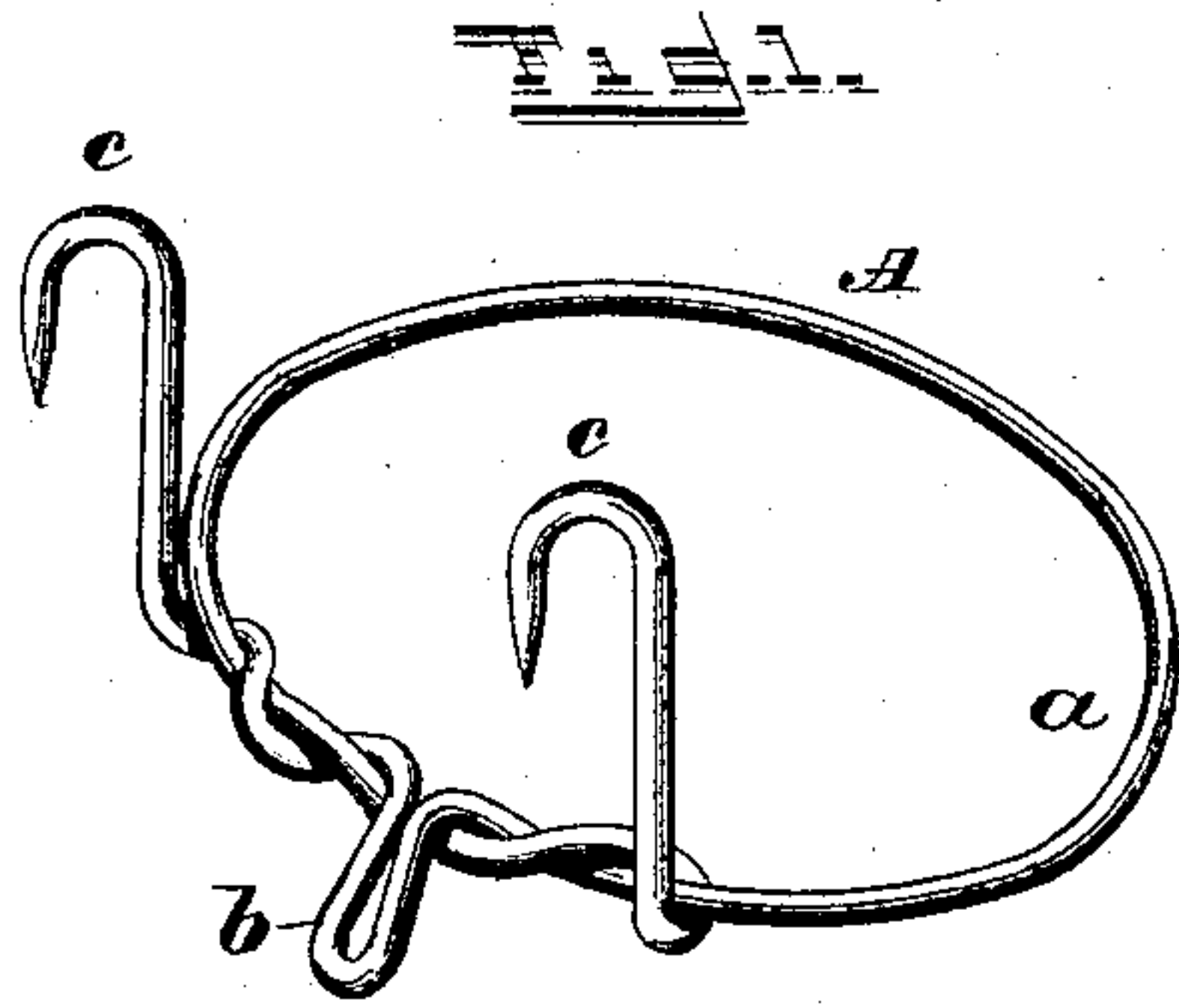
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## BAG-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ELLIS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Wayne, in the county of Du Page and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in bag-holders, the object thereof being to provide a simple and effective device to which a bag can be attached to hold the mouth of the same open, said device also being provided with means for attaching the same to a support, as a bin or barrel; and my invention consists in a bag-holder made of a single rod of metal, the terminal portions being bent to form hooks, while the central portion thereof is bent upon itself and downwardly to assist in retaining the bag, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved bag-holder. Fig. 2 is a sectional view showing the bag attached thereto. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the bag in position upon the holder.

A refers to a bar of metal of suitable size, which is bent to form a circular portion, *a*, the ends of the rod being bent together or looped upon themselves, as shown at *b*, so as to provide a downwardly-projecting portion. The ends are then coiled one or more times around the rod, and then bent upwardly to form hooks *c*, the ends of which are pointed. It will be observed that the downwardly-projecting portion *b* is inclined, so that when the device is attached to a bin or other object the hooks will pass over the upper edge of said bin, and the aforesaid downwardly-

projecting portion *b* will press against the side of the bin, so as to clamp or jam the bag against the same. The rod, where it is coiled around the portion *a*, will re-enforce or stiffen the same, and will locate the upwardly-projecting hooks *c* at a slight distance from the center, so that the hooks will prevent the parts rocking.

To secure a bag to my improved holder, it is drawn through the coil or ring *a* and the rear portion of the bag placed over and under the projecting portion *b*, after which the front edge of the bag is turned down over the ring *a*. This will securely hold the bag in position, and as the bag is filled the weight therein will cause pressure upon the downwardly-projecting portion *b*, so as to press the bag against said portion and bin.

The device hereinbefore described is extremely simple and cheap, and can be attached not only to bins or receptacles, but also to objects having flat tops, into which the pointed ends of the hooks will press.

I am aware that it is not broadly new to provide a bag-holder with means for holding the bag open by passing over the bag-holder and over the edges of the same, and I do not claim such construction, broadly; but

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

1. A bag-holder consisting of a band or hoop provided at one side with a tongue or loop extending down and outward from the hoop and having on either side of said tongue vertical shanks, each terminating at top in a hook, substantially as described.

2. A bag-holder consisting of a band or hoop provided at one side with a tongue extending down and outward from the hoop and having on either side of said tongue a vertical shank terminating in a sharp-pointed hook, substantially as described.

3. A bag-holder constructed of a single length of metal and consisting of a hoop provided at one side with a tongue extending down and outward and having on either side of said tongue a vertical shank terminating at top in a hook, substantially as described.

4. A bag-holder constructed of a single  
blank of metal bent to form the hoop *a* and  
the doubled tongue *b*, projecting down and  
outward from the hoop, the end of the blank  
5 being coiled around the hoop at each side of  
the tongue and terminating in vertical shanks  
having hooks at their upper ends, substan-  
tially as described.

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

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