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Fig. 1.

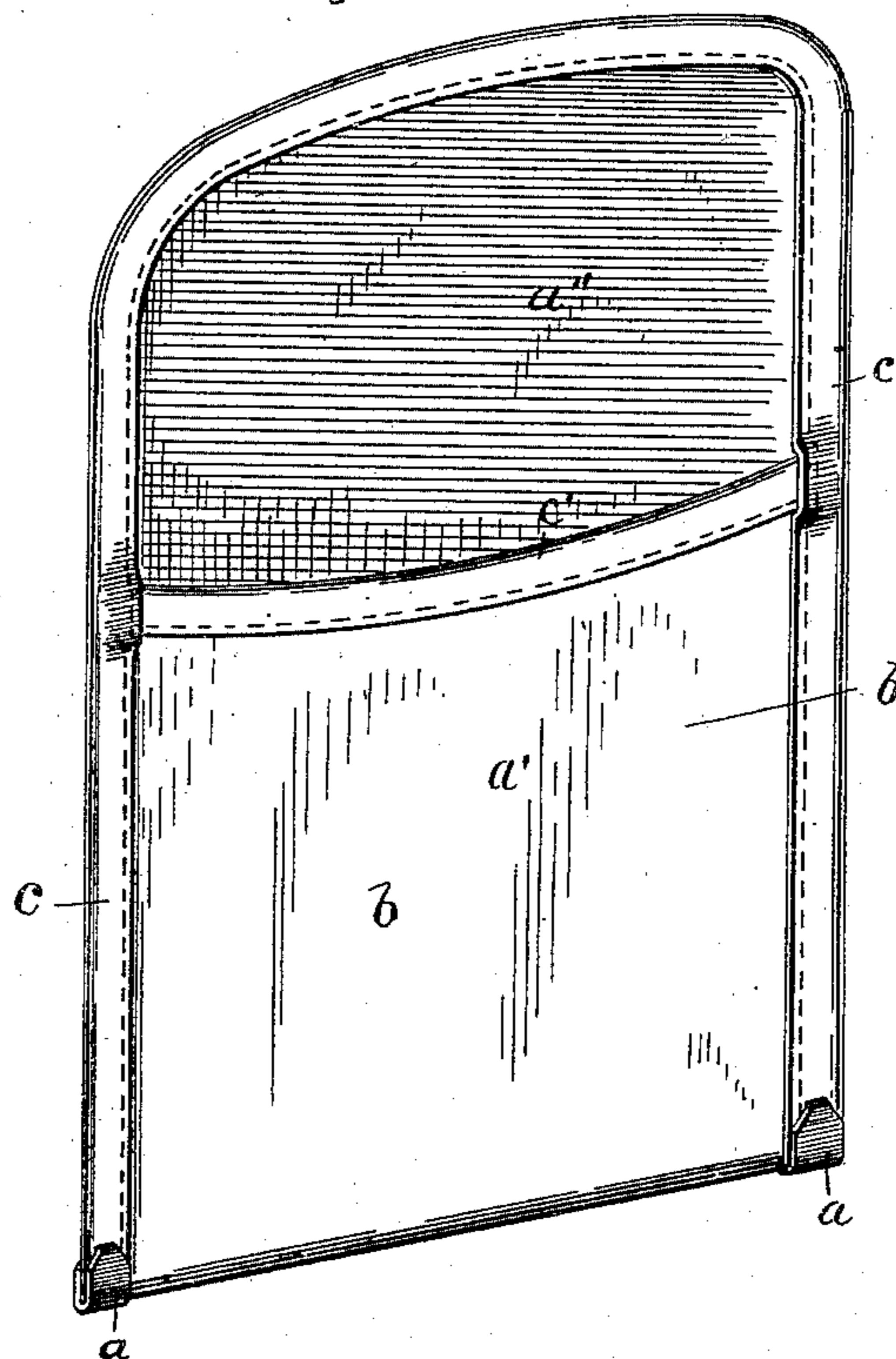
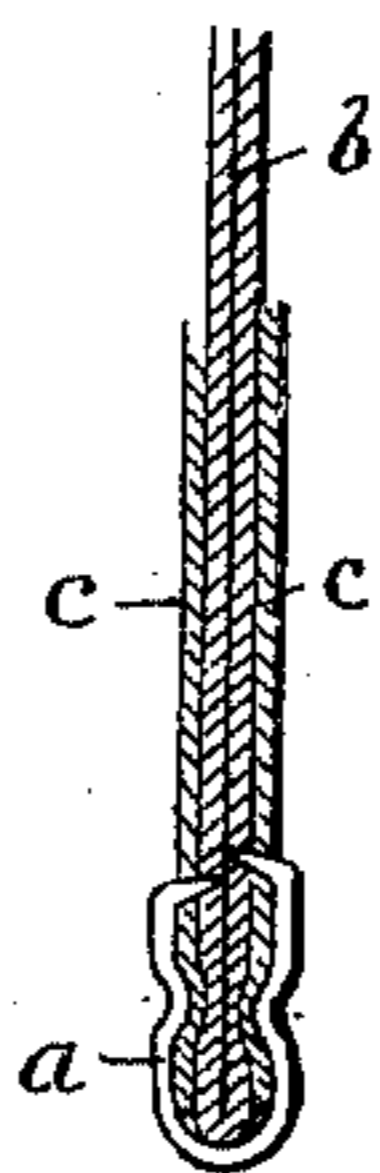


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. CUSSEN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have

5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tobacco Bags or Pouches, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 Referring to the annexed drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my pouch or bag complete; Fig. 2, an enlarged sectional view of one corner thereof, showing my improved device for securing the lower corners

15 of the bag, as will more fully hereinafter appear.

The invention has relation to certain new and useful improvements upon cloth tobacco bags and pouches; and it consists in certain

20 novel features which will be fully hereinafter described and claimed.

As will be seen by the drawings, the bag consists, preferably, of a single piece of cloth having one end *a'* folded over upon itself and

25 sewed along its side edges to form the pocket or pouch *b*, the other end *a''* of the piece serving as a flap to close the bag. A strip of braid or binding *c* embraces the edges of the bag, the binding in this instance passing up one

30 side of the bag, across the top, and down the other side to the bottom, where it terminates. This strip of binding embraces the parallel side edges of the front and rear parts of the bag or pouch and is securely sewed thereto,

35 the sewing passing through the binding-strip and the intermediate thickness of the bag-body. The top edge of the front of the bag may be provided with a separate binding-strip *c'*, as shown.

40 Embracing and permanently and securely clamping the lower corners of the bag are metallic clamps or fasteners *a*. These fasteners consist, preferably, each of a small double-pointed plate of sheet metal bent transversely

45 so as to embrace the lower edge of the bag, the points of the plate being bent inwardly toward each other to form short prongs or projections that enter the binding and the body of the bag, and thereby hold the fast-

eners in position. The fasteners are so located that they clamp over the lower ends of the binding-strip, thereby practically concealing the same and effectually preventing unraveling and ripping of the binding or bag-body.

55 As shown in Fig. 2, the sides of the metallic clips are preferably indented or pressed inwardly toward each other, so as to more securely clamp the interposed fabric.

The essential feature of this invention lies 60 in the permanent metallic fasteners, which are of particular importance, inasmuch as they hold the different parts of the pouch together and effectually prevent all ripping, (which would otherwise be sure to occur after 65 a few days' use in the pocket,) and thereby render the pouch much more durable and serviceable.

The pouch or bag, as is evident, may be employed for tobacco, cigars, and any other pur- 70 pose for which it may prove suitable.

I do not limit myself to the particular form of fastening device shown, as others with equal advantage may be employed.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, a tobacco-bag consisting of a single piece of fabric folded over upon itself at one end to 80 form a pocket, a braid or binding embracing the vertical edges of the main and folded portions of the bag and stitched thereto, this binding terminating at the lower corners of the bag, and double-pointed metallic plates 85 bent transversely and permanently clamped over the lower raw ends of the braid and the body of the bag, the pointed ends of these plates being bent and forced into the interposed braid and bag, substantially as and for 90 the purpose described.

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

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