

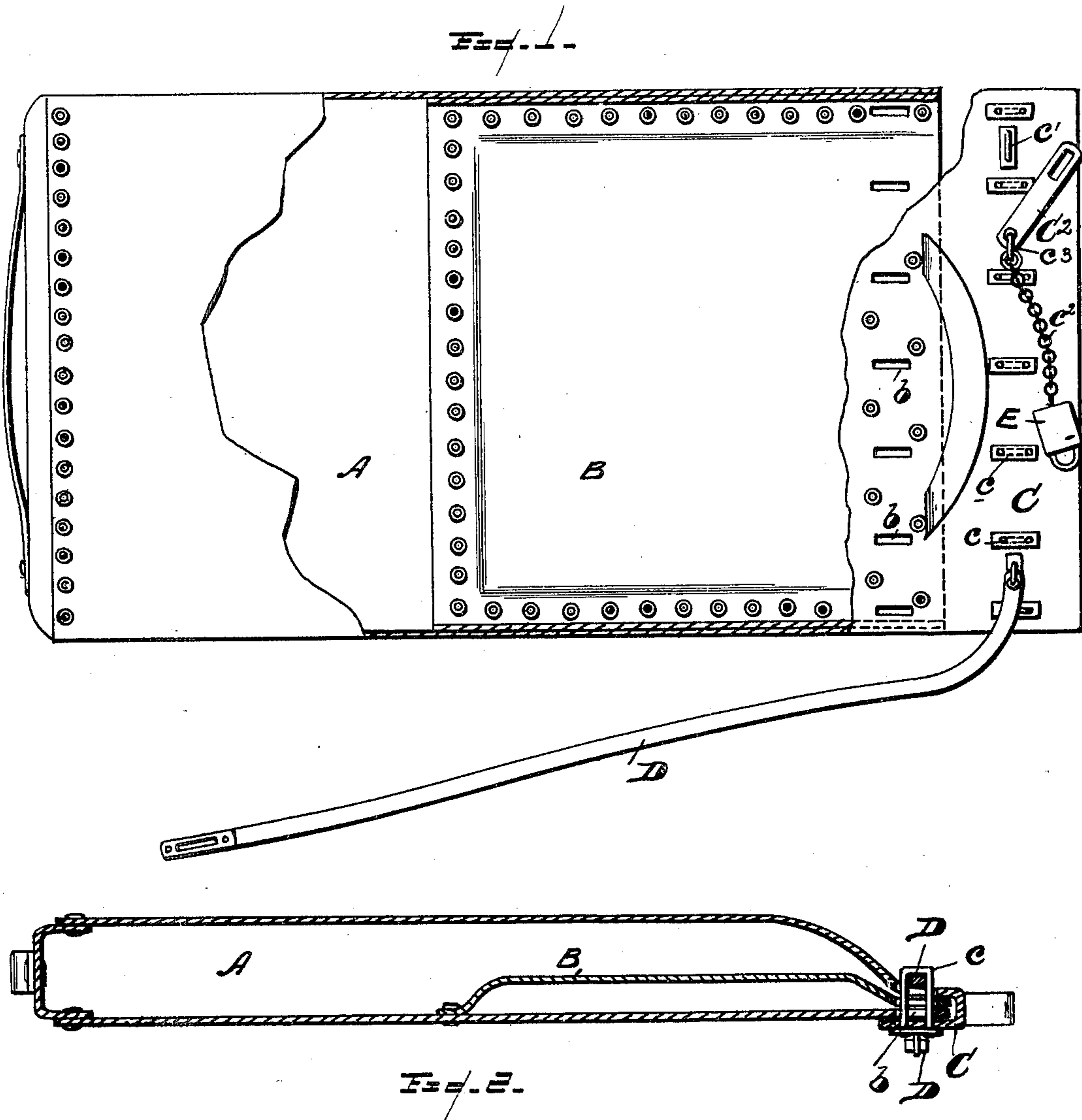
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES LAWRENCE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Owosso, county of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Mail-Pouches; and I 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 pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to mail-pouches; and it consists in improvements in the construction of the pouch, whereby provision is made for an interior supplemental pouch attached to the main pouch to carry registered mail and keep the same separate from the general mail carried in the pouch.

My invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a sectional view having a portion of the pouch cut away to show the form and location of the supplemental pouch. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view.

In the drawings, A represents the main body of the pouch, and B the supplemental pouch within the main pouch.

C is the flap of the main pouch, extending beyond the body and is provided with the usual series of staples *c*. The supplemental pouch is placed within the main pouch, the upper edges coming on a line with the upper edge of the body of the main pouch.

b b are slits to receive the staples *c* and are cut through the four thicknesses of the leather—namely, through the front and back of the main pouch and through the front and back of the supplemental pouch—the construction being such that where the staples are passed through these slits and locked in the manner common to mail-pouches the mouths of both the main and supplemental pouches are closed and locked by the locking device. By this arrangement the supplemental pouch is also closed against the discharge of its contents into the main pouch. By this construction also the mouth of the supplemental pouch is brought up to the mouth of

the main pouch, so that in the use of the pouch the registered mail designed to be carried in the supplemental pouch can be removed before the general mail is disturbed.

The manner in which I discharge the contents of the pouch is to take hold of the flap for unlocking it, reach in and take out the contents of the registered-mail department, and then invert the pouch and deliver the general mail. If desired, the bag can be unlocked and then emptied of the two classes of mail by taking hold of the pouch at the point near the bottom of the registered department and allowing that mail to fall out of the pouch and then by inverting the pouch to deliver the general mail.

Independent means may be used for closing the mouth of the supplemental pouch, if desired, such as buttoning or otherwise closing its mouth within the mouth of the main pouch, as there is no particular necessity of locking the supplemental pouch if the mouth of the main pouch is locked, the only necessity being to close the mouth of the supplemental bag, so as to prevent the contents from being discharged into the main pouch and being mixed with the general mail.

The pouch herein shown is locked by passing the staples attached to flaps through the body of the pouch and then carrying the strap D through the series of staples, around each edge of the bag, and then locking the same to the staples *c'*.

C² is a plate or seal attached at one end to the staple *c³* and to be locked at the opposite end to the staple *c'*, when the bag is locked.

E is the padlock for closing the bag and is attached to the chain *c²*. The chain is fixed to the staple *c³* and is provided at the opposite end with a hook for engaging it with the padlock.

The advantages of the construction shown consist in preventing the contact of the registered mail with the general mail to prevent injury to it and the breakage of packages and in the keeping of the registered mail separate from the general mail, whereby it may be more advantageously handled on delivery, as no time is lost in separating it from the

general mail. The desirableness of the arrangement will appear to all engaged in the mail service.

What I claim is—

5 1. The combination of the main pouch and a supplemental pouch within the main pouch formed by attaching to the wall of the main pouch a flap having sufficient fullness to form a pocket for registered mail and means for
10 locking the main pouch and the supplemental pouch, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the main pouch, for the general mail, the supplemental pouch for special mail, and single means arranged for
15 locking both pouches.

3. The combination of the main pouch, for the general mail, the supplemental pouch located wholly within the main pouch for special mail, and single means for locking both
20 pouches substantially as described.

4. The combination of the main pouch for the general mail, and the supplemental pouch wholly within the main pouch for special mail, having its mouth approximately on a line with
25 the mouth of the main pouch substantially as described.

5. The combination of the main pouch, for the general mail, the supplemental pouch lo-

cated wholly within the main pouch for special mail, and having its mouth approximately
30 on a line with the mouth of the main pouch and single means for locking both pouches substantially as described.

6. The combination of the main pouch, the flap provided with the staples, the supplemental pouch located within the main pouch
35 and having its mouth approximately on a line with the mouth of the main pouch, said main pouch and supplemental pouch provided with slits through the front and back of each and
40 means for locking the staples on the flaps through the four thicknesses of the walls of the pouches substantially as described.

7. The combination of the main pouch and a supplemental pouch formed by attaching to
45 the walls of the main pouch a flap having sufficient fullness to form a pocket for the registered mail and single means for locking both pockets, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses. 50

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