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Fig. 1.

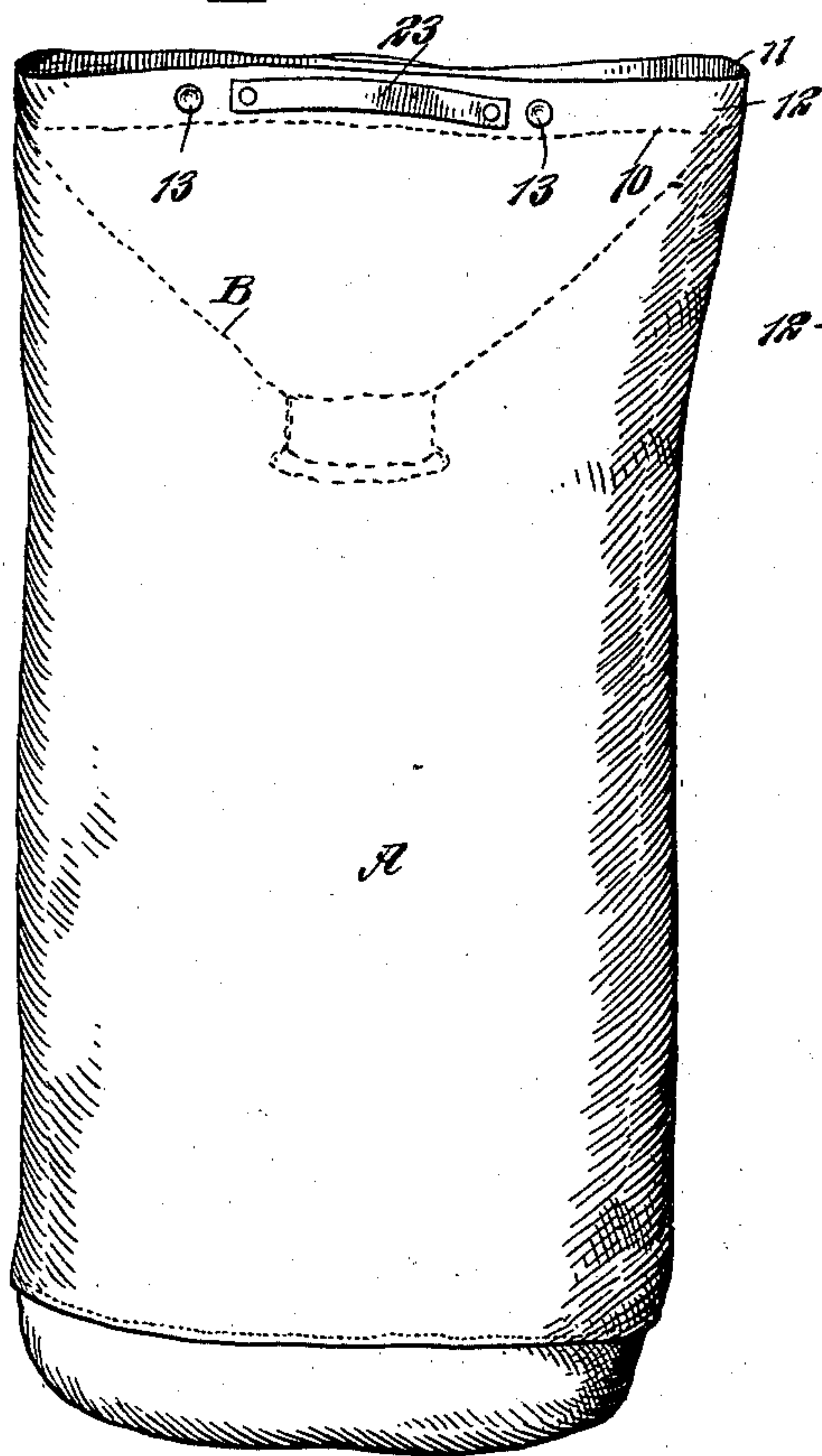


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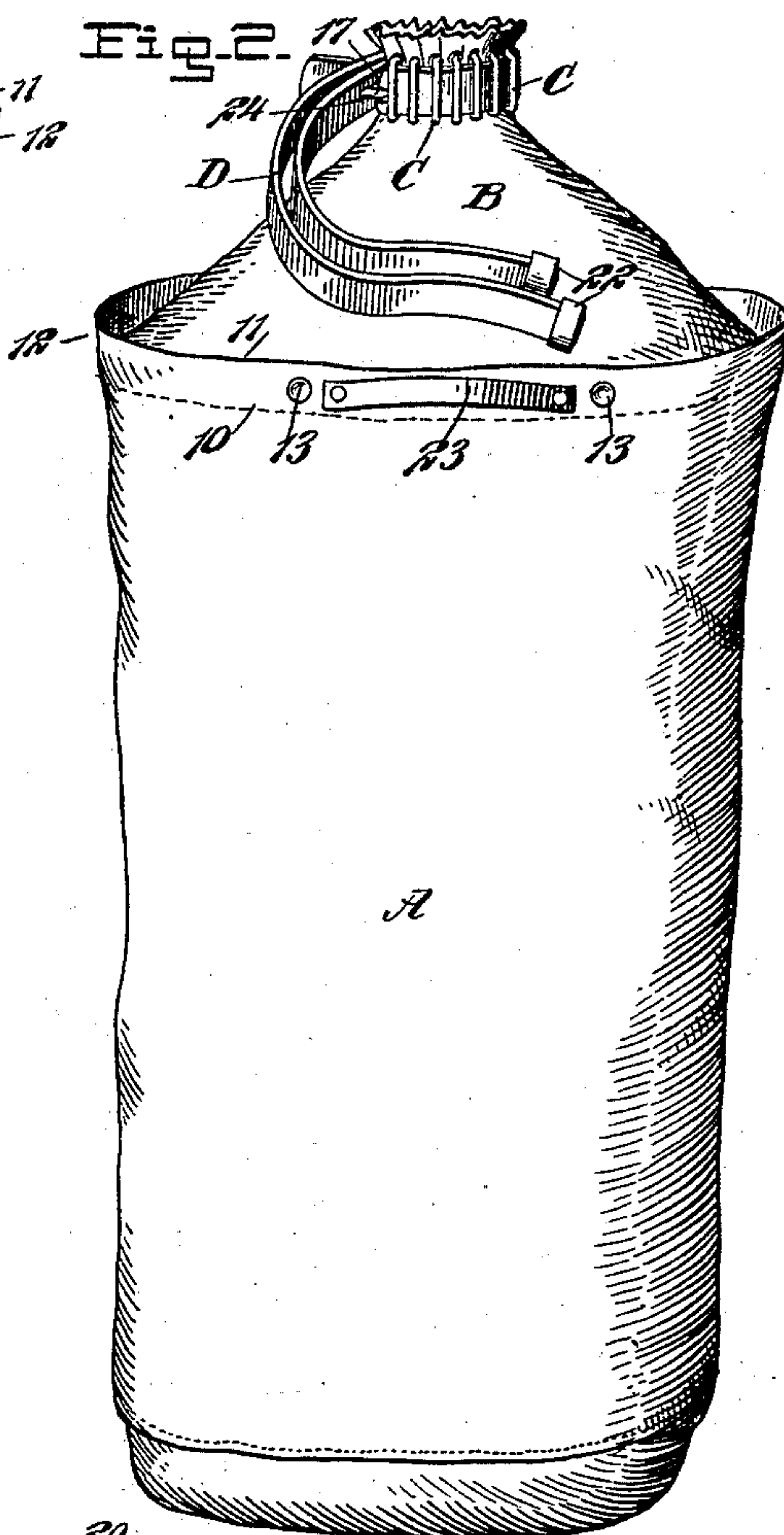


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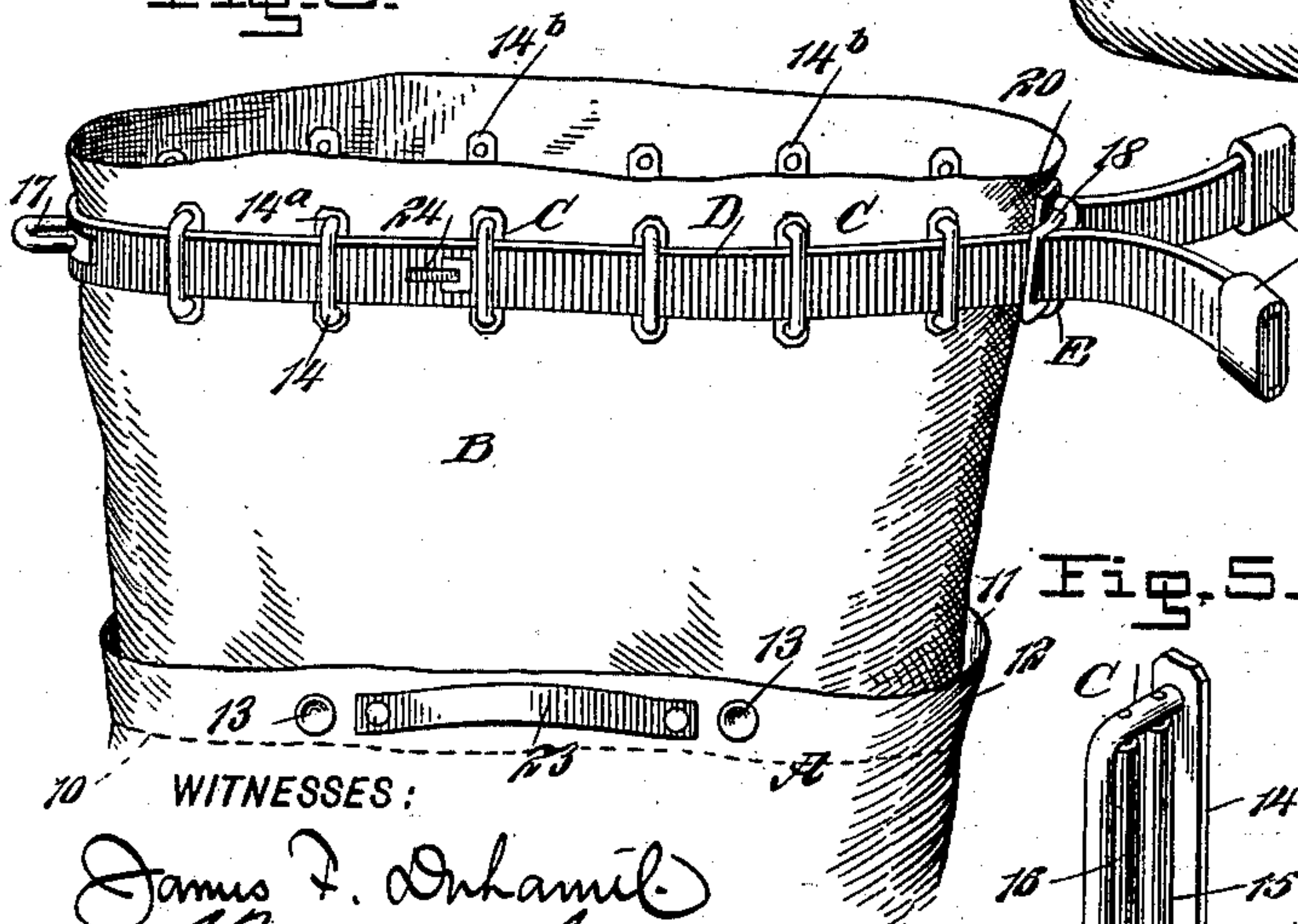


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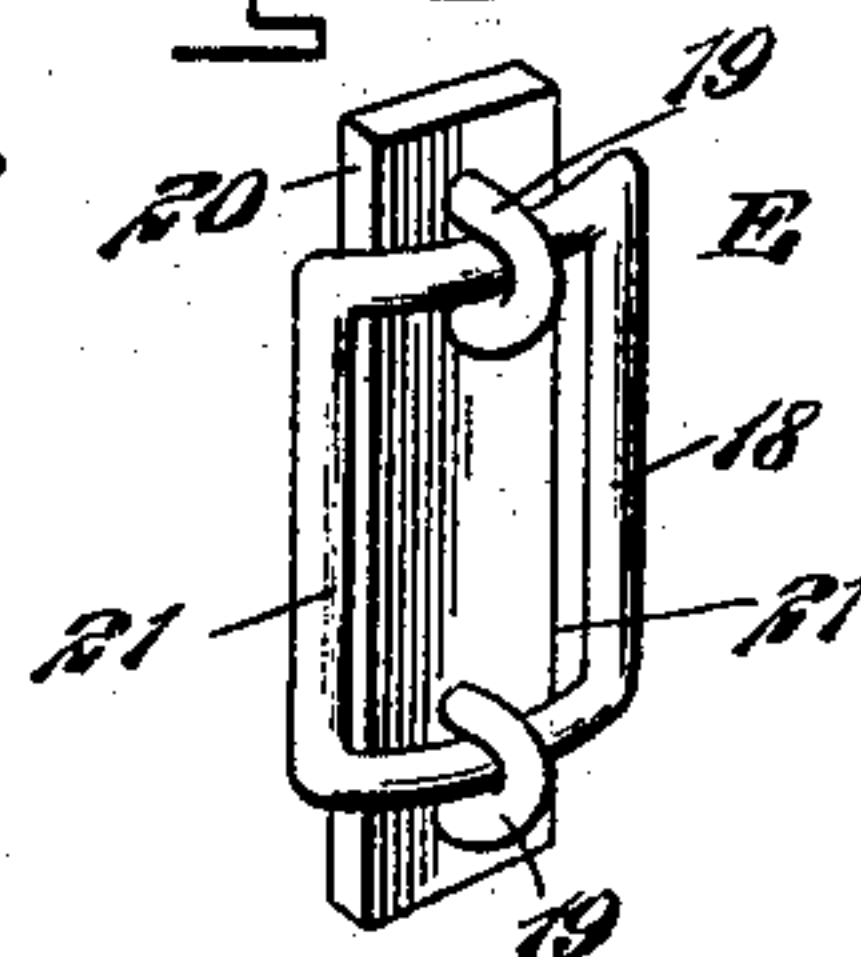
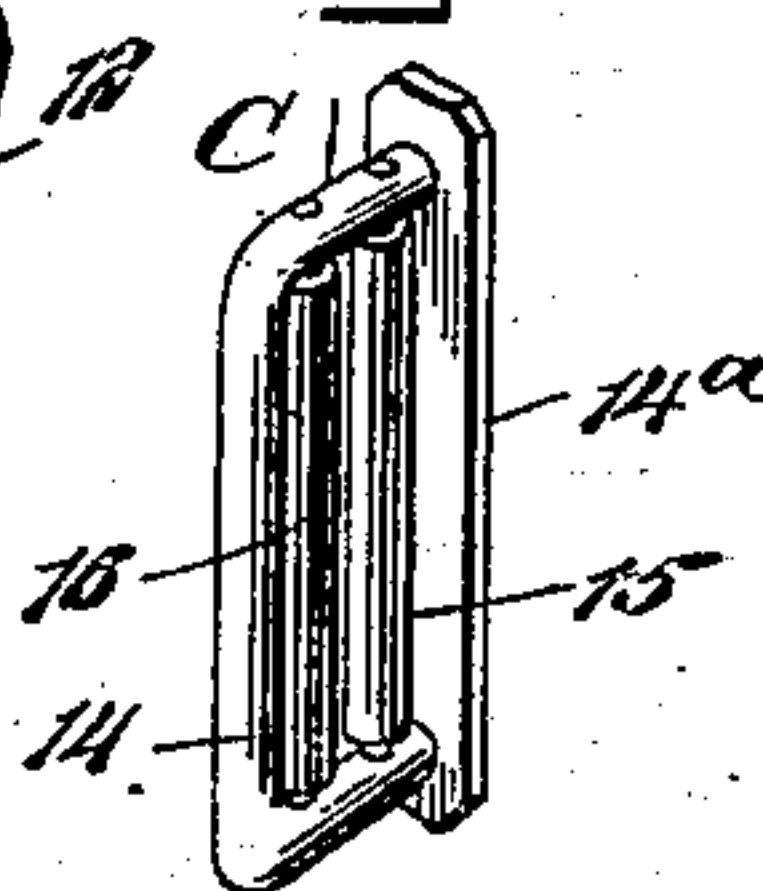


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## MAIL-POUCH.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JASPER NEWTON TABLER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Royse City, in the county of Rock-wall and State of Texas, have invented a new and Improved Mail-Pouch, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of the invention is to provide an extension-top for mail-pouches and a simple, quickly-operated, and secure fastening device for the mouth of said extension-top, and to further so apply the extension-top to the body of the pouch that when the mouth is locked the extension-top and its fastening device will drop within the body of the bag, the top portion of which body may be held closed by auxiliary devices.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a mail-pouch having the improvement applied, the extension-top having been locked and dropped within the body and the upper portion of the body being closed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the mail-pouch, the extension-top being shown as extending from the body and its mouth closed and locked. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the upper portion of a mail-pouch and the extension-top, the latter being open and illustrating the construction of the fastening device applied to the extension-top; and Figs. 4 and 5 are detail views of guides for the strap which forms a portion of the fastening device for the mouth portion of the extension-top.

A represents the body of a mail-pouch, which is of the conventional shape and may be made of any desired material.

B represents an extension-top for the body of the pouch. This extension-top B is of a lighter material than that of the body, and the extension-top at its lower edge is attached to the inner surface of the body by stitching or otherwise at a line 10 any desired distance from the upper edge 11 of the body, thus forming a flap 12 at the top of the body, which is

free from the extension-top B. This flap 12 is provided on one side, usually, with spring-buttons 13, adapted to enter suitable sockets (not shown) and which are secured to the opposite side of the flap. A series of loop-frames C is arranged in rows at opposite sides of the extension-top B, near the mouth thereof, and these loop-frames are placed parallel with the longitudinal axis of the bag or pouch and may be placed any desired distance apart. Each loop-frame C, as shown in Fig. 5, consists of a bow-body 14, having its ends secured to a plate 14<sup>a</sup>, and this plate is attached to the outer face of the extension-top by rivets or otherwise, which rivets are usually passed through reinforcing-plates 14<sup>b</sup>, placed upon the inner surface of the extension-top, as illustrated in Fig. 3. Usually two rollers 15 and 16 are mounted to turn in the bow member 14 of each loop-frame C; but one of the rollers (the roller 16) may be omitted and a sleeve substituted, which sleeve when employed turns loosely upon the vertical member of the bow. A strap D is passed between the rollers 15 and 16 of all of the loop-frames C, and the ends of the strap extend beyond the extension-top, as is shown in Fig. 3, and at the side of the extension-top opposite that at which the staple 17 is located a guide E is secured to the extension-top. As shown in Fig. 4, this guide consists of a link 18, secured at the central portion of its top and bottom by staples 19 or their equivalents to the plate 20, and this plate is attached by rivets or other means securely to the extension portion of the bag. The link 18 is preferably curved in direction of the curvature of the bag, as is shown in Figs. 3 and 4. The side portions of the link 18 extend sufficiently beyond the sides of the plate 20 to provide openings 21, through which openings the ends of the strap D are loosely passed, and preferably enlargements 22 are formed at the extremities of the strap.

Handles 23 are usually attached to the body portion of the bag, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, and slots 24 are made in the strap D, one at each side of the extension-top and at an equal distance from the staple 17. When the extension-top is fully open, as shown in Fig. 3, the mouth of the top constitutes the mouth of the bag. When the bag is to be closed,



the strap D is grasped by one hand at its extremities and the guide E is pressed upon by the other hand. The guide is pressed in one direction, while the strap is drawn in an opposite direction, and in this manner the material at the mouth portion of the extension-top is drawn close together in many folds, the strap passing easily through the loop-frames C. When the mouth of the extension-top has thus been completely closed, the slots 24 in the straps will be opposite each other. These slots are then made to receive the staple 17, and the hasp of a lock is thereupon passed through the staple. After the extension-top has been thus closed by its own weight it will drop down into the body of the bag, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, and then the opposing sides of the flap 12 are brought together and connected by the auxiliary locking device heretofore referred to.

This form of bag protects the locking device, renders the bag easily handled, and the fastening device enables the bag to be quickly locked or unlocked, and the extension-top provides an ample opening for the reception of material.

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

1. A mail pouch or bag provided with an extension-top connected with the inside of the pouch and adapted to be entirely received by the body thereof, loop-frames provided with rollers secured to the extension-top at the mouth, a strap passed between the rollers of the loop-frames, and a staple which secures the strap between its ends to the extension-top, the said strap being provided with opposing slots adapted to register and to receive said staple when the mouth of the extension of the bag is closed, as specified.

2. The combination, with a mail pouch or bag and an extension-top for the same, the extension-top being secured to the inner surface of the body of the pouch near the upper edge of said body, and a strap passed around the extension-top, the said strap being secured at its center to the top and provided

at its secured portion with a staple, of loop-frames secured to the outer surface of the extension-top, the loop-frames having rollers therein, between which rollers the said strap is passed, the strap having slots at opposite sides of the extension-top at equal distances from the staple, and a guide-link provided with a plate centrally dividing it, which plate is secured to the extension-top at a point opposite that at which the staple is located, the ends of the strap being passed through the said link at each side of the dividing-plate, for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, with a mail pouch or bag and an extension-top for the same, the said extension-top being secured to the inner surface of the body of the pouch near the upper edge of the said body, and a strap passed around the extension-top, the said strap being secured at its center to the top and provided at its secured portion with a staple, of loop-frames secured to the outer surface of the extension-top, the loop-frames having rollers therein, between which rollers the said strap is passed, the strap having slots at opposite sides of the extension-top at equal distances from the staple, and a guide-link provided with a plate centrally dividing it, which plate is secured to the extension-top at a point opposite that at which the staple is located, the ends of the strap being passed through the said link at each side of the dividing-plate, knobs formed at the ends of the said strap, and fastening devices located at the upper portion of the body of the bag or pouch and adapted to close the said upper portion of the body of the bag or pouch when the extension-top has been closed and passed downward into the body of the bag or pouch, as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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