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Fig. 1.

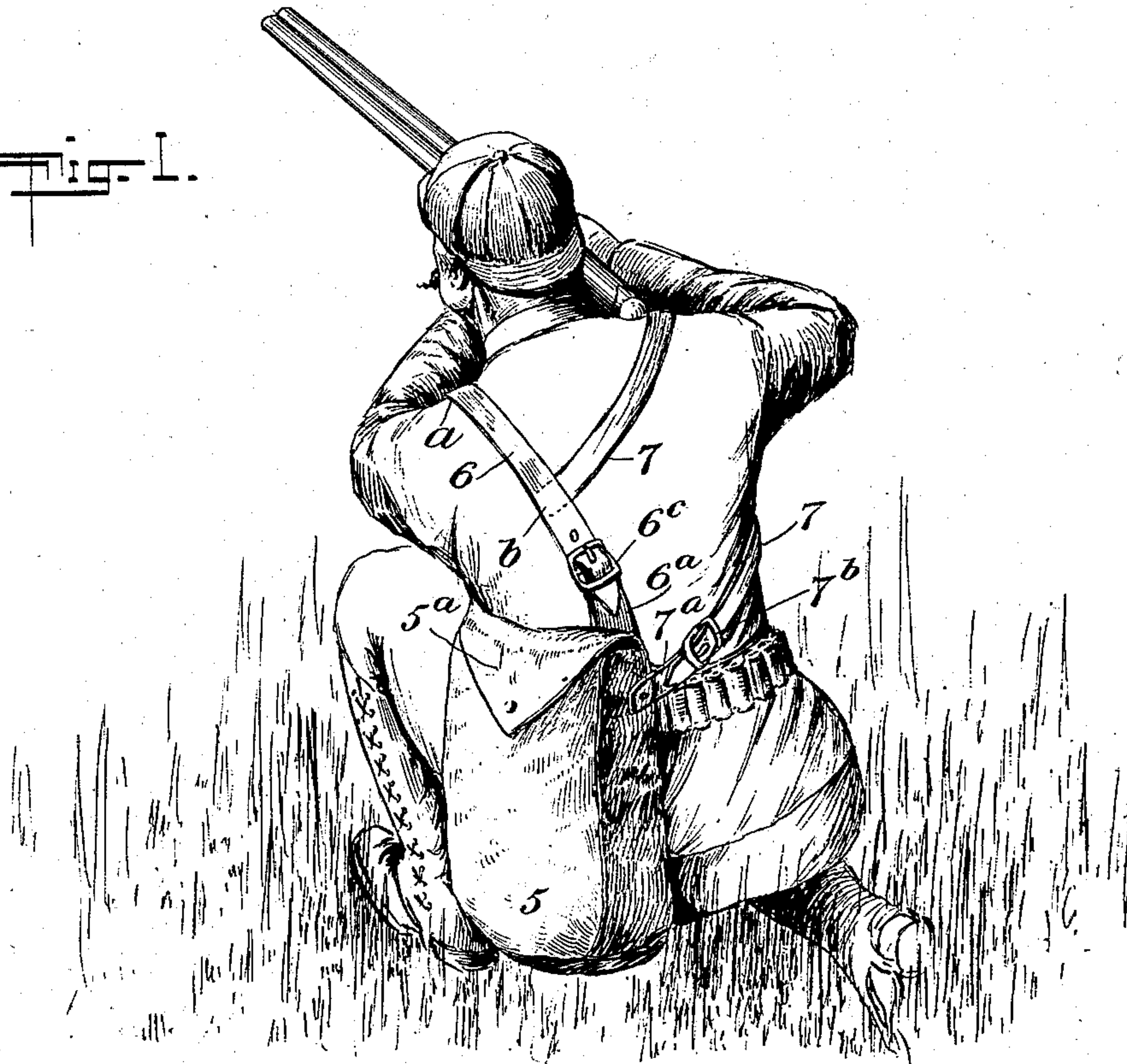
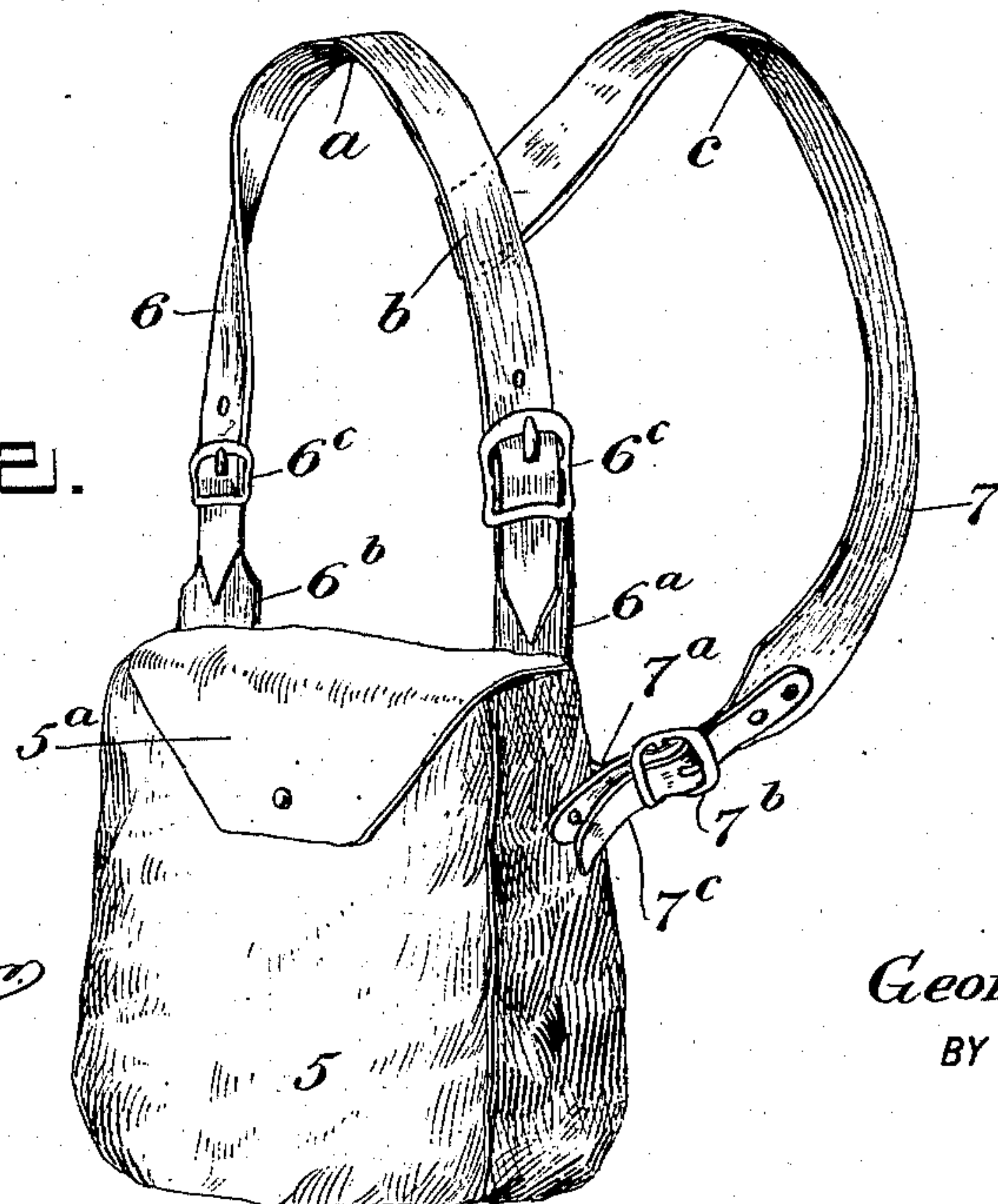


Fig. 2.



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SUSPENDING ATTACHMENT FOR GAME-BAGS, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE FRANKLIN CLARKE, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and a resident of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario and Dominion of Canada, have invented a new and Improved Suspending Attachment for Game-Bags and the Like, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple novel attachment for suspending a game or other bag from the shoulders and body of a person so as to support the receptacle upright and hugged closely to the body in a perfectly secure manner, leave one shoulder and both arms free, and prevent displacement of the bag when the wearer assumes a leaning, kneeling, stooping, or crouching position, or when walking, or riding on a bicycle.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, as is hereinafter described, and defined in the appended 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 both figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective representation of the improved suspending appliance connected with a game-holding bag and supporting the bag at one side of the person of a sportsman in a secure manner, leaving the arms free for handling of a gun or the like; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a bag-like receptacle and of the improved attachment detachably connected therewith for the convenient and secure suspension of the bag and its contents from the person of the wearer.

The bag 5 may be formed of canvas or other available material, having four sides, a closed bottom, and an open upper end closed by a flap-cover 5^a; but as the bag is not a feature of the invention it is to be understood that any available form may be given thereto and any suitable material be utilized in its production.

The bag-suspending attachment may be formed of leather, canvas, or other pliable material which may be given band form and have necessary strength for its service and, as

shown, consists, essentially, of two straps or bands 6 7, connected together and to the bag 5 as follows:

Two tabs 6^a 6^b are firmly secured upon the side of the bag 5 that in service has contact with a side and hip of the person donning the bag, these tabs being respectively positioned near the open top of the bag adjacent to the flap-cover 5^a and near what may be termed the "end" walls of the receptacle. The tabs 6^a 6^b are afforded proper length and have sufficient width to insure their flat contact with the body of the wearer, and upon the free end of each tab a buckle 6^c is secured. The strap or band 6 is removably secured upon the tabs 6^a 6^b by a buckled engagement of the end portions of the band with the buckles 6^c, respectively, producing the looped portion *a* on said strap or band.

One end of the strap or band 7 is secured upon an end portion of the band 6 at a suitable point *b* near the tab 6^a, affixed upon the bag 5 at or near its rear end wall or the portion of the bag that is at the posterior of the wearer's body when the bag is in place thereon. The opposite end of the band 7 is secured upon the rear end wall of the bag 5 near its upper edge, preferably, as shown, by provision of the tab 7^a and buckle 7^b thereon, said tab being affixed by one end upon the end wall of the bag, so that the buckle 7^b may be connected to the strap 7^c, that is extended from the wider band 7 at its lower end.

In donning the bag 5 for use either as a game-carrying bag or for the reception and portage of any material the user thereof places the looped portion *a* of the band 6 over the left shoulder and passes the right arm through the bight *c* of the band 7. This arrangement of the bands 6 and 7 will dispose the bag 5 at the left side of the wearer, and if the bands are properly proportioned to suit the physique of the person the bag will hang close upon the left hip and adjacent to the posterior, which will afford freedom of movement to the arms and distribute the weight of material placed in the bag upon the shoulders and left hip.

It will be seen that from the position had

by the bag 5 and the coöperation of the bands 6 7 for its support weight sustained by the bands will not incommode the one wearing the bag and its attachments and, further-
5 more, that there will not be any objectionable changes in the position of the bag when it is partly or completely filled with weighty material should the wearer assume a stooping, kneeling, a crouching, or other abnormal po-
10 sition that may become necessary while hunting, touring on foot, or riding on a bicycle.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Pat-
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15 1. A bag-carrying attachment, comprising two bands, one of said bands being secured at its side upon the rear side of the bag near its top, forming a loop therein, and the other band connected by one end to a member of the looped
20 band at an angle thereto, and then doubled and connected by the remaining end upon the rear end wall of the bag.

2. A bag-carrying attachment, comprising a band secured by its ends on the rear wall of
25 the bag respectively near the opposite end walls thereof, forming a loop in said band, and another band having one end secured at an angle upon the first-named band near its loop, and the remaining end secured upon the
30 rear end wall of the bag and forming a bight

therein that may be extended laterally from the looped band and from the bag.

3. The combination with a bag open at the top, of a carrying attachment therefor, comprising two tabs affixed by one end of each 35 upon the rear wall of the bag near the top and end walls thereof, and buckles on the free ends of the tabs, of a looped band the ends of which are respectively connected with the buckles, and another band having one end affixed upon 40 a rear portion of the first-named band between the loop and buckle, and extended therefrom at an angle, a tab on the rear end wall of the bag, and a buckle thereon, the remaining end of the second-named band having engagement 45 with said buckle.

4. A bag-carrying attachment, comprising a band, securing means on each end of the band, adapted to connect with a bag, a coact-
ing band fast by one end on the main band, 50 and means on the opposite end of the coacting band for securing it to said bag.

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

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