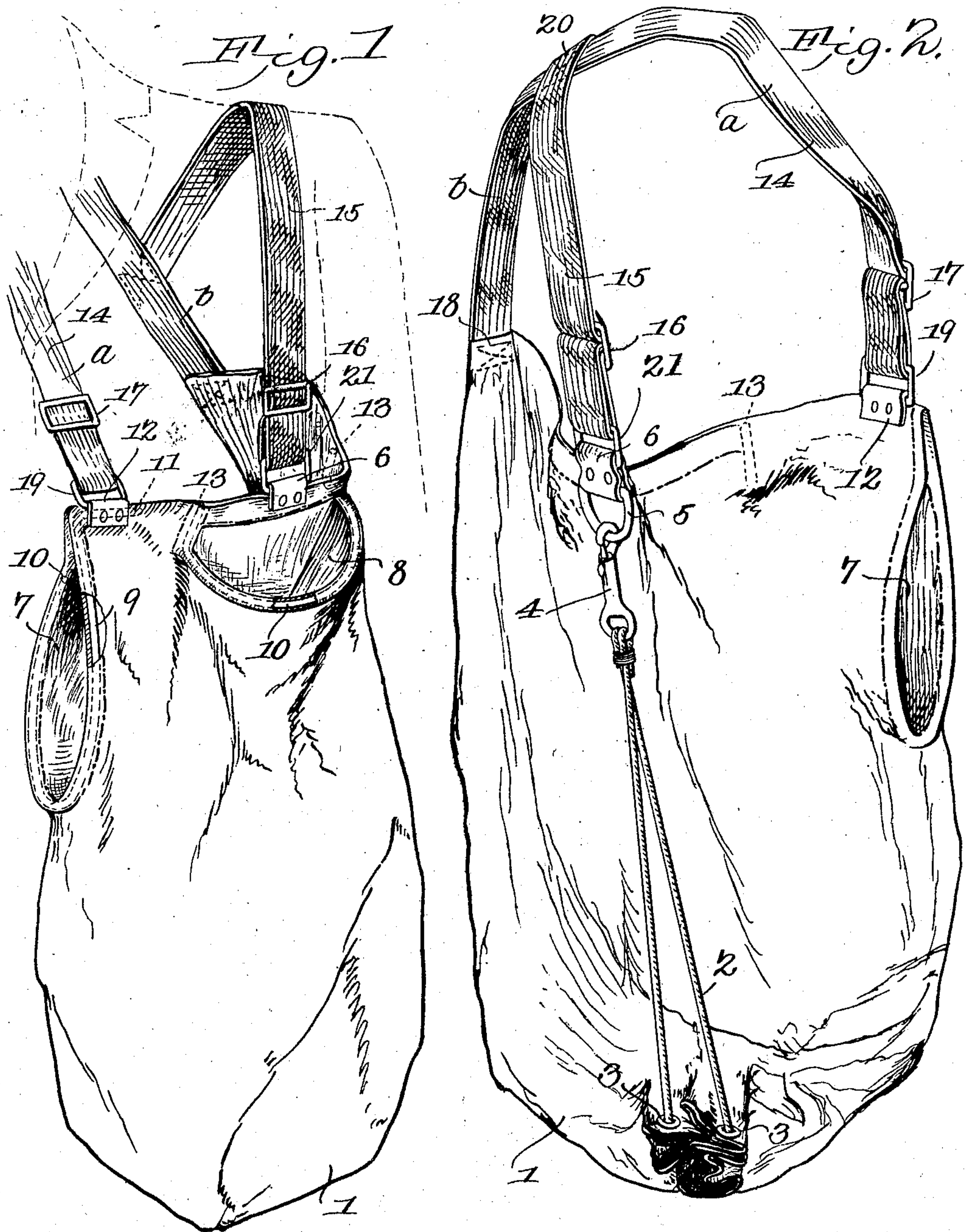


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES UTTERBACK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Honeoye Falls, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Fruit-Picking Bag, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to fruit-picking bags.

The object of the invention is to provide a bag having a novel arrangement of fruit-receiving openings or mouths that are so constructed and arranged as while remaining open at all times for the reception of the fruit they will in no wise interfere with the movements of the operator in climbing a ladder or in moving about the branches of a tree; furthermore, to provide a novel form of closure for the bottom of the bag which may be operated without removing the bag from the wearer to discharge the contents thereof.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a fruit-picking bag, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a view in perspective exhibiting the bag as it appears when in position upon a wearer, the view being taken from the front of the bag. Fig. 2 is a similar view taken from the rear of the bag.

As will hereinafter appear, the novelty of the present invention resides more particularly in the arrangement of two mouths or openings, whereby the picker will be free to use both hands in filling the bag.

In the embodiment of the invention herein shown, 1 designates the bag, which may be made of any suitable material, preferably of heavy canvas constructed by folding a length of canvas upon itself and stitching along the sides, the bottom of which is normally open, but is adapted to be closed by a drawing string or cord 2, which is threaded through gromets 3, secured around the bottom. The free ends of the drawing-cord are secured in the eye of a snap-hook 4, the hook of which is adapted to engage a ring or loop 5, carried by a keeper 6, secured to the upper edge of the bag. It will be seen by reference to Fig. 2 that so long as the snap-hook is in

engagement with the loop 5 the bottom of the bag 11 will remain closed; but as soon as it is detached from the loop the weight of the contained fruit will force the bottom of the bag open, and thus permit its contents to discharge into a suitable receptacle.

Arranged, respectively, on one edge and intermediate of the width of the bag at its upper end are two mouths 7 and 8, the mouth 7 being adapted to receive the fruit picked by the left hand of the operator and the mouth 8 the fruit picked by the right hand. In order to hold the two mouths open, there is an elastic reinforce 9 and 10, respectively arranged at the rim of each mouth, said reinforces being constructed of any suitable material, preferably of resilient wire. The reinforce 9 of the mouth 7 terminates at one end short of the upper end of the mouth, as at 10, while the other end of the reinforce is continued to the upper edge of the bag and is bent at right angles to its length, as at 11, and secured in position by a keeper 12, the function of which will presently appear. The reinforce 10 has its terminals 13 bent approximately at right angles to its length and secured between the plies of the bag, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. By the employment of the reinforces the mouths will always be held open to permit the hands of the operator to be thrust therein; but they will yield to pressure, as when the bag contacts with the rung of the ladder or the limb of a tree, and thus not present obstructions that will interfere with the workmen. As shown in Fig. 1, the two mouths are disposed at approximately right angles to each other, and this will facilitate the placing of fruit within the bag in a manner that will be obvious. The bag herein shown is adapted for use by a right-hand person; but to adapt it for a left-hand person it will be necessary to reverse the positions of the pockets, as will be apparent.

In order to suspend the bag upon the workmen, there is a harness or suspender provided consisting of two straps 14 and 15, that are adjustable lengthwise by means of buckles 16 and 17. One terminal of the strap 14 is sewed or otherwise secured to the upper edge or end of the bag at 18, and the other terminal, that carries the buckle 17, is passed through a loop 19, secured by the keeper 12 to the upper edge of the bag. One terminal



of the strap 15 is secured intermediate of the ends of the strap 14 at 20, and the other terminal, that carries the buckle 16, is passed through a loop 21, that is secured by the keeper 6 to the upper edge of the bag, this latter keeper, as before pointed out, serving to hold the loop 5 in position.

When the bag is to be positioned upon the operator, his head is thrust between the loop formed by the member *a* of the strap 14 and the strap 15 and his left arm is thrust between the loop formed by the member *b* of the strap 14 and the strap 15, and this will bring the mouth 7 on the left-hand side and the mouth 8 in front of the wearer, so that both of the mouths are most conveniently positioned for receiving the fruit. When the bag is filled, it will only be necessary for the operator to release the snap-hook from engagement with the loop 5, when the contents of the bag may be discharged, and upon the hook being again brought into engagement with the loop the mouth of the bag will be closed.

The device herein described while simple in character will be found thoroughly efficient for the purposes designed and will in a ready and practical manner obviate objectionable features heretofore present in articles of this character.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. A fruit-picking bag having a closed top and a pair of mouths one of which is disposed at the front and the other at one side of the bag. 35

2. A fruit-picking bag having a closed top, an open bottom and means for closing the same, and a pair of mouths one of which is disposed in front and the other at one side of the bag. 40

3. A fruit-picking bag having a pair of mouths arranged one in front and one at the side of the upper portion thereof, and means for holding the mouths open and permitting them to yield to pressure. 45

4. A fruit-picking bag having a closed top, a pair of mouths one of which is disposed at the side and the other at the front of the upper portion thereof, keepers combined with the upper portion of the bag, and suspenders secured to the keepers. 50

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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