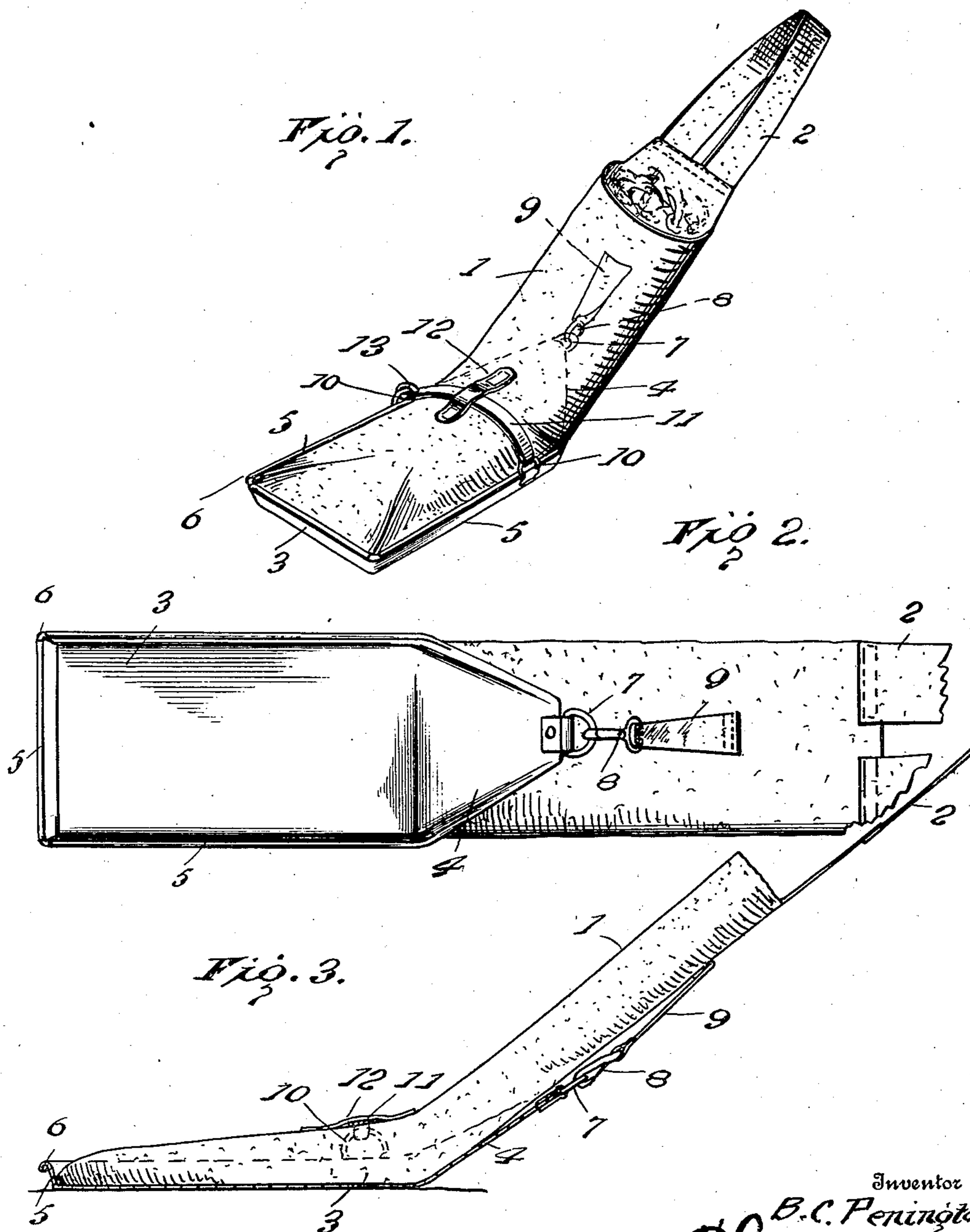


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN C. PENINGTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oscar, in District 20 and Indian Territory, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Guards for Cotton-Pickers' Bags, of which the following is a specification.

The bags employed in the picking of cotton are commonly of such a length as to drag on the ground and this dragging is very trying upon the operator and also renders the bags extremely short lived.

The object of the present invention is to obviate this difficulty by the provision of a shield which prevents the bag from being worn and which is peculiarly constructed so as to form a runner or sled upon which the bag is mounted, thereby reducing the friction and enabling the bag to be easily drawn from place to place.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bag provided with the improved shield; Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the same, a portion of the shoulder strap upon the bag being broken away; and, Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the bag and shield, parts being shown in section.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The numeral 1 designates a bag similar to those in common use, being of a long narrow formation and provided with a shoulder strap 2. The shield contemplated by the present invention is in the nature of a plate 3 which is detachably secured to the lower end of the bag and is provided at its forward end with an extension 4 which is inclined upwardly and forms a guide to enable the bag to be readily drawn over any small obstructions. It will also be observed that the sides of the extension 4 converge toward the forward end thereof. The sides and rear end of the plate 3 are

formed with the upwardly extending flanges 5 within which the lower portion of the bag 1 rests. In the preferred construction, a reinforcing wire 6 extends around the upper edges of the flanges 5 and the edges of the extension 4. An eye 7, which is preferably in the nature of a ring, as shown in the drawings, is located at the forward end of the extension 4 and engages with a spring catch 8, connected to the bag 1 by means of the strip or tongue 9. A ring 10 is also secured to each side of the plate 3 and these rings 10 are connected by a strap 11 which passes through a keeper 12 upon the upper side of the bag. One end of the strap 11 is preferably connected to one of the rings 10, while the opposite end is detachably connected to the other ring 10 by the hook member 13. With this construction, it will be apparent that after one bag has been filled, it can be quickly removed from the shield and another bag placed in position thereon. These shields being interposed between the bags and the ground protect the former from wear and also reduce the friction so that very little energy is required to move them from place to place.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

In a device of the character described, the combination of a bag, a shield therefor formed of a single piece of sheet material and comprising a base plate, the said plate being provided with a forward upwardly inclined extension and also with upwardly extending side and end flanges coöperating with the forward extension and plate to form a receptacle receiving the lower portion of the bag, a ring connected to the forward extension of the base plate, a catch carried by the bag and detachably engaging the said ring, and a strap encircling the upper portion of the bag and connecting the side flanges of the shield.

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