

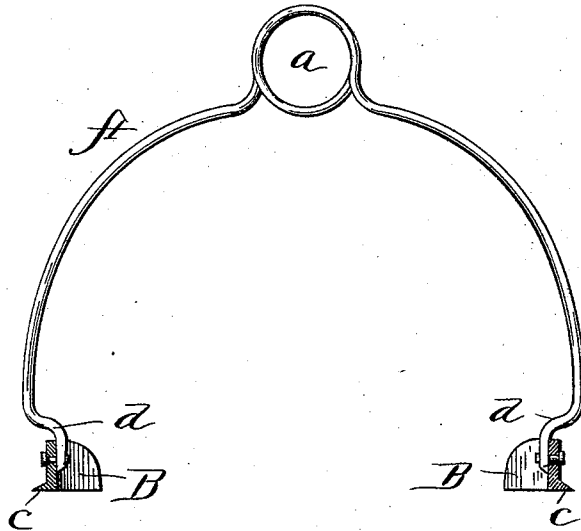
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



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## BAG-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OLIVIE ASSELIN, a citizen of the Dominion of Canada, residing at Ottawa, in the county of Carleton and the Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented a new and useful Bag-Holder, (for which I have obtained a patent in Canada, No. 30,853, bearing date February 27, 1889,) of which the following is a specification.

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

Figure 1 is a plan of a device embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the curved holders B B, shown in sectional elevation in Fig. 1.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap and serviceable bag-holder by means of which the mouth of the bag is held open and the bag itself supported while being filled with grain or other substances.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of the various parts of the device, as will be hereinafter fully described and pointed out.

In the drawings, A is a rod of spring-steel or other elastic material, which, being bent by a turn and a half or more, forms the eye *a*, which thus forms a coil-spring also, and is then bent downward at each side of the eye *a* and a suitable distance therefrom, terminating at each end in a short inward bend and a straight space, to which is pivoted the jaw or holder B.

The jaw or holder B is curved in form, and is supplied with teeth *c c c* at its lower outside edge, while the inner curve is uniform, to present a flat surface to the ends of the rod A. The pivots or rivets which hold the jaws or holders in place pass through the rod near its ends and the holders at or near that point which would balance them as their center of gravity; or any other desirable method of attachment could be employed.

To operate the device, the jaws or holders are forced toward each other and inserted into the mouth of the bag. The coil-spring *a* aids the outward pressure of the arms to which the jaws or holders are attached, and the teeth *c c c* engage with the inner edge of the mouth of the bag, thus distending it to its full limit. A rope or hook may be caused to engage with the coil-spring or eye *a* and the whole suspended.

If desired, the eye *a*, or a hook attached through it, may be caused to engage with a nail or other support driven into or otherwise secured to the wall, when the holders B may be brought to a level through the looseness of the rivets or pivots, the idea being that the bag should always hang vertically. Thus there is nothing to interfere with free access to the mouth of the bag, and the device can be instantly removed or detached from the bag by compressing the arms and the coil-spring through, forcing the jaws or holders B toward each other.

In order to avoid obstructing the mouth of the bag and to leave it as free as possible when distended, the spring-arms are formed with lateral bends *d* just above the jaws, so that while the jaws are engaging the edge of the bag the main portions of the spring-arms will be entirely without the vertical plane of the bag-edge, thus leaving the mouth unobstructed by the spring-arms.

I claim—

In a bag-holder, the spring-arms, the jaws B B, secured to the ends thereof, said spring-arms having lateral bends *d* above the jaws, extending outwardly from said jaws in opposite directions, substantially as described.

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