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MAIL-BAG.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. GORDON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Osceola, in the county of Lancaster and State of South Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mail-Bags; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, referring to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The special object of the invention is to make a mail bag with a simple, secure and efficient fastening.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of my bag, showing the mouth open; Fig. 2, an elevation, showing the sliding tongue plate with its fixed guide-plate, and Fig. 3 a modification thereof. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section.

In the drawings, A represents the bag of any suitable material and provided with the slots a arranged on opposite sides of its mouth so as to register when the two sides are brought together. These slots are eyeleted with metal preferably and are vertical in position.

B is the only flap used and this has three, more or less, staples on the inside and a lock staple on the outside respectively designated by the letters b and b'. I preferably use in connection with the staples a riveted plate C and disks D.

Just beneath the flap B, I make fast to the body of the bag and fasten the transverse plate E, having, on its opposite sides, the guide-flanges e under which is moved back and forth the sliding plate F provided with apertures f, and, in those apertures, are located the tongues f'.

G is the hasp which is hinged at g to the end of the tongue plate F and fulcrumed at g' on the guide-plate E, being provided near the free end with the slot g''.

When the flap B is folded over the mouth of the bag, the staples b pass through the eyeleted slots a on both sides of the mouth of the bag and through the fixed plate E and sliding plate F. As the hasp is forced down so as to receive the staple b', the tongues f' are drawn into the staples b, when the hasp lock is applied to staple b' in the usual way.

What I claim as new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

A mailbag having the opposite slots a on the sides of its mouth, a single flap B with two or more staples on one side and a lock-staple on the other, the fixed transverse plate E with the guide-flanges e, the plate F having apertures f and tongues f', and the hasp G hinged to tongue-plate, fulcrumed to guide-plate and provided with a slot g'' all combined and arranged substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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