

Bale. A bundle of straw, hay, or other material, put up in compact form for transportation or storage.

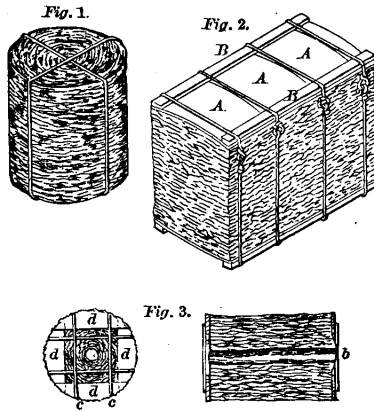
Many ingenious devices for putting up forage rations and cut-stuff for feed have been devised from time to time, especially since the United States military stations have been so widely established.

The bale 1 is made up of a roll or rolls of hay or straw, laid in coils, and fastened by cords or wires crossing it longitudinally at right angles.

In 2, the top and bottom of the bale are covered by transverse strips *A A*, curved so as to shed water, and the edges are protected by longitudinal strips *B B*.

3 shows a cylindrical bale, having a central hollow *b* extending from end to end. The ends are strengthened by segmental strips *d d*, which protect the edges, leaving the body of the bale open to free ventilation. Longitudinal ties *c c* bind the whole together.

Fig. 538.



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