



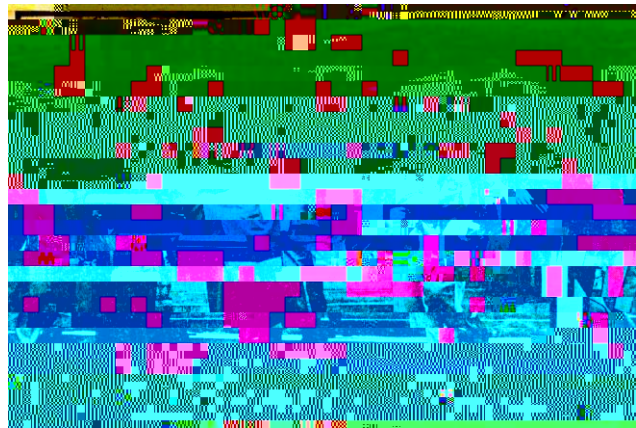
History of the Shopping Bag

It is thought that the bag dates back to ancient Egypt, but I can't imagine it was to go shopping at Aldi.



In 1852, [Francis Wolle](#), a schoolteacher, invented the first machine to mass-produce paper bags. Wolle and his brother patented the machine and founded the Union Paper Bag Company.

In 1853, James Baldwin, papermaker of Birmingham and Kings Norton in England, was granted a patent for apparatus to make square-bottomed paper bags. Thereafter he used an image of a flat-bottomed bag as his business logo.



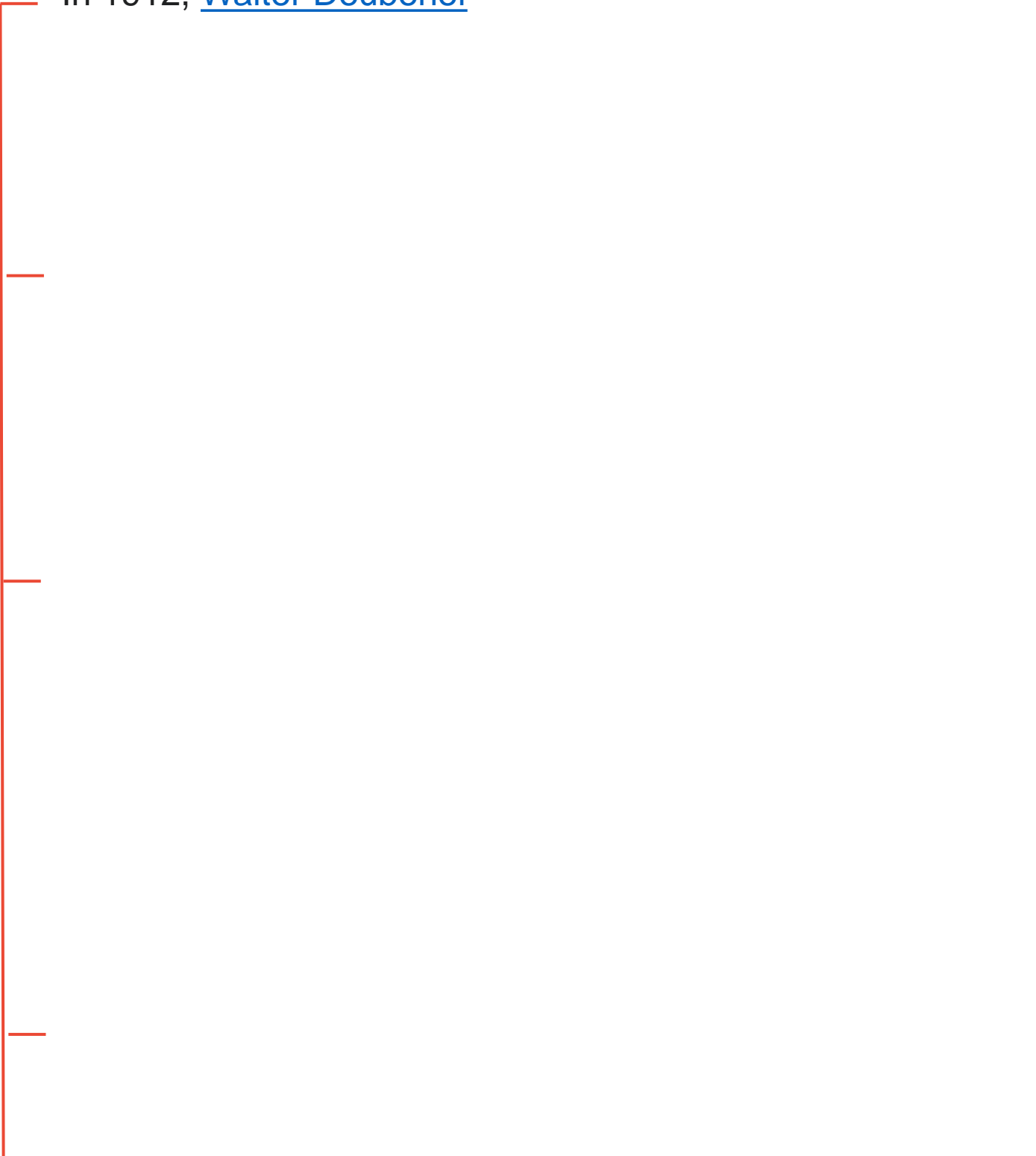
In 1871, inventor [Margaret E. Knight](#) designed a machine that could create flat-bottomed paper bags, which could carry more than the previous envelope-style design.

In 1883, [Charles Stilwell](#) patented a machine that made square-bottom paper bags with pleated sides, making them easier to fold and store. This style of bag came to be known as the S.O.S., or "Self-Opening Sack".



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In 1912, [Walter Deubener](#)





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