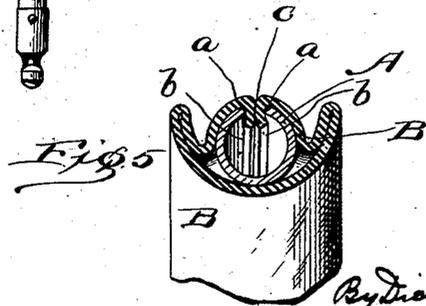
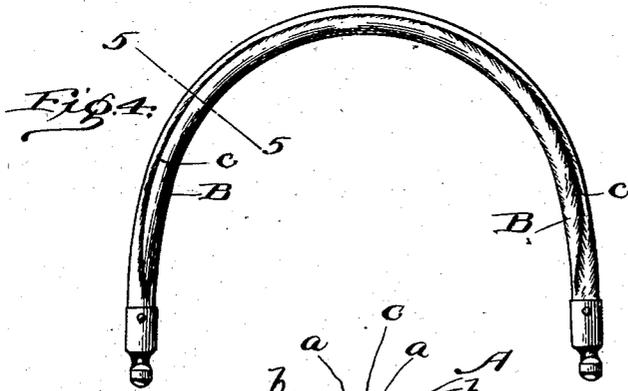
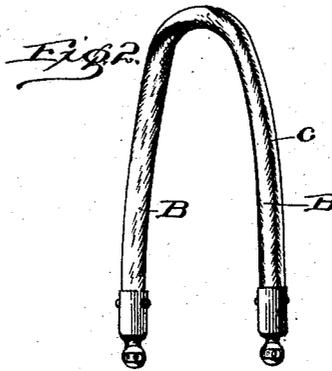
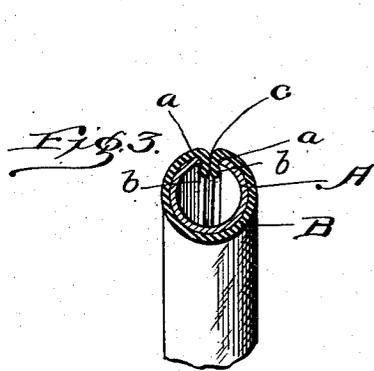
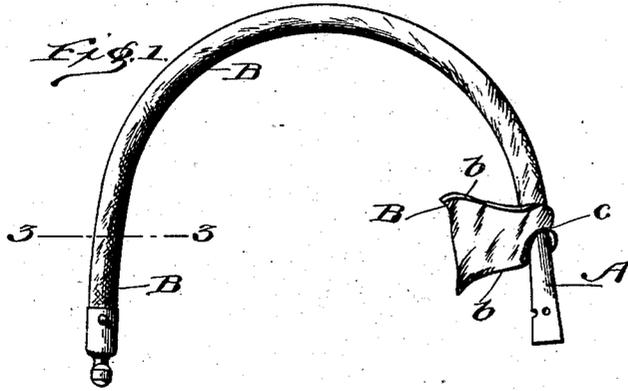


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, ABRAHAM RITTER and MORRIS HALPERN, citizens of the United States, residing at New York, borough of Manhattan, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Handles for Bags or other Articles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to handles for bags or other articles; and the object of the invention is to provide a simple, durable, and economical handle composed of sheet metal and suitable covering material, in which the covering material is firmly and reliably secured to the sheet-metal portion.

Our invention consists of certain features of construction to be hereinafter described and then particularly claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a handle for bags or other devices constructed in accordance with our invention, the covering material being drawn back at one end of the handle to disclose the sheet-metal interior. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of our improved handle. Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of a modified form of handle constructed in accordance with our invention, and Fig. 5 is a transverse section on the line 5 5 of Fig. 4. The sectional views are enlarged for the sake of clearness.

Referring to the drawings, the sheet-metal portion A forms the core or rigid portion of the handle, to which core may be applied suitable covering material B of various kinds and of suitable design and color.

The invention resides mainly in the manner in which the covering material, which is preferably of leather, is secured to the sheet-metal core.

The sheet-metal core A is hollow or tubular, being formed by bending a suitable strip of sheet metal longitudinally, so as to form a tube the edges *a* of which, as shown in Fig. 3, extend toward each other and are separated one from the other. In covering the tubular sheet-metal core a strip of leather or other material of sufficient size is applied snugly around the outer surface of the core, and the edges *b* are inserted between the edges *a* of the core and are pressed into the interior of the core. When the leather or other cover has been applied to the core, the latter, being of flexible or yielding material, is pressed so

as to force the edges *a* toward each other and into the inturned edges of the covering material B. The sheet-metal core being thin, the edges *b* thereof will, to a more or less degree, be embedded in the covering material, which at the point of contact is bent somewhat abruptly, in consequence of which and the fact that the edges of the core are pressed toward each other as far as practicable the covering material is held firmly upon the core. The core and the cover thus form a handle which may be made plain, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, or the covering material may be molded into the shape shown in Figs. 4 and 5, or, in fact, other shapes may be imparted to the cover, according to requirements. It will be seen that when the handle is bent into the usual bow form the joint *c*, formed by the meeting portions of the core and the core, is located on the outer curve of the bow, with the result that the handle is free from any joint on the inside and is not, therefore, objectionable to the hand. Furthermore, the joint being on the outside of the handle assists in imparting ornamentation to the handle.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A handle for bags or other devices, the same consisting of a sheet-metal core composed of a strip bent into tubular form, and covering material applied over the core and the edges of which are firmly retained by the edges of the core, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A handle for bags or other devices, the same consisting of a sheet-metal core composed of a strip bent into tubular form, and covering material applied over the core and the edges of which are firmly retained by the edges of the core, the said handle being of bow shape, and the joint formed by the edges of the core and the cover being located at the outer curve, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof we have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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