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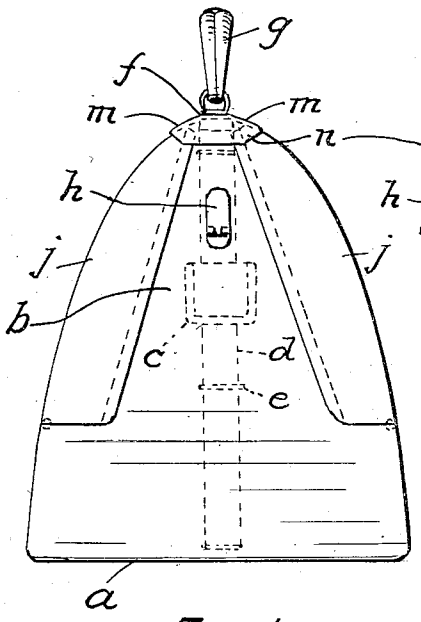


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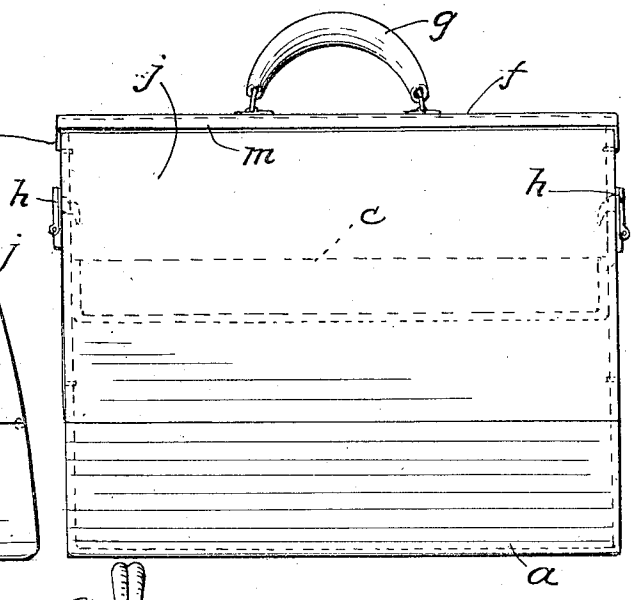


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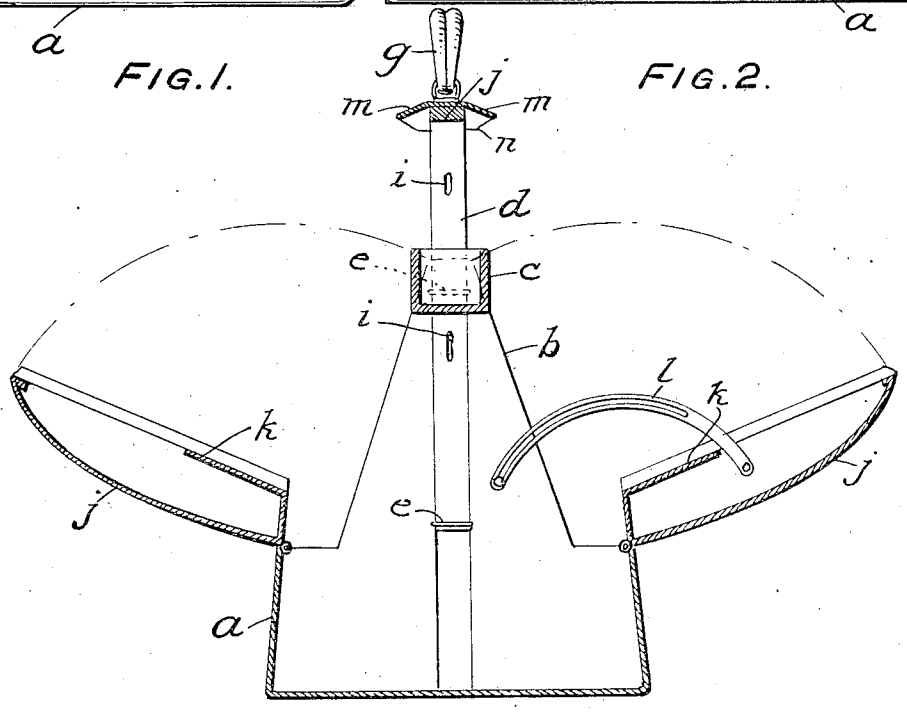


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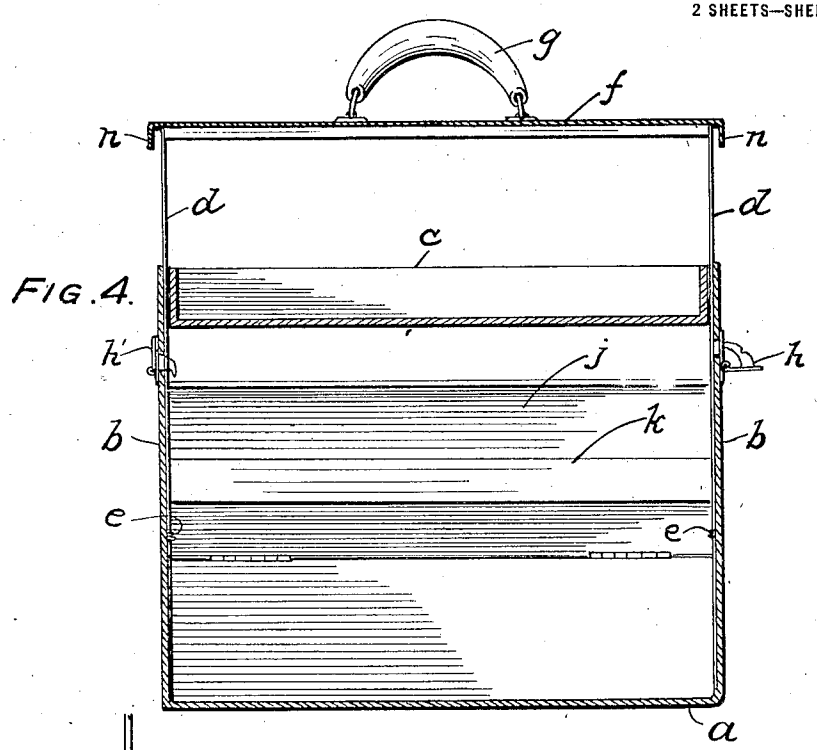


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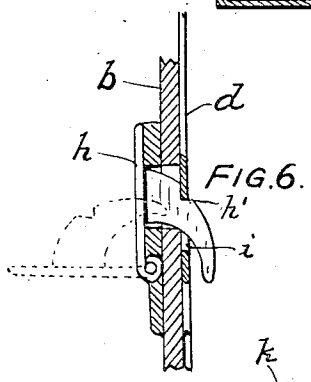


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM B. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Traveling-Bags, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to traveling bags. The object of my invention is to produce a traveling bag which will have a maximum capacity and which will be so arranged as to give complete accessibility to any article packed therein without the necessity of disturbing or disarranging any other articles. The bag constructed in accordance with my invention may be of conventional shape and is in no way more bulky than the bags of present types.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which I have illustrated a preferred embodiment of my invention and in which like symbols refer to similar parts in the various views,—

Figure 1 is an end elevation of the bag.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the bag.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the bag completely opened.

Fig. 4 is a side view of the bag in section.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the bag opened.

Fig. 6 is a sectional view of a fastening device.

The body *a* of the bag is made of light wood or other suitable material, the upper part of the end pieces *b* being of pyramidal shape as shown in Fig. 5.

A tray *c* is mounted between the end pieces on supports *d*, which are slidably secured in a depression in the end pieces by means of cleats *e*. A piece *f* is secured across the upper ends of the supports, and forms the top of the bag. A carrying handle *g* is secured to the piece *f*. Near the top of end pieces *b* are placed fasteners *h*, the catches of which extend through the end pieces and are adapted to engage in holes *i* in the support *d* and prevent the raising of the top. The catches are provided with a shoulder *h'* which serves to prevent the tray and top from being lowered when the top is raised and the catches engaged in the holes *i'*.

Side sections *j*, suitably curved, and having pockets formed in them by the pieces *k*, are hinged to the body of the bag and are adapted to fold up against the ends and underlie wings *m* on the top piece *b* by which they are secured from opening. Downwardly extending end pieces *n* serve to brace and stiffen wings *m* and form a closure for the upper corners of the bag when closed. Guides *l* limit the opening of the side sections. Any suitable locking devices, not shown, secure the side sections to the top and securely lock the bag.

In practice, when it is desired to pack the bag, the side sections are let down and the tray *c* raised as shown in Fig. 5. The body of the bag, the tray and the side sections may then be conveniently packed. Upon completion of the packing, the side sections are folded up, and the tray and top are lowered and locked down by means of fasteners *h*. The wings *m* overlie the upper edges of the sides, as shown in Fig. 1, to secure them from being opened.

It will be obvious that the articles placed in the bag may be classified and the different classes packed in the body, tray and side sections. When it is necessary to unpack any particular article, it may be readily done without in any way disturbing any other articles. When the top is raised, the body portion is fully exposed and the opening out of the sides renders any articles packed therein completely accessible. The tray may be used for toilet or other small articles in constant use.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:—

1. In a traveling bag, in combination, a body portion, sides hinged to the body portion, a top secured to vertically slidable supports and adapted to overlie said side sections and secure them from opening, and means to retain said top in closed position.

2. In a traveling bag, in combination, a body provided with upwardly extending end portions, a top extending between the end portions and secured to vertically movable supports, and side sections hinged along their lower edges to the body, said top being adapted to overlie the upper edges of said sides and secure them in closed position.

3. In a traveling bag, in combination, a body provided with end portions, a top ex-

tending between the end portions and secured to a vertically movable support, a tray secured to said support, and side pieces hinged to the body, said top being provided with wings adapted to overlie the upper edges of said sides and retain them in closed position.

4. In a traveling bag, in combination, a body provided with end portions, a top secured to a vertically movable support, a tray secured to said support, and sides hinged to the body and adapted to form closures for said bag.

5. In a traveling bag, in combination, a body provided with end portions, a top secured to vertically movable supports, a tray secured to said supports, and sides, providing receptacles for clothing, hinged to said body and adapted to form closures for said bag.

6. In a traveling bag, in combination, a body portion, sides hinged to the body along their lower edges, a vertically movable top the edges of which are adapted to overlie the upper edges of said side sections, and means to retain said top in the extreme positions of its movement.

7. In a traveling bag, in combination, a body portion, a tray secured to vertically movable supports, a top secured to said supports, side sections hinged to the body, the edges of said top being adapted to overlie the upper edges of said sides, and means to secure said supports from movement.

8. In a traveling bag, in combination, a body portion, end pieces provided with vertically extending recesses, a top secured to vertically movable supports secured within said recesses, side sections hinged to the body and adapted to underlie the edges of said top, and means to retain said top in position to prevent the opening of said side pieces.

9. In a traveling bag, in combination, a body portion, sides hinged to the body, and a vertically movable top closure separate from said sides.

10. In a traveling bag, in combination, a body portion, sides hinged to the body portion, and a movable top separate from said sides adapted to coöperate with said side sections to form a closure for said body.

In testimony of which invention I have hereunto set my hand, at Indianapolis, Indiana, on this 2 day of October, 1919.

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