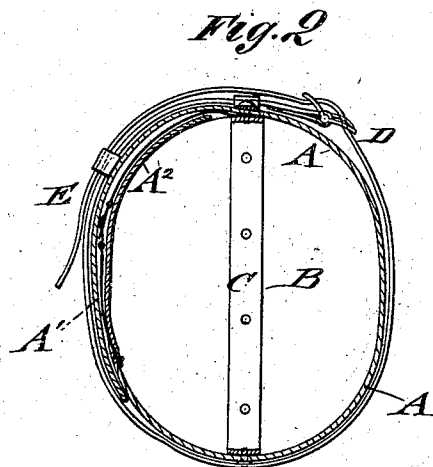
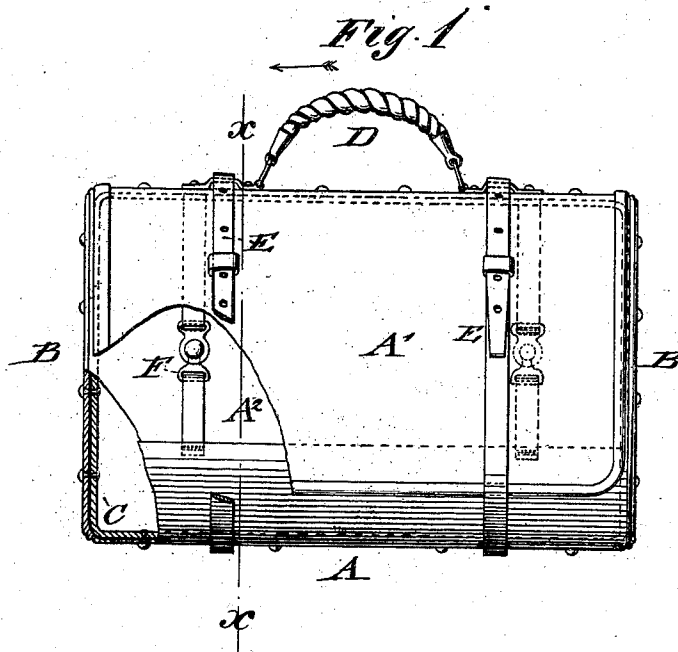


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHAWL-BAGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTTO BENDER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Shawl-Bag, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved shawl-bag, with a part broken away to show construction; and Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same on the line *x x*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to produce an improved shawl-bag of light and elegant, yet strong, construction, in which shawls and other articles may be readily packed without squeezing and crumpling, and the interior space filled without difficulty.

The invention consists of a bag, which is formed of a lateral gusset-connecting part stiffened in longitudinal direction by a hoop-band frame, its closing flap overlapping the mouth or opening of the bag at the side of the frame, and being retained by fastening-straps.

In the drawing, A represents the inclosing part of my improved shawl-bag, made of round, oval, square, or other suitable shape, and provided with stiff pasteboard or folding gussets B of corresponding shape. A stiffening-frame, C, of hoop-steel band extends in longitudinal direction from gusset to gusset, and is riveted to the inclosing-bag part and the gussets, giving thereby the required strength to the bag, while preserving lightness and cheapness. The handle D and the fastening-straps E are attached to one of the longitudinal sides of frame C, and an opening or mouth of nearly

the entire width of the bag provided at one side of frame C, the flap A¹ of the bag overlapping and closing the same.

The lateral inclosing part of the bag may be made of one continuous piece, which is rigidly attached to the gussets and the mouth of the same, provided with an additional flap, A², below the inclosing flap A¹, if desired.

The width of the mouth, on throwing back the flaps, allows the convenient packing of the shawl and other articles within the hollow of the bag, by placing it directly, and without obstructing jaws or narrow openings, in the same.

The usual elastic fastenings F pass across the mouth and retain the articles in position in the bag, while the fastening-straps secure the outer closing flap, so that they are inclosed in the bag without danger of loss.

The bag may also be completely filled, and the shawl strapped under the flap, if desired, the whole forming a very neat and handy article that combines lightness and cheapness with an attractive form and ready application to use.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination, with bag A having gussets B, of the flaps A¹ A², frame C, handle D, and fastening-straps E, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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