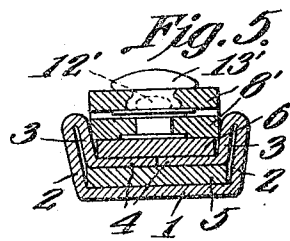
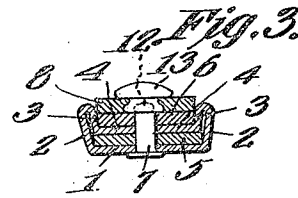
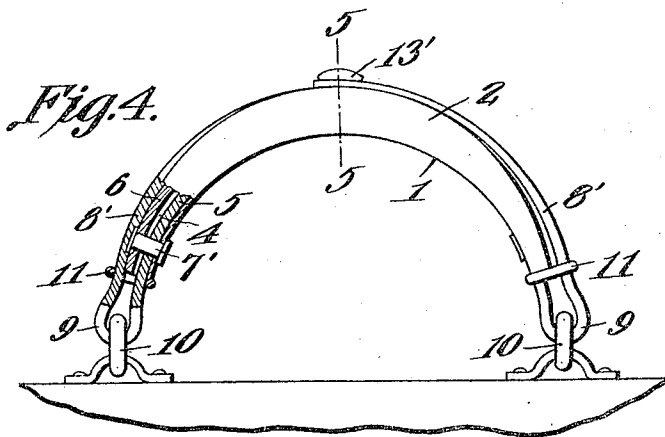
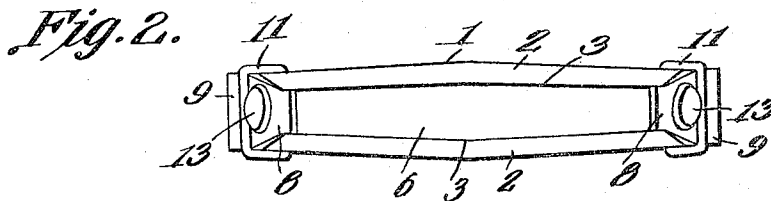
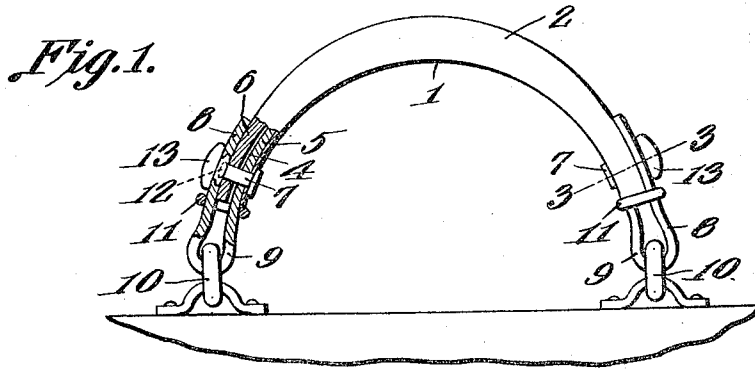


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD FELSBURG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Montgomery, in the county of Lycoming and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Grip-Handle, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention appertains to a handle for grips, satchels, valises, and other luggage carriers, and aims to provide a novel and improved article of that character.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a handle of unique construction, which may be readily applied to and detached from the rings or D's of grips and the like, whereby the present handle may be substituted for a worn out handle, or whereby the handle may be attached to and detached from the grip as may be desirable or necessary.

It is also the object of the present invention to provide a handle for grips embodying the peculiar assemblage of component parts, whereby the handle structure will be comparatively simple, compact, light, durable and inexpensive, and whereby the device will be convenient, practical, and efficient in its use.

With the foregoing and general objects outlined, and with other objects in view, which will be apparent as the nature of the invention is better understood, the present invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention has been illustrated in its preferred embodiment in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improved grip handle, portions being broken away. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the handle. Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 1, of a modified form. Fig. 5 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

In carrying out the present invention, there is provided an arcuate or curved hand piece or facing member 1 of soft or pliant leather, or equivalent material. The hand piece 1 is provided with the upturned sides

2 and the sides 2 are provided with the inwardly reflexed portions 3 forming the side folds, the edge portions of the reflexed portions 3 being bent angularly above and parallel with the body portion of the hand piece, the edges of the angular portions 4 meeting midway between the sides 2.

A relatively stiff or rigid strap or billet 5 of tough leather or equivalent material is disposed upon the body portion of the hand piece 1 underneath the angular edge portions 4, so as to be housed snugly between the body portion and edge portions of the hand piece, with the edges engaging the sides 2 of the hand piece. The intermediate portion of the strap or billet 5 forms a filler for the hand piece, to lend rigidity to the hand piece, although the filler portion of the strap or billet 5 permits the handle 1 as a whole, to yield sufficiently for the purposes desired.

A strap 6 is disposed snugly over the edge portions 4 between the reflexed portions 3 or the side folds, the ends of the strap 6 preferably terminating adjoining or flush with the ends of the hand piece 1. Rivets or other securing means 7 are engaged through the ends of the strap 6 and the body portion of the hand piece 1, said rivets or securing means also passing through the strap or billet 5 and the meeting edges of the portions 4, to clamp or secure the several parts together.

The filler or intermediate portion of the billet or strap 5, and the strap 6 form a relatively rigid body for the handle, the hand piece or facing member 1 inclosing the filler portion of the billet 5 and the strap 6, whereby the hand being grasped to the handle will be cushioned, so as to prevent chafing or the like.

The billet or strap 5 projects beyond the ends of the hand piece 1, and the strap 6, to provide the tongues 8, which are normally reflexed or bent back upon the strap 6, to form the loops 9 directly beyond the ends of the hand piece, for engaging the rings or D's 10 of the grip, satchel, or the like. Elongated tuck-rings 11 are mounted upon the loops 9 for normally contracting the loops about the rings or D's 10 of the grip.

The tongues 8 are relatively short and their free ends are adapted to overlap the ends of the strap 6, the free end of each tongue being provided with a clasp or fastener element 13 having a snap socket, while

the upper end of each rivet 7 is provided with a complementing clasp or fastener head 12 adapted to be engaged by the respective clasp element 13. Thus, the upper ends of the rivets 7 and the free ends of the tongues are provided with the common glove fasteners or catches for attaching the free ends of the tongues upon the body of the handle. The use of the glove fasteners eliminates the use of buckles or other encumbering coupling means, the free ends of the tongues being readily snapped into and out of engagement when desired.

The tongues 8 of the billet or strap 5 are preferably narrower in width than the filler or intermediate portion of the billet, whereby the tongues 8 may lie upon the strap 6 between the sides or folds of the hand piece, in order that the handle, as a whole, may be conveniently grasped by the hand without presenting any objectionable projection or protuberance to the palm of the hand or fingers.

In use, to attach the handle to the rings or D's 10 of a grip or other luggage carrier, the tongues 8 are detached by snapping the socket elements 13 out of engagement with the head elements 12 of the rivets 7, and then withdrawing the tongues 8 from the tuck-rings 11. In this manner, the tongues may be readily threaded or passed through the rings or D's 10, in which event the tongues may again be threaded or passed through the rings 11 of the handle, in order that the free end of the tongues may be snapped into engagement with the rivets 7. In this manner, the loops 9 may be readily engaged to the rings or D's of the grip, the tuck-rings 11 tightening the loops 9, to snugly engage the rings or D's 10. Conversely, to remove the handle, it is merely necessary to detach the tongues 8 and to withdraw them from the tuck-rings 11, in order that the tongues may be drawn out of engagement from the grip rings or D's 10, as will be obvious. The present handle may be applied to various grips, satchels, and the like, to supplant the ordinary worn out handles and for other manifest purposes.

The present handle will conveniently accommodate the hand, the hand piece or facing member 1 being yieldable or compressible, to serve as a cushion for the hand, and the handle, as a whole being sufficiently flexible or yieldable for the purposes. The present handle may also be constructed of various sizes and of various weights, as well as materials, for adapting the handle for various uses.

In the modification or variation illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5, the general struc-

ture is practically the same as in the form illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, with the following enumerated exceptions. The tongues 8' of the billet or strap 5 are relatively long so as to overlap, and are provided with the clasp elements 12' and 13' at their free ends to engage each other. The rivets 7' are only common ones over which the tongues merely rest.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is:—

1. A handle embodying a hand piece, a billet having its intermediate portion disposed upon the hand piece and having its ends projecting to form tongues adapted to be reflexed to form loops beyond the ends of the hand piece-securing members engaged through the hand piece and billet, and the said securing members and tongues having interengageable portions.

2. A handle embodying a pliant hand piece including a body portion having sides, the sides having reflexed portions, and the reflexed portions having angular portions disposed above the body portion, a billet disposed between the body portion and angular portions of the hand piece and having its ends projecting to form tongues adapted to be bent back to form loops beyond the ends of the hand piece, a strap disposed on the said angular portions of the hand piece between the reflexed portions, securing means engaged through the terminal portions of the said strap and body portion of the hand piece, and through the said billet, and means for securing the ends of the tongues in place upon the said strap.

3. A handle embodying a hand piece including a body portion having sides, the sides having reflexed portions, the reflexed portions having angular portions disposed above the body portion, a billet disposed between the body portion and angular portions of the hand piece and having its ends projecting to form tongues adapted to be bent back to form loops beyond the ends of the hand piece, a strap disposed on the said angular portions of the hand piece between the reflexed portions, securing members engaged through the terminal portions of the strap, billet and body portion of the hand piece, and interengageable portions carried by the said securing members and tongues.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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