

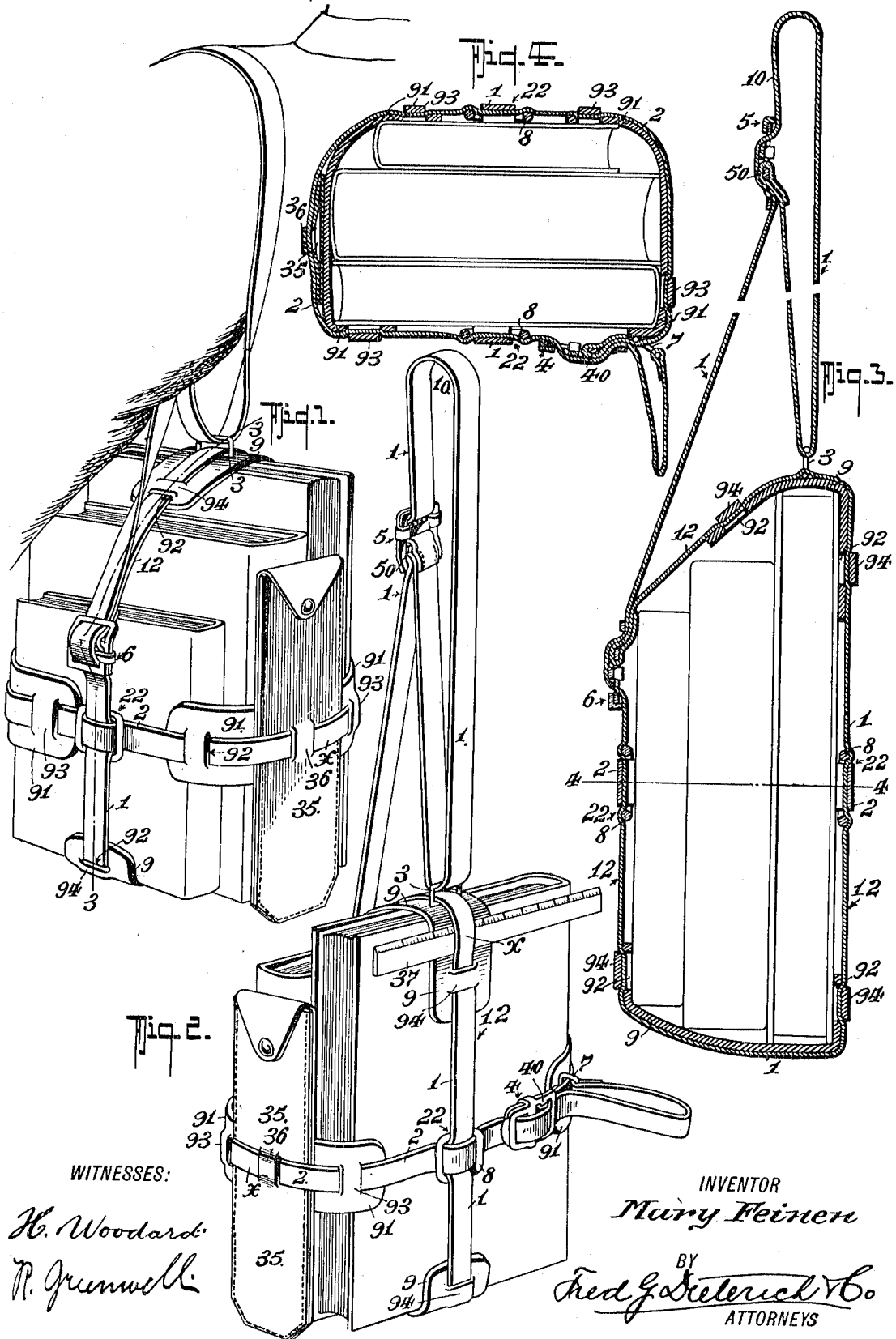
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY FEINEN, residing at Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented
5 a new and Improved Book-Carrier, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in that class of appliances or devices utilized for carrying school books and the like, and
10 it primarily has for its object to provide a device of the general character noted, of a simple and inexpensive construction, in which the parts are especially designed for easy adjustment for carrying a larger or
15 smaller number of books, or similar school articles, so they may be conveniently held and without injury to their edge portions.

With other objects in view that will hereinafter appear my invention comprises a
20 book carrier that embodies the peculiar and novel arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, specifically pointed out in the appended claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

25 Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved book carrier, the same being shown as used for carrying a number of books. Fig. 2 is a similar view, that portion of the carrier opposite to that shown in Fig. 1
30 being illustrated. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the same on the line 3—3 on Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken on the line 4—4 on Fig. 3.

In its practical arrangement, my improved carrier includes a carrying strap 1,
35 which serves as a binding and retaining member, and it is of such length that a portion thereof may be utilized as a loop or carrying member 10, and is adjustably so
40 combined with the other portions of the said strap 1 whereby it may be readily lengthened or shortened to suit the sizes of the book, or other packages, to be carried thereby, and whereby to form either a loop
45 for fitting over the shoulder, as shown in Fig. 1, or as a hand loop, as shown in Fig. 2. Strap 1, which I term the carrying strap,—has one end made fast to the cross bar 50
50 of an ordinary strap buckle 5, and the said strap 1 is of suitable length to provide for forming the longitudinal loop portion 12 that passes lengthwise over and receives the package of books or other articles, as is
55 clearly shown in Fig. 3, by reference to which it will be noticed, the said strap 1 has its free portion held in slidable engage-

ment with the buckle 5 so as to readily adjust the length of the long loop book retaining portion 12 to suit the character of the package. The free end of the strap after
80 it passes through the buckle 5 passes on through a buckle 6 that is slidably mounted on the strap, and on around the books forming the loop portion 12 before mentioned, and the said strap 1 in passing around the
85 books also passes through a bail 3 that is slidably mounted thereon and that part of the free end of the strap that passes through the bail 3 extends back to and is secured on the cross bar of the buckle 6. The loop portion 12 under the adjustment of my carrier
70 shown in Fig. 1 may be a shoulder engaging loop and when adjusted as shown in Fig. 2 it serves as a handle. By reason of connecting the strap 1 at the different points
75 mentioned and in the manner shown, the said strap can be almost instantly lengthened or shortened to suit the longitudinal extent of the book or package receiving loop portion 12 and the other or carrying portion
80 likewise adjusted to serve as either a shoulder engaging loop or hand hold.

2 designates what I term a binder strap which coöperates with the strap 1 and is disposed crosswise thereof, it passing trans-
85 versely over the package of books, as shown. Strap 2 is of such length that it may be readily lengthened or shortened to suit the size of the package, and it has one end fastened to the cross bar 40 of an ordinary
90 strap buckle 4 and the other end fastened to a loop or bail member 7, that slidably engages the body of the strap 2 adjacent the buckle 4.

To provide for a desired setting of the
95 cross strap 2, the latter is slidably joined with the opposing longitudinal members of the strap 1, and for such purpose the said members of the strap 1 and the co-engaging portions 22 of the strap 2 are slidably joined
100 by the wire bail or loop members 8, that engage the crossed portions of the straps 1 and 2, and in such a manner that they can be easily slipped longitudinally or laterally
105 to shift the points of crossing of the straps, as conditions of the package may make necessary. By arranging the longitudinal and the cross straps as stated, the said straps can be quickly adjusted to suit the length and the width of the package to be carried by simply sliding the buckles that join the ends of
110 the respective straps 1 and 2 with their body

portions. To further hold the straps 1 and 2 to their proper adjustment on the package of books and from readily becoming loosened, as the package is swung during the carriage thereof, protecting members 9 of heavy leather or like flexible material are provided to fit over the upper and lower edges of the books and like protective members 91—91 provided to fit over the opposite side edges of the book, the members 91—91 coöperating with the cross strap 2, and the members 9—9 with the strap 1. Each of the protecting members has a pair of slots 92—92 near each end whereby to form keepers 93—94 for engaging the respective straps 1 and 2, the latter passing through the slots 92 and under the keepers 93—94, as shown. By passing the straps 1 and 2 through the ends of the protectors, as shown and described, the exposed portions *x* of the said strap in addition to acting as the edge clamps can be also readily utilized as keepers for holding supplemental articles, such as, for example, a pencil holder 35, and when thus utilized the said supplemental articles are preferably formed of leather or other like fabrics whereby to permit of readily forming the pouch or pocket with a cut loop or keeper 36, with which the portion *x* of the strap may be engaged as shown, it being understood that solid articles such as a rule 36 may be also readily slid under the strap portion *x* and held clamped as shown in Fig. 2.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the drawing, the advantages and the manner of use of my device will be readily understood.

For the accommodation of school children, my invention presents the greatest convenience, since by simply adjusting and sliding the several buckles the package engaging loops of both straps can be easily set to clamp the books lengthwise and crosswise and when adjusted as desired the books will

be firmly held and without danger of accidental separation or loosening from each other.

What I claim is:—

1. A device of the character described that comprises a carrying strap, a buckle slidably mounted on the said strap and to which one end of the strap is fixedly connected, a bail freely movable upon the strap, that part of the strap that is fixedly secured to the buckle passing through the bail and on back through the aforesaid buckle, a second buckle that is slidably mounted upon the strap, the free end of the strap being formed into a carrying loop passing through the said bail and secured upon the said second buckle.

2. As a new article, a book carrier comprising a main strap one end of which is bent to form a carrying loop, a slidable connection joining the extremity of the said end with the body of the said strap, the other end of the strap being bent upon itself and connected with the body to form a book encircling loop, the said connection being adjustable whereby to lengthen or shorten the said loop, U-shaped protecting members for fitting over the opposite edges of the book, the said members having slitted loops for the passage therethrough of the strap portions forming the loop for encircling the book, a ring connection that joins with that portion of the strap that extends over the protecting member between the slitted loops thereof and which engages the carrying loop of the main strap, and a supplemental strap disposed crosswise of the main strap having a buckle connection, and a supplemental ring connection and means for slidably connecting the cross portions of the main and the supplemental straps.

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