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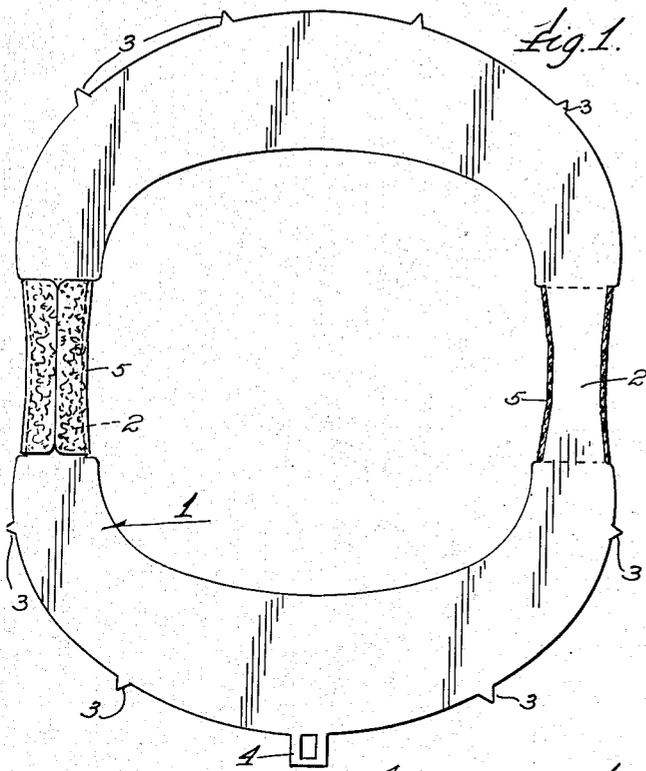


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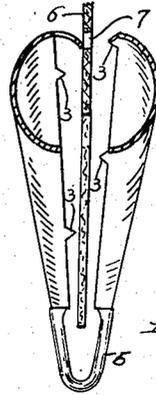


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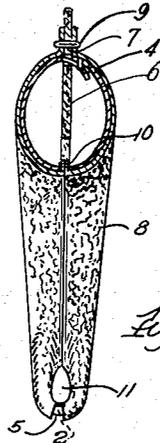


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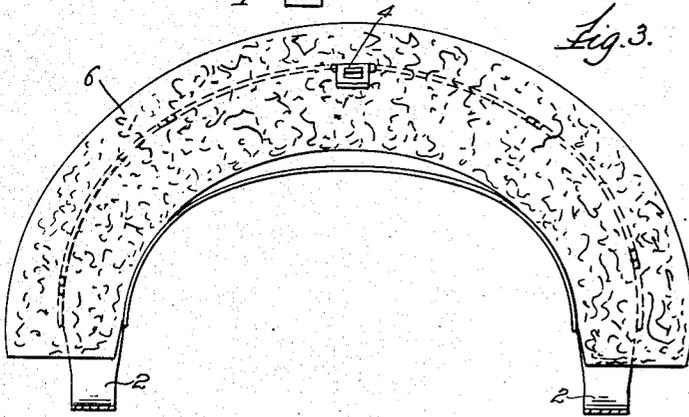


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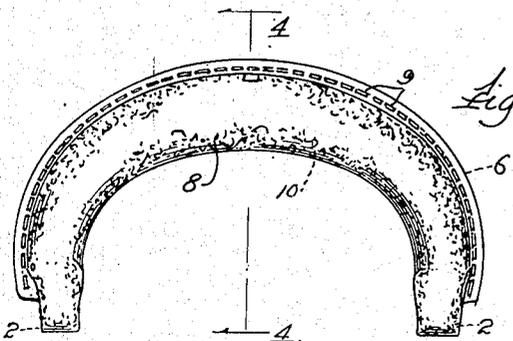


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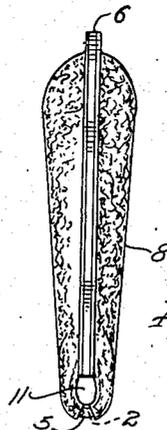


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## HANDLE FOR SUITCASES AND THE LIKE

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This invention relates to improvements in hollow handles for travelling bags, suit-cases and the like. One object is to provide a handle of great strength, that does not bend or get out of shape easily and that will effectually resist pressure of five hundred pounds or more.

A further object is to provide a handle that is of light weight, attractive in appearance, very durable in use, much cheaper to manufacture than other handles with which I am familiar and that is of smooth overall exterior surface making it easy on the hands under all conditions.

Other objects, novel features and advantages of arrangement, construction and design comprehended by the invention are hereinafter more fully pointed out or made apparent from the following description of a preferred embodiment as illustrated in the accompanying drawing wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a view of the metal blank from which a portion of the handle is formed, reduced portions of the blank being shown with leather covering applied thereto.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view partly in section of the blank after same is partly shaped and a reinforcing tongue of leather or the like applied thereto.

Fig. 3 is a view of one half portion of the metal blank with the leather tongue in place.

Fig. 4 is a vertical central cross sectional view through Fig. 5 on the line 4—4.

Fig. 5 is a face or side view of the completed handle, and,

Fig. 6 is a view of the handle in end elevation.

In the construction of the handle an approximately ring-shaped, one-piece blank body portion 1 formed of a resilient metal or plastic material is cut, the blank having diametrically opposed reduced twin portions 2, 2, the remote outer peripheral edges of the blank upon opposite sides of the portions 2, 2 being formed or provided with spaced spurs 3 and one peripheral edge formed with a keeper 4, the reduced portions 2, 2 being incased in sleeves 5 of leather or like material adhered thereto.

The blank upon opposite sides of the reduced portions 2, 2 is die-pressed into substantially

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channel shape and it is then folded substantially along a line connecting the longitudinal centers of the portions 2, 2, the concave surfaces of the channelled portions of the blank being brought into opposed relation as shown in Fig. 2 and a tongue 6 of leather or like material shaped substantially complementary to the folded blank inserted between the spur-bearing edges of the spaced portions of the blank. The keeper 4 is disposed at a slight angle to the edge of the blank and when the folded blank portions are brought together upon the tongue the spurs 3 bite thereto and the keeper is received in a small perforation 7 in the tongue.

A leather covering 8 is now applied about the folded blank and to the exposed portion of the tongue and stitched along the outer and inner lines 9, 10, the projecting edge of the tongue being trimmed off. An opening 11 is left between the ends of the tongue and the line of fold of the blank to receive the rings or other fastening means securing the handle to the frame of the travelling bag or case.

What is claimed is:

1. In a handle for suit-cases and the like, a body portion formed of a single ring-shaped channelled blank folded upon itself to form opposed spaced cooperating sections, spurs formed upon corresponding edges of said sections, a tongue received between said cooperating sections receiving said spurs, and a covering about said sections secured thereto and to said tongue.

2. In a handle for suit-cases and the like, a body portion formed of a single substantially ring-shaped channelled blank folded upon itself to form opposed cooperating sections, spurs formed upon two corresponding edges of said sections, a keeper formed upon one edge of one section and disposed at an angle thereto, a tongue shaped complementary to said sections and disposed therebetween with one edge extending outwardly therebeyond, said tongue having a perforation receiving said keeper, and a flexible covering about said sections secured thereto and to the outwardly extending edge of said tongue.

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