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Fig. 1.

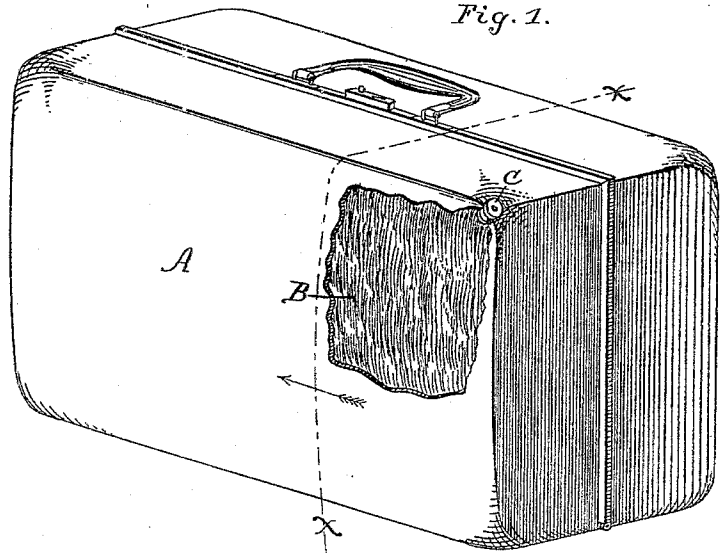


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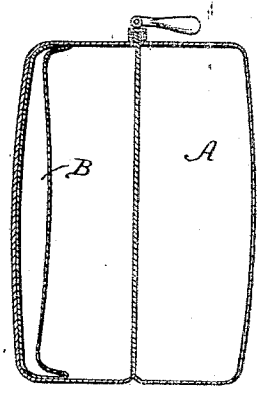
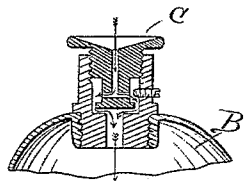


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN KIAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Houston, in the county of Harris and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Satchel and Pillow, of which the following is a description.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a satchel or valise embodying my invention, the outer covering of the same being partly broken away to show the air-bag. Fig. 2 is a cross-section through the line *x x* of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the valve C in detail.

The object of my invention is to provide an attachment to hand satchels or valises, which will permit the same to be used as a comfortable pillow in traveling; and to this end it consists in permanently combining with the satchel or valise and incorporating therewith at one of its sides an air-bag with mouth-piece and valve or screw-plug, which air-bag may be blown up to form a comfortable pillow, or, when not needed for this purpose, may be collapsed by allowing the air to escape, so as to add little or no weight to the satchel, and make no interference with its carrying capacity.

In the drawings, A represents a satchel, valise, or traveling-bag in one of whose sides is permanently incorporated an air-bag, B, having a mouth-piece, C, with screw-valve or stop-cock, (see Fig. 3,) by means of which the bag may be inflated and then closed. This bag B is designed, as shown in Fig. 1, to be permanently incorporated in the valise, so as to form one of the external sides of the same, with no leather coating or other rough surface to intervene between the bag and the head of the user; or it may for better protection be located just inside the leather side of the valise, as in Fig. 2, in which case it also practically forms one of the sides of the valise and is permanently incorporated as a fixture in the valise.

I am aware of the Patents No. 124,007 and 234,606, in the latter of which air-bags forming life-preservers are loosely attached by straps to a satchel, so as to be taken out and fastened around the body. My invention is distinctive, in the fact that it is permanently incorporated in the valise and forms the side thereof, and the mouth-piece is always on the outside of the valise, where the pillow can be blown up without opening the valise, which is a feature of great merit to the traveler, especially when my invention is suddenly required for use as a life-preserver, when considerable time might be lost in finding the key and unlocking the valise.

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

The combination, with a valise or satchel, of an air-bag permanently incorporated in the same to form one of the sides thereof, and having a mouth-piece upon the exterior of the valise, whereby the bag may be inflated without opening the valise, as and for the purpose described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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