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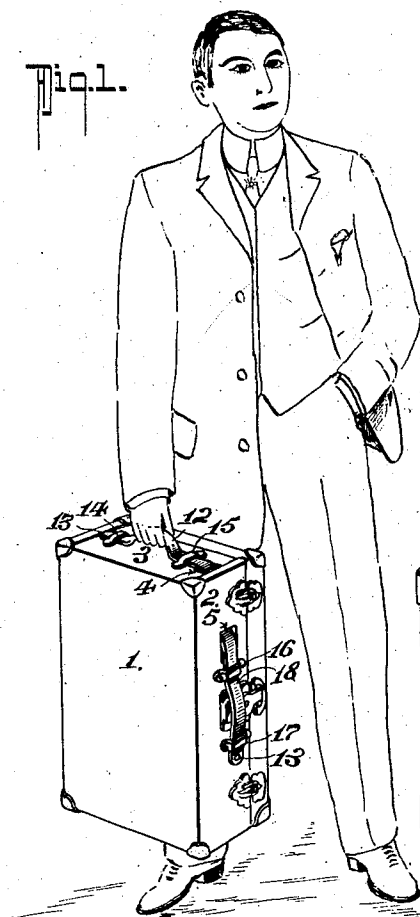


Fig. 5.

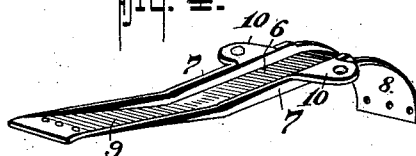


Fig. 2.

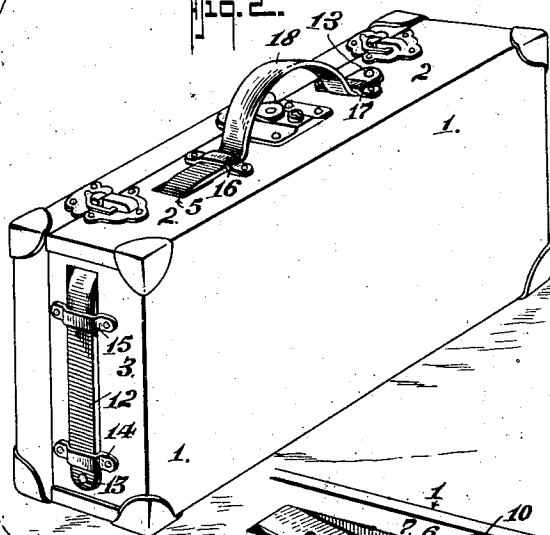


Fig. 3.

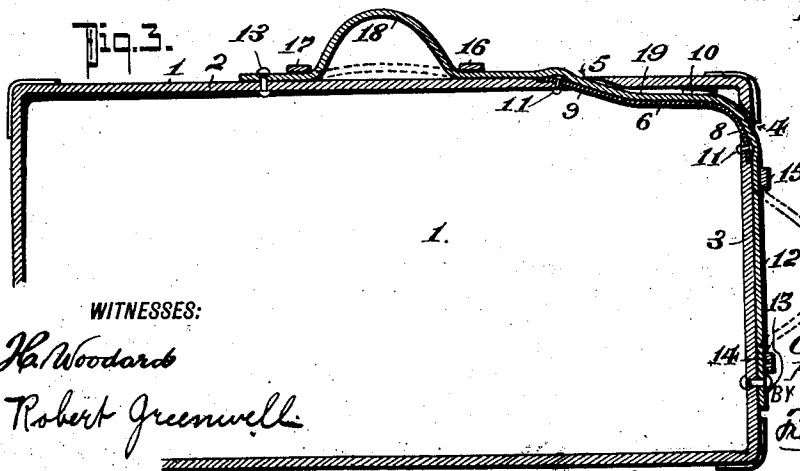


Fig. 5. 3.

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HANDLE FOR SUIT-CASES AND THE LIKE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES M. HOLLINGSWORTH, residing in Washington, District of Columbia, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Handles for Suit-Cases and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improved handle construction for use on suit cases, sample cases,
10 and other containers of a similar nature. These cases or receptacles are usually of greater length than height or width and are provided with relatively fixed handles on the upper longitudinal side. This construction
15 not infrequently is inconvenient for use particularly when the person carrying the case is getting on and off of cars, or in standing at rest the carrier must support the entire weight of the case or stoop over
20 to set the case down. I have, therefore, devised an improved handle construction whereby the case may be carried in the usual manner or up-ended and carried in a vertical
25 position with one end on top, thus making the bottom of the case come closer to the ground and reducing the stooping operation necessary to raise the case from the ground to a minimum.

Furthermore, it is the object of my invention
30 to provide the case with a handle of such nature that the case may be carried either in the ordinary way with its longitudinal axis horizontal, or may be carried with its longitudinal axis vertical, thus making
35 it more easy for the user to ascend and descend stairs or car steps with the case.

Generically the invention resides in providing a case with a top and end handle so
40 designed that when one handle member is employed, the other assumes a position out of the way, and vice versa, thereby not leaving projecting parts to get in one's way.

More subordinately the invention includes those novel details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, all of
45 which will be first fully described, and then be specifically pointed out in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:—

50 Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the manner of carrying the case in a vertical position with the end handle member in use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the case with the end handle member out of use and the
55 top handle member in position for use. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal section showing

the position of the parts when the top handle is employed, in full lines, and the position of the parts when the end handle is employed, in dotted lines. Fig. 4 is a detail
60 perspective view of the guide member, and, Fig. 5 is an inverted detail perspective view showing the guide member in place in the case.

In the drawing, like numerals and letters
65 of reference designate like parts in all the figures.

1 is the case, which may be of the usual construction, and is provided with the top
side 2 and the end side 3. The case is cut
70 out at 4 and 5 to receive the ends of the guide member 6. The guide member 6 is a plate, having side flanges 7 and ears 10, through the medium of which, the guide
75 may be secured within the suit case 1, as best indicated in Fig. 5 of the drawing. One end 8 of the guide is bent over to project through the opening 4, while the other
end 9 projects through the opening 5. If
80 desired, the ends 8 and 9 may be riveted to the suit case, as at 11, see Fig. 3.

12 designates the end handle member, and
18 designates the top handle member, both
of which are formed out of a single strap
whose ends are respectively secured at 13
85 to the suit case top and end. The strap projects through the openings 5 and 4 of the suit case, and passes along the guide 6, as
at 19, passing into the suit case through the
top opening 5 and out of the case through
90 the end opening 4.

The handle member 12 is held by cross
straps 14 and 15, secured to the end 3 of
the case 1 a suitable distance apart, while
the handle member 18 is guided through
95 straps 16 and 17 similarly secured to the top 2 of the case 1 and spaced a suitable distance apart.

The length of the strap 12—19—18 is such
that when one handle member 18 is in its
100 operative position, as indicated in Fig. 2, the other handle member 12 will be pulled flat against the end 3 of the case out of the way, and when the handle member 12 is
pulled into operative position (see Fig. 1
105 and dotted lines in Fig. 3), the handle member 18 will be pulled flat against the top 2 of the case 1, and out of the way.

From the foregoing it will be observed
that my invention provides a convenient
110 and quickly adjustable handle construction, whereby the case may be carried either hori-

zontally or vertically to suit the convenience of the user.

The drawing shows the preferred construction of the invention, although it is obvious that changes in the details of construction and design of the parts may readily be made without departing from the invention.

What I claim is:—

- 10 1. A case having a top and an end, combined with a handle member mounted on the top and end to form a top or an end handle by which the case may be carried either horizontally or vertically.
- 15 2. In a traveling case, a handle forming strap, having one end secured to the top of the case and the other end secured to one end of the case, guide straps secured on the case through which said handle strap passes
- 20 to form a top handle member or an end handle member, according as said strap is gripped on the top of the case or its end.
- 25 3. In a traveling case, a member having a top handle forming section and an end handle forming section, and a connection between said sections in virtue of which either section may be moved into its handle form position while the other section is simultaneously flattened against the case.
- 30 4. The combination of a traveling case with a top handle member and an end handle member, and means connecting the said handle members together, in virtue of which
- 35 when one handle member is in use the other handle member will be held flatwise against the case, and vice versa.
- 40 5. The combination of a traveling case with a top handle member and an end handle member, and means connecting the said handle members together, in virtue of which when one handle member is in use the other handle member will be held flatwise against

the case, and vice versa, said case having top and end openings through which said last named means enters and leaves the case. 45

6. The combination of a traveling case with a top handle member and an end handle member, and means connecting the said handle members together, in virtue of which when one handle member is in use the other handle member will be held flatwise against the case, and vice versa, said case having top and end openings through which said last named means enters and leaves the case, and a guide within the case for said connecting means. 55

7. A case having a top and an end, combined with a handle member mounted on the top and end to form a top or an end handle by which the case may be carried either horizontally or vertically, and means for relatively stationarily holding the ends of said handle member to the case. 60

8. In a traveling case, a member including a top handle forming section and an end handle forming section, pairs of cross straps secured to the top and to one end of the case and spaced apart whereby the top handle forming section will come between one pair of cross straps, and the end handle forming section will come between the other pair of cross straps, a connection between said sections in virtue of which either section may be moved into its handle forming position, while the other section is simultaneously flattened against the case, and means for relatively rigidly holding the extreme ends of said member from movement with relation to the case. 75

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