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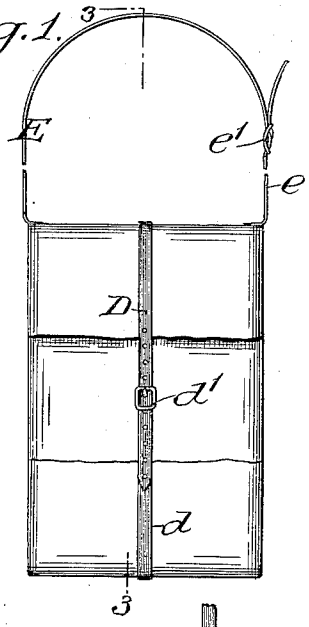


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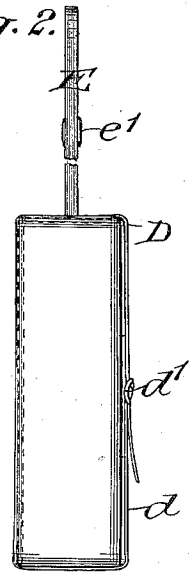


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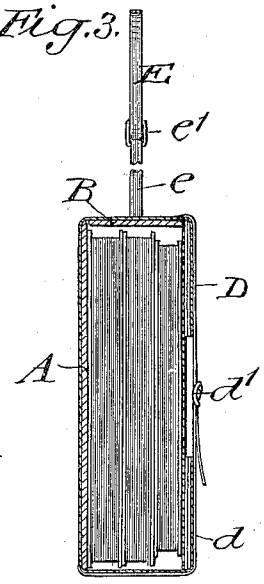


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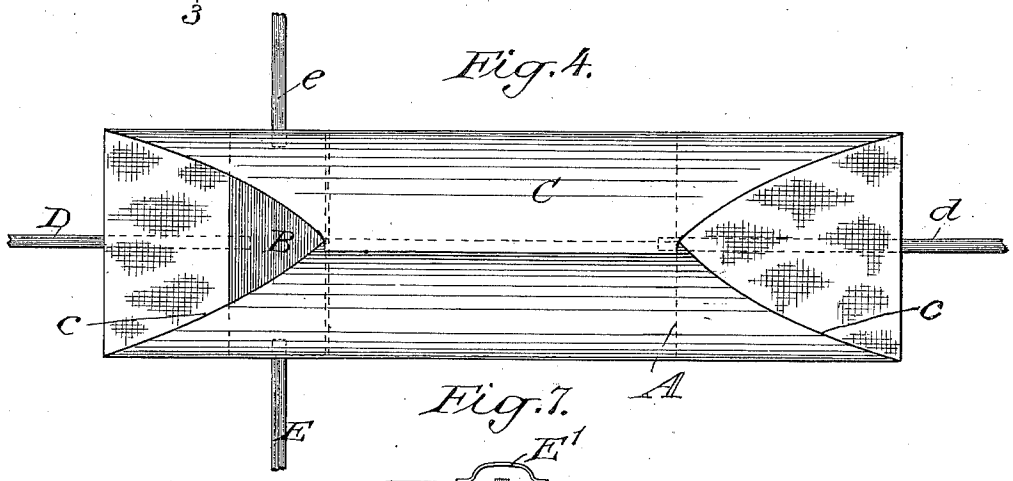


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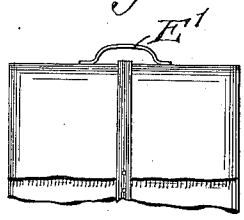


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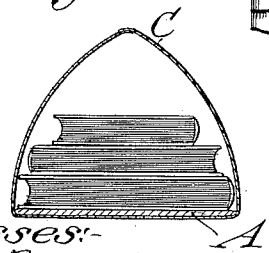
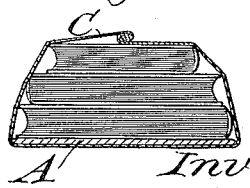


Fig. 6.



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SATCHEL.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 652,022, dated June 19, 1900.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX S. ERSLER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of Manhattan, in the city and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Satchels, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to satchels for carrying school-books and the like, and has for its objects to provide a satchel which will effectually shield and protect the books carried therein from the weather, which will be evenly balanced, so that the satchel may be carried easily and with comfort, and to provide a very simple, neat, and attractive article.

A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of the satchel in its closed position as when in use containing a number of books. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken in the plane of the line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the satchel in its unfolded position ready for the insertion of books therein. Fig. 5 is a transverse vertical section through the satchel with its flexible tubular wrapper unrolled. Fig. 6 is a similar view with the tubular wrapper rolled to snugly retain the books in position therein, and Fig. 7 is a detail front view showing a modified form of suspension device or hand-strap.

The back of the satchel is denoted by A and the top, which is hinged thereto, by B. The back and top may be made of any suitable stiff material—such, for instance, as cardboard.

A flexible tubular wrapper, of waterproof material, is secured to the top and back of the satchel, which wrapper is denoted as a whole by C. In the form shown in the accompanying drawings I have shown the stiff back A as being firmly secured—as, for instance, by glue—along the inner wall of the rear of the tubular wrapper C. The stiff top B is hinged to the top of the back A by firmly securing the said top to the inner wall of the rear portion of the tubular wrapper—as, for instance, by glue. The opposite ends of the tubular wrapper C extend a considerable distance beyond the stiff back and top. The wrapper is of sufficient size to permit the insertion therein of a number of books or other articles.

The front portion of the tubular wrapper C is cut away at both ends for a considerable distance, as shown at *c*, so as to facilitate the rolling of the wrapper snugly about the books without undue wrinkling of the wrapper whether there be a number of books or merely a single book therein or even where there are no books being carried within the satchel. I provide a strap for rigidly securing the wrapper in its folded position snugly about the books therein, which strap comprises two sections D *d*, the section D, for instance, being secured to the outer or front edge of the stiff top B and the portion *d* being secured to the bottom of the stiff back A. I have shown the portion *d* as being provided with a buckle *d'* for the adjustable connection therewith of the portion D of the strap.

I provide a suitable hand-strap for carrying the satchel, which hand-strap is shown in Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, as being of considerable length, one portion—E, for instance—being secured to the one side edge of the top B and the other portion, *e*, being secured to the other side edge of the top B at points about half-way between the front and rear edges of the said top, so that when the satchel is carried by the strap it will be evenly balanced and will hang vertically from the strap. I have shown the portion E as being provided with a suitable buckle *e'* for the adjustable attachment of the portion *e* thereto.

In the form shown in Fig. 7 I have represented the hand-strap (denoted by E') as comprising a short loop portion secured to the stiff top B about midway its sides and its front and back.

In use the tubular portion C is unfolded and unrolled, and one or more books which it is desired to carry may be inserted into position upon the stiff back A. The wrapper C is then rolled closely, beginning at its front, until the books are held snugly against the back. As has hereinabove been stated, the cut-away portions *c* of the wrapper permit this rolling to be accomplished without wrinkling the wrapper or giving a clumsy appearance thereto. The ends of the wrapper are then folded over toward each other, and the

portions D *d* of the strap are then secured together. This folding over of the ends of the wrapper will bring the stiff top B over at substantially right angles to the back A and will thus bring the hand-strap in position to suspend the satchel in a vertical position.

What I claim is—

A satchel for carrying books comprising a flexible tubular wrapper having open ends, a stiff back and a stiff top secured along the inner wall of the rear portion of the tubular wrapper, a strap partially passing around the satchel lengthwise for securing the satchel in its folded position and a hand-strap secured to the said stiff top in position to support the satchel in a substantially-vertical position when in use, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 17th day of February, 1900.

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