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HANDLE FASTENING FOR TRAVELING BAGS, CASES, &c.

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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

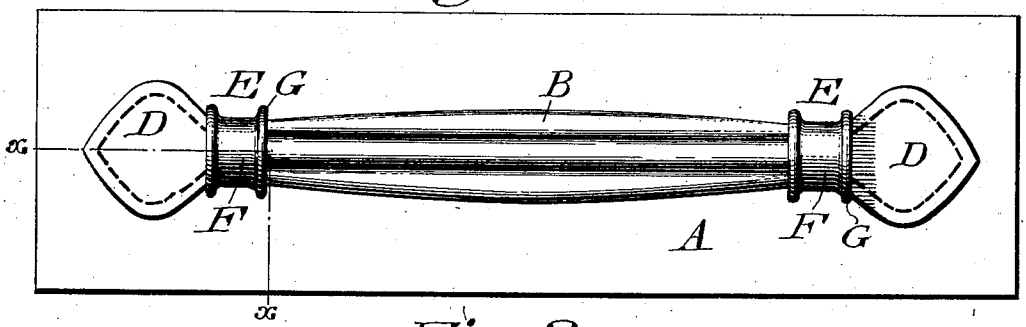


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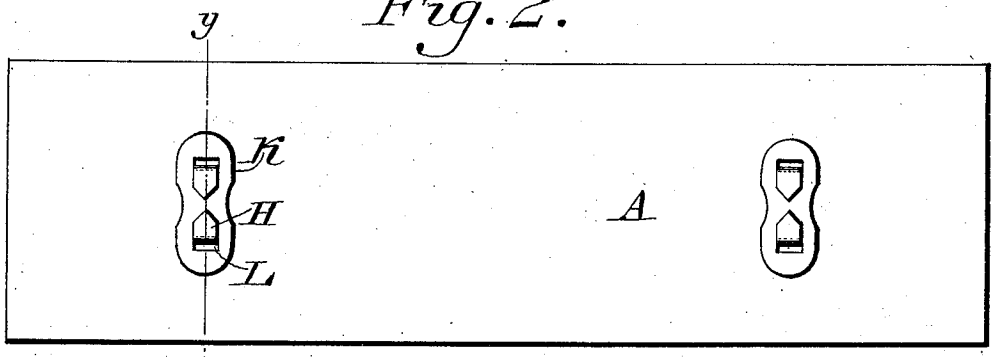


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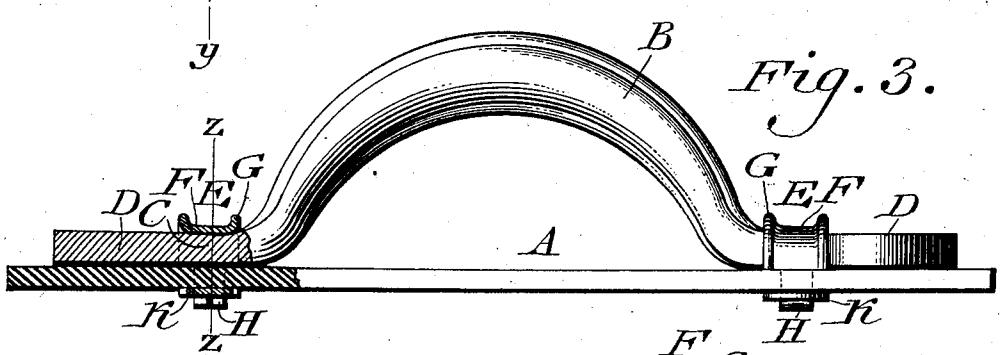


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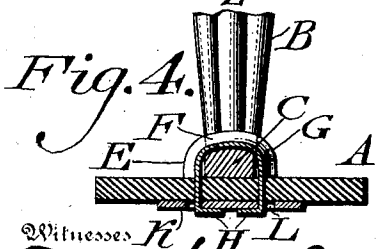
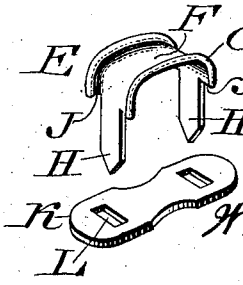


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HANDLE-FASTENING FOR TRAVELING BAGS, CASES, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM STERLING MAXWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Handle-Fastenings for Traveling Bags, Cases, &c., of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to means for fastening a handle to a traveling-bag, suit-case, satchel, &c.; and it consists of the novel construction of the same, as will be hereinafter described.

It further consists of novel features of construction, all as will be hereinafter set forth.

Figures 1 and 2 represent a top and bottom plan view of the top of a case or bag with my handle secured thereto. Fig. 3 represents a side elevation, partly in section, on line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 represents a section through the lines *y y* and *z z*, Figs. 2 and 3. Fig. 5 represents a perspective view of one handle-fastening, the members of which are separated.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the top of a case or bag; B, a handle, which may be of stitched leather of any usual or convenient form. It is provided with neck portions C C and with heads D D, as shown. Inclosing each of the neck portions C is a staple E, consisting of a body or central bearing portion F, having upturned and rounded edges G, and of legs H, forming shoulders J at their junction with the body F and preferably pointed at their ends.

Beneath the top A are placed washers K, each pierced at L for the reception of the staple-legs H. When the legs H are bent under said washers, as shown, the handle B is held very firmly to the case-top A by means of the central bearing portion, while the ends of the handles are protected from marring or other injury by means of the upturned and smoothed edges of the staple.

The shoulders J abut against the top A, and so limit the descent of the staple, and they are held tightly in position by the clenching of the legs H.

It will be seen that the body F is struck up of metal, so as to be concave or channeled on its upper face in transverse direction, whereby the staple is stiffened and strengthened and enabled to a great extent to endure the strain and weight to which it is subjected when the case, bag, &c., is in use, while the legs H are pliable, so as to be readily deflected under and clenched upon the washers from below, said legs and staples thus, though of different natures, remaining integral or homogeneous.

Various changes may be made in the details of construction shown without departing from the general spirit of my invention, and I do not, therefore, desire to be limited in each case to the same.

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

1. A fastening for the handles of cases, bags and the like comprising a body portion channeled on its upper face and depending legs forming shoulders at their junction with said body portion and a separate washer with which said shoulders indirectly engage and said legs clench.

2. A case or bag handle having a grip portion and heads connected therewith by necks in combination with a fastening for said handle comprising a body portion having upturned and smoothed edges and depending legs forming shoulders at their junction with said body portion and a separate washer having apertures for said legs.

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