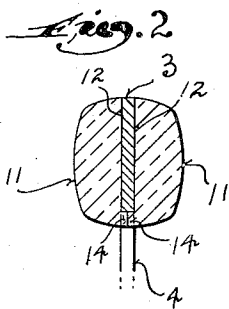
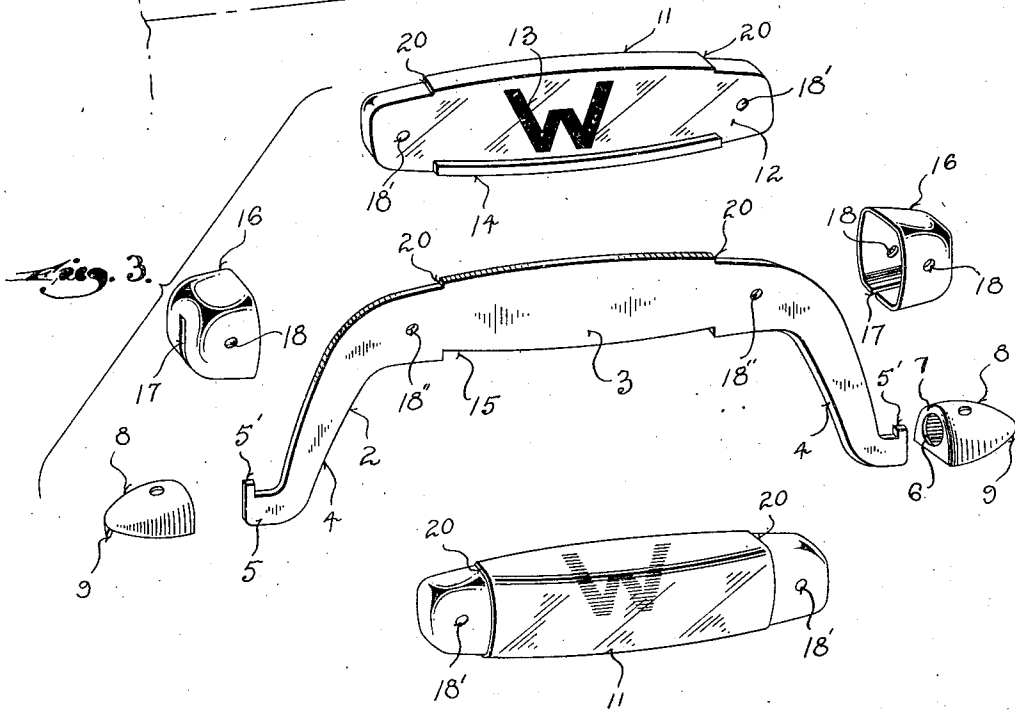
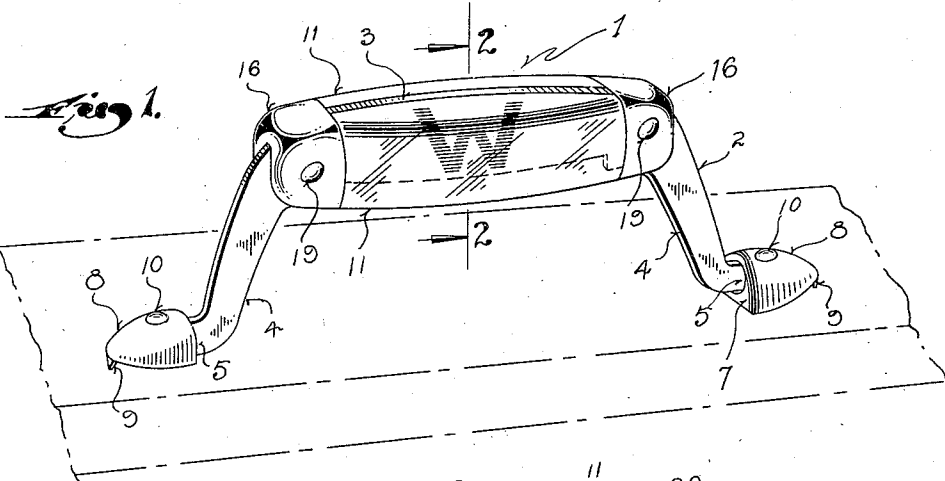


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This invention relates to hand luggage and more particularly to handles for suit cases and traveling bags.

It is an object of this invention to provide an attractive handle for a suit case or the like which will be sturdy and long wearing but simple and inexpensive to produce.

A further object of this invention resides in the provision of a handle constructed to take advantage of the attractive appearance of plastic materials wherein the plastic materials carry only a small part of the load represented by the suit case to which the handle is attached.

Another object of this invention resides in the provision of a handle of the character described which will enhance the appearance of a suit case or traveling bag and which will enable the same to be carried comfortably.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, this invention resides in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts substantially as hereinafter described, and more particularly defined by the appended claims, it being understood that such changes in the precise embodiment of the hereindisclosed invention may be made as come within the scope of the claims.

The accompanying drawing illustrates one complete example of the physical embodiment of the invention constructed in accordance with the best mode so far devised for the practical application of the principles thereof, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the handle of this invention suggesting the manner of its installation on a suit case;

Figure 2 is a cross sectional view through the handle taken along the line 2-2 in Figure 1; and

Figure 3 is an exploded perspective view of the handle, showing its component parts.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawing in which like numerals indicate like parts throughout the several views, the numeral 1 designates generally the handle of this invention. The handle comprises a flat substantially U-shaped member 2 preferably stamped from sheet metal with the base of the U providing an elongated core 3 for the grip portion of the handle. The legs 4 of the U-shaped stamping extend angularly downwardly from the core in the plane thereof.

Outwardly projecting feet 5 on the extremities of the legs remote from the core 3 and axially aligned with one another provide a pair of trunnions by which the handle may be hingedly attached to a suit case or the like. For this purpose, 55

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the trunnions are rotatably journaled in bearing-like apertures 6 provided in the upright walls 7 of clips or bearing sockets 8.

Upset portions 5' on the outer extremities of the feet 5 engage behind the apertured walls 7 of the sockets to hold the same assembled with the handle prior to attachment of the handle to the suit case.

The sockets 8 are preferably stamped from sheet metal and each has a tang 9 at its end remote from the upright walls 7, formed from a pointed projection of the body of the blank from which the socket is stamped. The sockets 8 may be secured to the suit case as indicated in construction lines in Figure 1 in any desired manner, as for example, by means of rivets 10. The tangs 9 are driven into the wall of the suit case to cooperate with the rivets in securing the sockets 8 fixedly in position.

To the core member 3 is secured a pair of complementary grip forming cover members 11. Each of the cover members has a flat inner side 12 adapted to abut one flat side of the core 3.

A transparent plastic is preferably employed for the grip forming cover members 11 to enable any desired design 13, debossed in the flat sides 12 of the cover members, to be viewed through the cover members. The design 13 may be in the nature of a name or initial, or some pictorial representation, and it may be debossed on the inner sides 12 of the cover members as shown or suitably delineated on the sides of the core 3.

In either event the purpose of the invention is accomplished by reason of the fact that the transparent cover members completely enclose and protect the design 13 without interfering with the visibility thereof.

A ledge 14 extends along the bottom edge of the flat side 12 of each cover member. The respective ledges on the two grip members project toward each other through a cut-out or notch 15 in the lower edge of the core 3 and are cemented together abutting one another as shown in Figure 2.

The ledges do not extend the full length of the cover members, but their length is substantially equal to that of the notch 15 so that the ends of the ledges abut against the ends of the notch and lock the cover members against endwise motion relative to the core 3 while the engagement of the ledges with the bottom of the notch 15 holds the cover members against shifting upwardly relative to the core 3.

Caps 16, preferably stamped from metal, are fitted over the ends of the grip forming cover

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members. A slot 17 in each cap receives portions of the core and legs 4 at their junctions. Aligned holes 18, 18' and 18'' in the cap, the cover members and the core 3, respectively, receive rivets 19 which secure the cap and cover members in position on the core 3. The ends of the cover members and the core 3 may be relieved as at 20 by an amount such that the exteriors of the caps 16 are flush with the outer sides of the cover members and the top edge of the core 3.

The cover members 11 thus cooperate to define the grip proper in which the core 3 is substantially embedded.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be readily apparent that this invention provides a novel and inexpensive handle for a suit case or similar article of hand luggage which will be attractive and practical, as well as comfortable and convenient to grasp and hold.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A suit case handle, comprising: a grip portion including an elongated flat metallic core, a pair of opposite plastic cover members disposed flatwise over the opposite sides of the core, shell-like caps embracing the opposite ends of the plastic covers and the core therebetween, and rivets passing through said caps, the covers and the core therebetween for holding the covers in place on the opposite sides of the core and the caps in place enclosing the ends of the covers; legs joined to the core adjacent to the ends of said grip portion and extending angularly through openings in said caps to one side of the grip portion substantially in the plane of said core; and means on the extremities of said legs remote from the grip portion of the handle providing for hingedly connecting the handle to a suit case or similar piece of luggage.

2. A suit case handle, comprising: a substantially U-shaped member stamped from a single piece of sheet material with the portion of said member joining the legs of the U defining a core for the grip portion of the handle; a cover for each side of said core; shell-like caps telescoped over the opposite ends of said covers and the core therebetween; rivets passing through said caps, the cover and the core for securely attaching the covers in place against the opposite sides of the core and for holding the shell-like caps in place telescoped over the ends of the covers, said shell-like caps having slots through which the legs of the stamping project; and means on the extremities of the legs remote from the grip portion of the handle providing for hingedly attaching the handle to a suit case or the like.

3. A handle for a traveling bag, comprising: a fiat U shaped metallic stamping, the portion of the stamping between the legs thereof providing a core for the grip of the handle; a pair of plastic covers for the opposite sides of said core cooperating therewith to define the contour of the grip of the handle; ledges on said covers along the side edges of the covers between the legs of

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the stamping, said ledges having their ends spaced from the ends of the covers and extending inwardly into abutting engagement with one another through a notch in the lower edge of said core with the ends of the ledges engaged with the ends of the notch to limit motion of the covers relative to the core in a direction parallel to the opposite faces of the core; means clamping the plastic covers to the sides of the core; and means on the extremities of said legs remote from the grip portion of the handle providing for hingedly attaching the handle to a traveling bag or the like.

4. The handle set forth in claim 3 further characterized by the fact that the means for clamping the plastic covers to the core comprises shell-like caps telescoped over the ends of the covers and the adjacent portions of the core to enclose the same, said caps having slots in their undersides to receive the legs of the stamping; and means for securing said caps and covers to the core.

5. A handle for hand luggage, comprising: a fiat U-shaped sheet metal stamping, the portion between the legs thereof providing a core for the grip of the handle; a pair of plastic covers for the opposite sides of said core cooperating therewith to define the contour of the grip of the handle; rivets passing through the covers and the core to hold the covers to the core; interengaging portions on the stamping and the covers cooperating to hold the covers against upward displacement with respect to the stamping, said portions extending longitudinally of the grip and having abutting shoulders at their ends cooperating to hold the covers against endwise displacement with respect to the stamping to thereby relieve the rivets of stress incident to use of the handle; and means on the extremities of said legs remote from the grip portion of the handle providing for hingedly attaching the handle to a piece of hand luggage.

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