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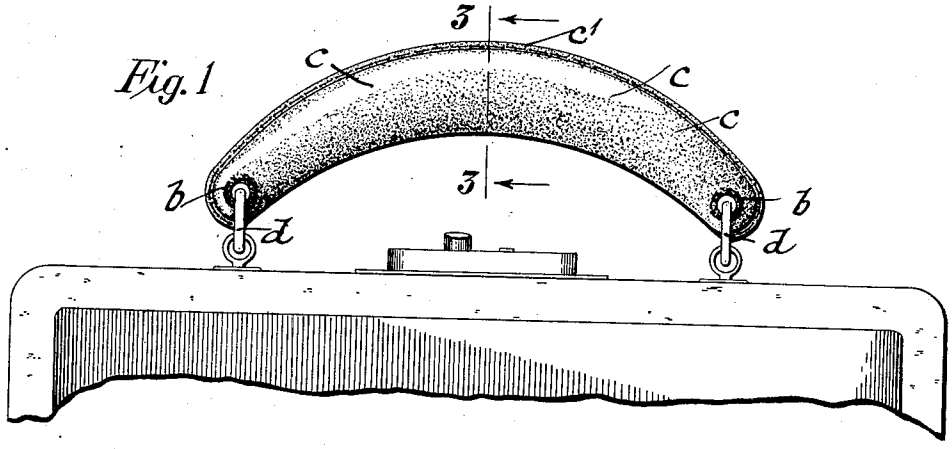
BAG HANDLE.

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Fig. 1



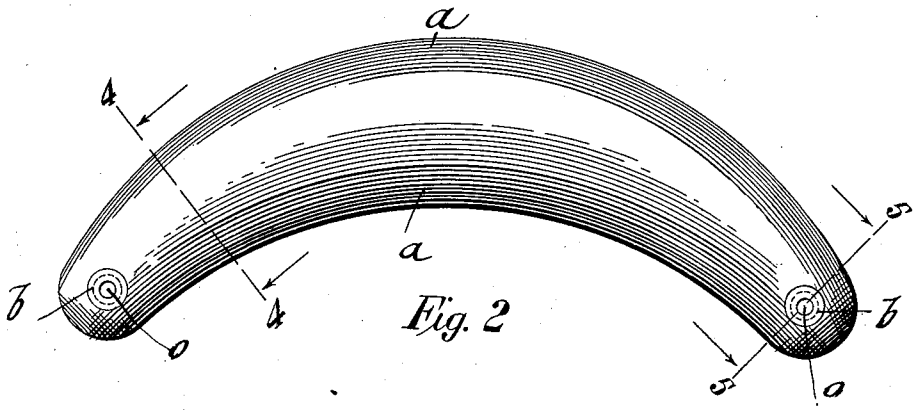


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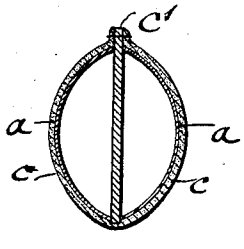


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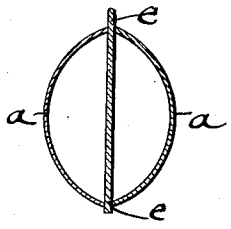


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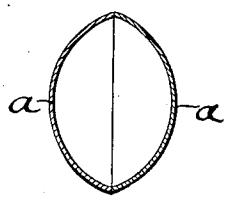
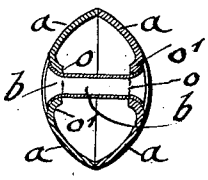


Fig. 4

Fig. 5



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES GLUCKMAN, a subject of the Czar of Russia, residing in New York, in the borough of Manhattan, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag-Handles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved handle for traveling bags which is intended more especially for the larger and heavier sizes of bags.

Heretofore the handles for the larger and heavier bags were made of an interior wire-core having eyelets at its ends for the links connecting the handle with the frame of the bag, a filling of paper or other suitable material wrapped around the wire-core to the required size of the handle, and a leather-covering placed around said paper-filling and wire-core and stitched together at the upper edges. The making and shaping of these handles required specially skilled hands and a considerable time in building them up.

The object of this invention is to dispense entirely with the wire-core and paper-filling of the handle, and supply in place thereof a hollow metallic shell, which is then directly covered with a leather-covering, said shell being made of two semi-sections united at the meeting edges and provided with concave depressions in their ends and with eyelets for connecting the semi-sections and forming the connection with the links applied to the handle and the frame of the traveling bag.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a side-elevation of my improved handle for traveling bags, Fig. 2 is a side-view of the metallic shell for the handle, drawn on a larger scale, Figs. 3, 4 and 5 are vertical transverse sections respectively on lines 3—3, Fig. 1, and 4—4 and 5—5, Fig. 2, and Fig. 6 is a vertical transverse section of a modified construction of the improved metallic shell for the handle.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the different figures of the drawing.

Referring to the drawing, *a* represents a shell for the handles of traveling bags. The shell *a* is made of two halves or semi-sections which abut at their edges and which are either soldered together or connected by means of eyelets *b* at their ends, said eyelets passing through holes *o* and depressions o^1 around said holes, as shown in Figs. 2 and 5, whereby a rigid connection between the semi-shells is obtained. The semi-shells are made of sheet-metal, preferably sheet-steel, and are stamped up by means of dies from suitable sheet-metal blanks, the semi-shells corresponding when connected in shape and size with the shape and size of handles required for the different sizes of traveling bags. Through the eyelets of the shell *a* are passed the wire-links *d* by which the connection of the handle with the frame of the traveling bag is made. The leather-covering *c* for the handle is made in the usual manner and stitched together at the upper convex edge of the shell, as shown at c^1 in Figs. 1 and 3.

In some handles a layer *e* of pasteboard or other material is inserted between the meeting edges of the semi-sections, said pasteboard projecting beyond the upper edge of the shell and forming a support for the stitched edge of the leather-covering, the projecting edge of the layer being trimmed off after stitching.

The shells are supplied in completely connected shape to the manufacturers of traveling bags and are covered by the same and applied to the bag, dispensing thereby with the paper-fillings of these handles, and saving thereby considerable labor and time in making the same, while furnishing a strong and durable handle for the larger and heavier sizes of traveling bags in use.

I claim:

1. A handle for traveling bags, comprising hollow sheet-metal sections having their concaved portions facing each other and their edges facing each other and meeting on a vertical plane, openings at the ends of the sections, the openings at the same ends of the sections being in registration with each other, transverse connecting members passing transversely through both sections and joining the sections together, said connecting members each having an opening for the passage of the rings of the bag, and a leather covering for the sections.

2. A handle for traveling bags, comprising two semi-sections having the edges facing each other and arranged in a vertical plane, openings in the semi-sections in registration with each other, means for uniting the sections at their ends having openings for the rings of the bag, an intermediate

layer of suitable material interposed between the semi-sections arranged in a vertical plane and extending beyond the semi-sections, and a leather covering for the semi-sections having the edges joined at the protruding edge of the interposed material.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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