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Fig. 1.

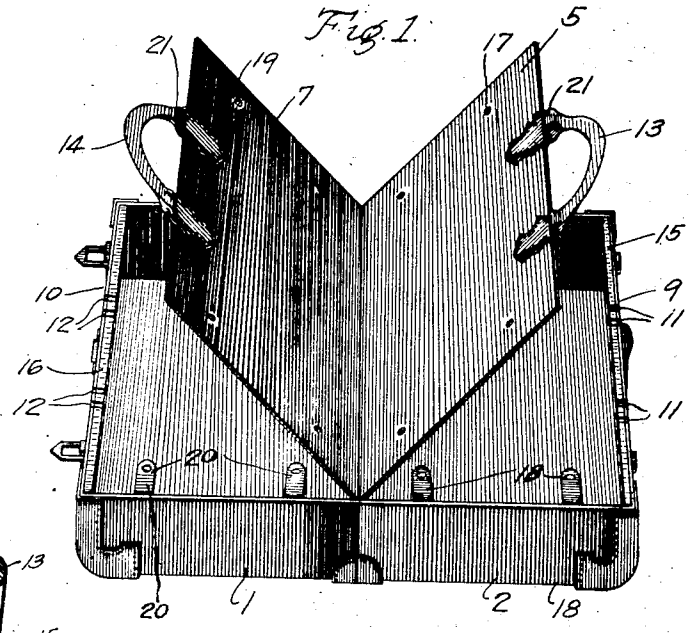



Fig. 3

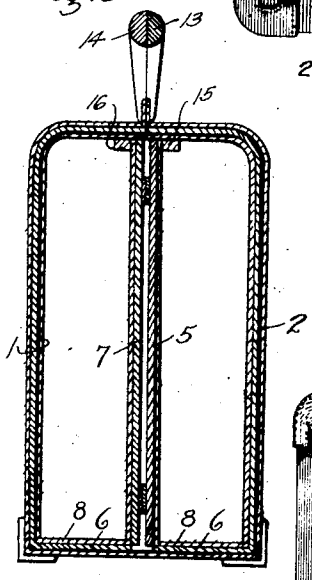
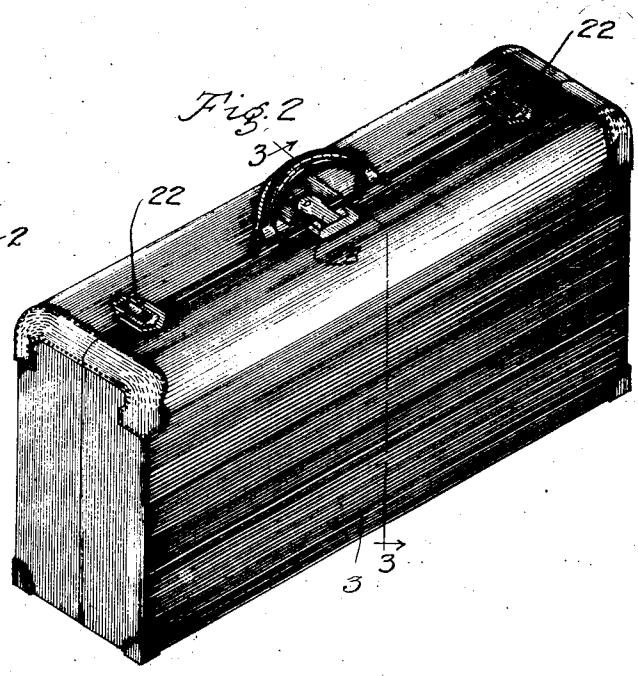



Fig. 2



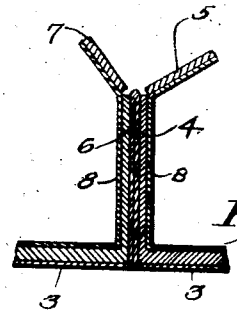




Fig. 4.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ATHELSTAN H. CHRISTIE, a citizen of the United States, and resident of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bags and Suitcases, of which the following is a specification containing a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to certain new improvements in "bags and suit cases," and has for its primary object a construction of a bag or suit case wherein the handle or handles by means of which the case is carried, are secured directly to the partition or partitions of the case, thus eliminating the expense of framework of the case.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a suit case in open position and the partitions partly opened and the handles secured directly to the partitions;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the case closed illustrating the position of the handles;

Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on line 3—3, Fig. 2 of the case closed; and

Fig. 4 is a fragmental transverse section.

Referring to the drawings 1 and 2 indicate the two sections or compartments of the suit case, the backs 3 of which are made out of a continuous piece of material which forms the hinge connection between the compartments as illustrated in Fig. 4. The end and side walls of the compartments or sections are constructed in any desirable manner. Secured to the side wall 4 is partition 5 and secured to the side wall 6 is a partition 7. The partitions 5 and 7 are shown secured to these walls by means of the lining 8. Formed in the side walls 9 and 10 are depressions 11 and 12. These depressions are formed so as to receive the handle 13 carried by partition 5 and the handle 14 carried by partition 7. Secured to the side wall 9 is a ledge 15 and secured to the side wall 10 is a ledge 16. When partitions 5 and 7 are closed they rest upon these ledges. The partitions 5 and 7 are made to snugly fit on the inside of the compartments 1 and 2, and acting as a reinforcement when closed for the edges or walls of the compartments. Secured to the partition 5 are series of studs 17, and secured to the compartment 2 are series of sockets 18, by means of which if desired, the partition 5 may be secured to the section or compartment 2; likewise the partition 7 is provided with studs 19 and the compartment section 1 is provided with sockets 20 by means of which said partition 7 may be secured within the compartment 1. The handles 13 and 14 are secured to the partitions 5 and 7 in any suitable mechanical manner and when the case is closed as illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3, the handles project on the outside of the case. The case is provided with the usual fasteners 22 and lock 23. When the case is closed, the partitions 5 and 7 will be located around and within the top walls of the compartments or sections 1 and 2, the handles projecting through the case as illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3, from which it will be observed that the entire weight of the case is on the partitions 5 and 7. These partitions not only support the weight of the case through the handles 13 and 14, but as previously stated, reinforce and strengthen the walls of the sections 1 and 2, thus obviating the necessity of any framing of the case. Furthermore, it will be observed that the edges of the sections 1 and 2 abut and lie in the same planes when the case is closed as distinguished from cases wherein the edge of the case lies on the inside of the lid rim.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A suit case comprising two compartments, the backs whereof are formed of a continuous piece of material, a partition for each compartment hinged to the material out of which the backs are formed and adapted to lie wholly within the walls of the compartment, a ledge secured on the inside of each compartment against which the partition is adapted to be positioned when the same is closed, and a handle secured to each partition and adapted to project between the walls of the compartments whereby the entire weight of the case is supported by the partitions.

2. A suit case comprising two compartments, the backs of which are formed of a continuous piece of material, and the walls whereof, when the case is closed, occupy the same planes, a partition for each compartment hinged to the material out of which the backs are formed and adapted to lie wholly within the walls of the compartment when the partitions are closed, a ledge secured on the inside of each compartment against

which the partition is adapted to be positioned when the same is closed, a handle secured to each partition and adapted to project beyond the walls of the compartments whereby the entire weight of the case is supported by the partitions.

3. A suit case comprising two compartments, the backs whereof are formed of a continuous piece of flexible material, a partition for each compartment hinged to the material out of which the backs are formed and adapted to lie wholly within the walls of the compartment, the ends of the partitions and top edges thereof fitting against the contiguous faces of the walls of the compartment and the top edge of each compartment being provided with notches, a ledge secured on the inside of each compartment against which the partition is adapted to be positioned when the same is closed, a handle secured to each partition and adapted to project through the recesses formed in the walls of the compartments whereby the entire weight of the case is supported by the partitions.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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