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BAG HANDLE.
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Fig. 1.

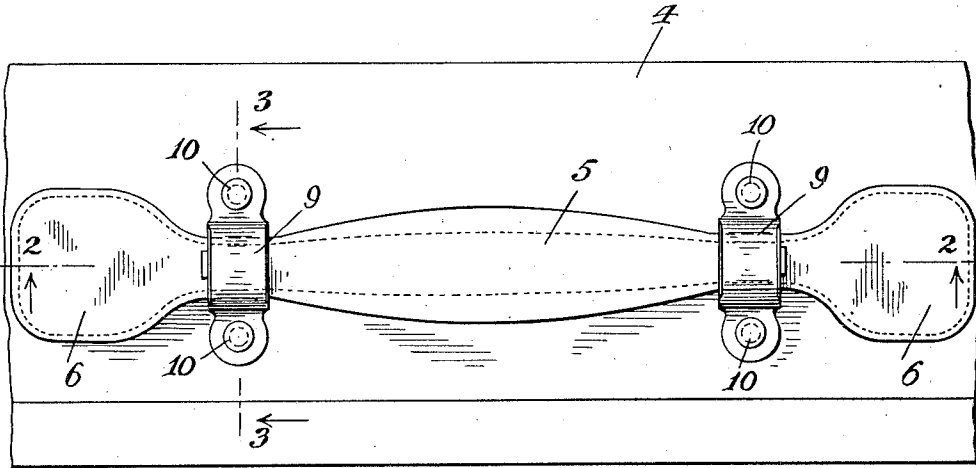


Fig. 2.

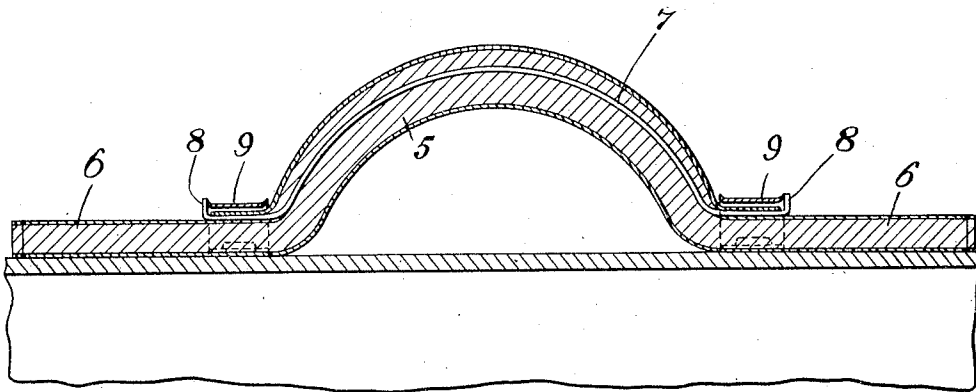
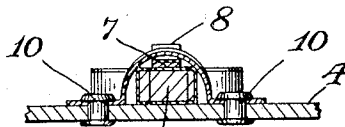


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACK JOSEPH GOLDBAUM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Irvington, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag-Handles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to bag handles of the type in which the handle is provided at each end with enlargements, and held by means of metallic loops which are fastened to the top of the bag or suit case.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a device of the kind referred to which may be made of very cheap material, and which will nevertheless possess the necessary strength.

Other objects and aims of the invention, more or less broad than those stated above, together with the advantages inherent, will be in part obvious and in part specifically referred to in the course of the following description of the elements, combinations, arrangements of parts, and applications of principles constituting the invention; and the scope of protection contemplated will appear from the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which are to be taken as a part of this specification, and in which I have shown a merely preferred form of embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a top plan view of a portion of the top part of a suit case to which my invention is applied; Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1 looking in the direction of the arrows; and Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1 looking in the direction of the arrow.

Referring to the numerals on the drawings, there is indicated at 4 a top of a suit case as an example of an article to which my invention may be attached. The reference character 5 indicates a handle which is of any usual or preferred shape, but which preferably has at its ends enlargements 6. This handle may be made of any cheap substitute for leather, as for instance, layers of cardboard, suitably covered and stretched to simulate the appearance of leather. Intermediate its ends the handle is bowed in the usual way, and on its upper surface is carried a suitably shaped reinforcing member 7, which is curved to correspond with the bow of the handle and whose

ends are provided with turned-up portions or flanges 8, which, when the reinforcing member is in position, reach not quite to the enlargement 6. This reinforcing member 7 has its end portions uncovered, while the intermediate portions are suitably embedded within the material of the handle; or the reinforcing member may be separately covered and lie within a suitable recess provided for it in the upper portion of the handle. In any event, the end portions of the handle are intended to be covered by means of metallic loops 9, which are fastened to the top of the bag or suit case by means of rivets 10 or the like. The flanges 8 prevent the pulling out of the handle through the loops 9, even though there should be a fracture of the handle between its intermediate and end portions. Furthermore, all of the strain on the handle is taken up by the reinforcing member 7, and the enlargements 6 serve only the purpose of adornment. The flanges 8 are scarcely visible at the edges of the loops 9.

Inasmuch as many changes could be made in the above construction, and many apparently widely different embodiments of my invention could be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawings shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

It is also to be understood that the language used in the following claims is intended to cover all the generic and specific features of the invention herein described and all statements of the scope of the invention which, as a matter of language, might be said to fall therebetween.

By reason of the fact that the flat bowed reinforcing member is embedded in the handle, the bowed part of the reinforce is of course invisible. Thus parts of the reinforce which project through the ends of the bowed portion of the handle, extend only over the flat neck portions which connect the bowed part of the handle with the enlargements 6, and these projecting parts of the reinforce are entirely covered by the loops 9. The up-turned flanges are close up against the edges of the loops and are scarcely visible.

I claim:

1. A bag handle having a bowed portion and flat enlargements lying in a common

plane at the ends of the bowed portion and joined thereto by flat neck portions, and a flat bowed reinforce embedded within the bowed portion of the handle and extending therefrom at each end over said neck portions, said projecting portions of the reinforce lying in planes parallel to the necks, and having upturned flanges, and loops fitting over the projecting ends of the reinforce and engaging the upturned flanges.

2. A handle of the class described comprising an intermediate gripping portion and end portions, loops loosely encircling the end portions and a flat reinforce embedded in said gripping portion and extending therefrom and having flanged ends en-

gageable with said loops for limiting the movement of the handle in the line of strain.

3. A handle of the class described comprising an intermediate gripping portion and end portions, loops loosely encircling the end portions and a flat reinforce associated with said gripping portion and passing beyond the loops and gripping portion and having upturned ends engageable with said loops whereby said loops are held against the edge of the gripping portion for limiting the movement of the handle in the line of strain.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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