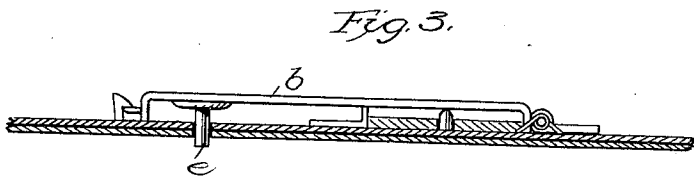
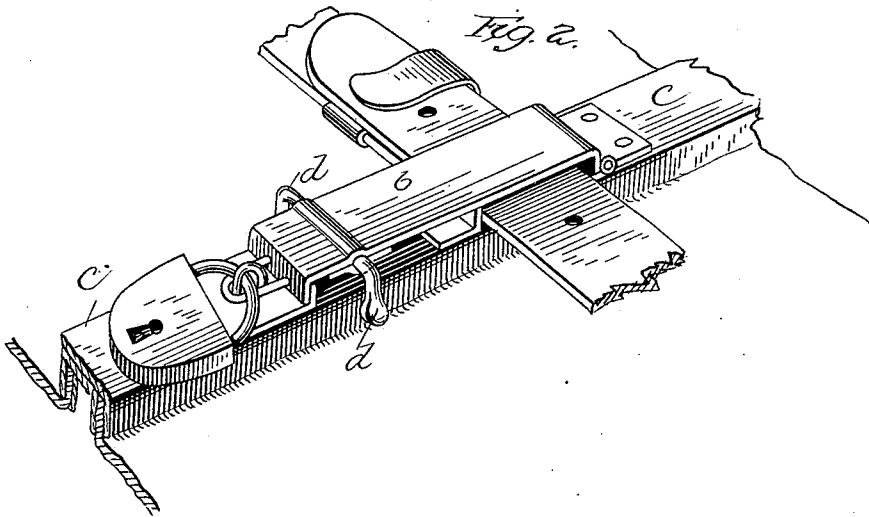
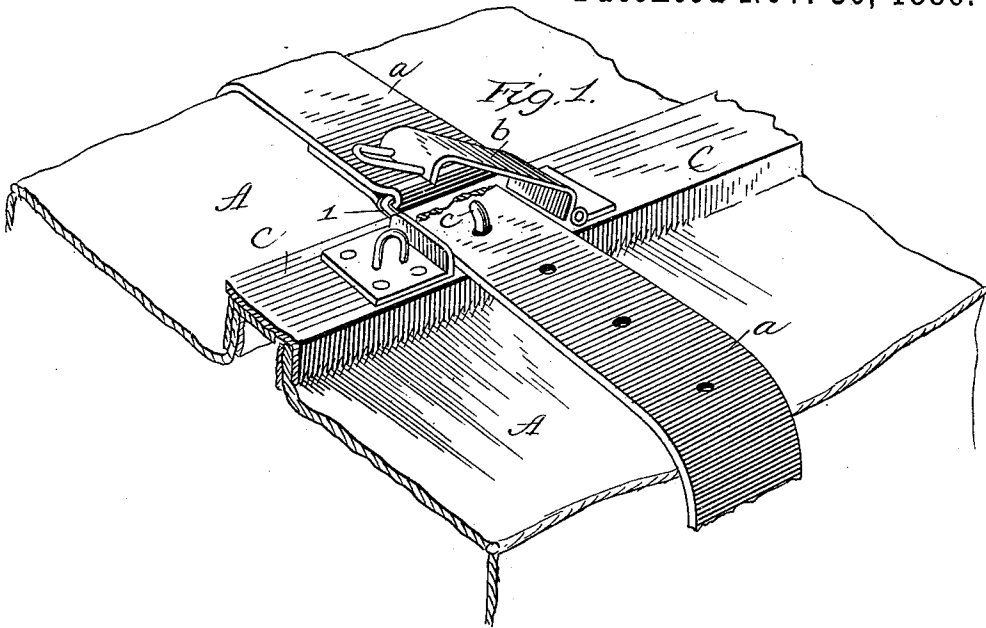


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. YARGER, of New Hampton, in the county of Chickasaw and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Satchel Straps; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention is an improved device for holding satchel-straps; and its object is to provide means for dispensing with the use of a buckle and securing the free end of the strap by means of a suitable fastening device secured to the satchel itself.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a portion of a satchel. Fig. 2 is a similar view of a modification. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of another modification.

In the drawings the satchel is represented at A. The strap which passes around the satchel is represented at *a*. The satchel is, as it is ordinarily constructed, provided with two jaws composed of metal frames, the material of the satchel being secured to these frames, and being retained in proper shape by them. These frames strengthen the satchel and serve to permit the satchel to be opened and closed without difficulty. On one side of these frames, which I will call the "jaws" of the satchel, a loop, *l*, is secured and one end of the strap *a* is fastened thereto. The other end of the strap is free; but when it is desired to put the satchel in condition for traveling the free end of the strap is carried around the satchel-body and is locked in place upon the upper part of the satchel-jaw, and it is in this improved locking device that my invention mainly consists. A metallic cover, *b*, is hinged to the top plate or jaw marked C, and a spring is contained within the hinge of said cover, whereby it is normally kept closed. It locks over a projecting flange at its free end, being released therefrom by the finger of the operator when it is desired to place the strap in position or to remove it therefrom. As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, a loop and staple may be employed, so that the cover may be secured by a padlock.

From the center of the space covered by the part *b* a pin, *c*, extends, preferably slightly inclined, and the free end of the strap is brought

around in position with one of the holes therein registering with the inclined pin *c* beneath the cover. When the strap has been tightened to the proper tension and the pin registers with the proper hole, the cover is released, and its spring forces it down to its seat, the pin being of such length that it bears against the top of said cover when it is down, rendering it impossible for the strap to become loosened without lifting the said cover.

It will be understood that it is not essential that one end of the strap should be secured to the jaw of the satchel or valise, though this is preferred; but instead of being so secured the end of the strap may have a buckle contained thereon, and the opposite end, after passing through and being locked by the cover *b*, may extend far enough through to the other side to engage with the buckle in the ordinary manner.

The second part of my invention consists in combining with this cover for holding the strap a clasp which tends to hold the jaws together and take the strain off from the lock. Ordinarily these are simply arms bent in U shape, with their horizontal portion fitted to turn in a socket in the upper jaw, and their depending portions adapted to extend down upon either side of the jaws and hold them in place. In unlocking or emptying a valise difficulty is sometimes experienced in manipulating the lock and these retaining-clasps at the same time, and my idea is to avoid this difficulty by the construction which I will now describe.

As shown in Fig. 2, I make the cover *b* of double the length shown in the other figures, and to the under part of this extension I fit an ordinary clasp, *d*, so that when the strap has been placed in position and the jaws have been closed the cover *b* is let fall and the clasp *d* fits over the edges of the closed jaws and holds them in position, the end of the strap being at the same time locked in place.

When it is desired to open the satchel the spring cover is raised, and the clasp and the ends of the straps released at the same time.

Instead of the clasp shown, there may be an elongated pin, *e*, extending from the under part of the cover *b* downward and registering

with holes formed in the two jaws, this being obviously an equivalent construction of that just described.

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

10 1. In combination with a satchel, a strap secured at one end to one jaw thereof, and having its free end perforated, a pin projecting from the opposite jaw of the satchel and adapted to register with the perforations in the strap, a spring-clasp adapted to fit over the strap and lock the same in position, and a fastening device for the said clasp, substantially
15 as described.

2. In combination with a satchel, a strap se-

cured at one end to one jaw thereof and having its free end perforated, a pin projecting from the opposite jaw of the satchel and adapted to register with the perforations in 20 the strap, a clasp adapted to fit over the strap and lock the same in position, and a supplemental holding device secured to an extension of said clasp, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name 25 to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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