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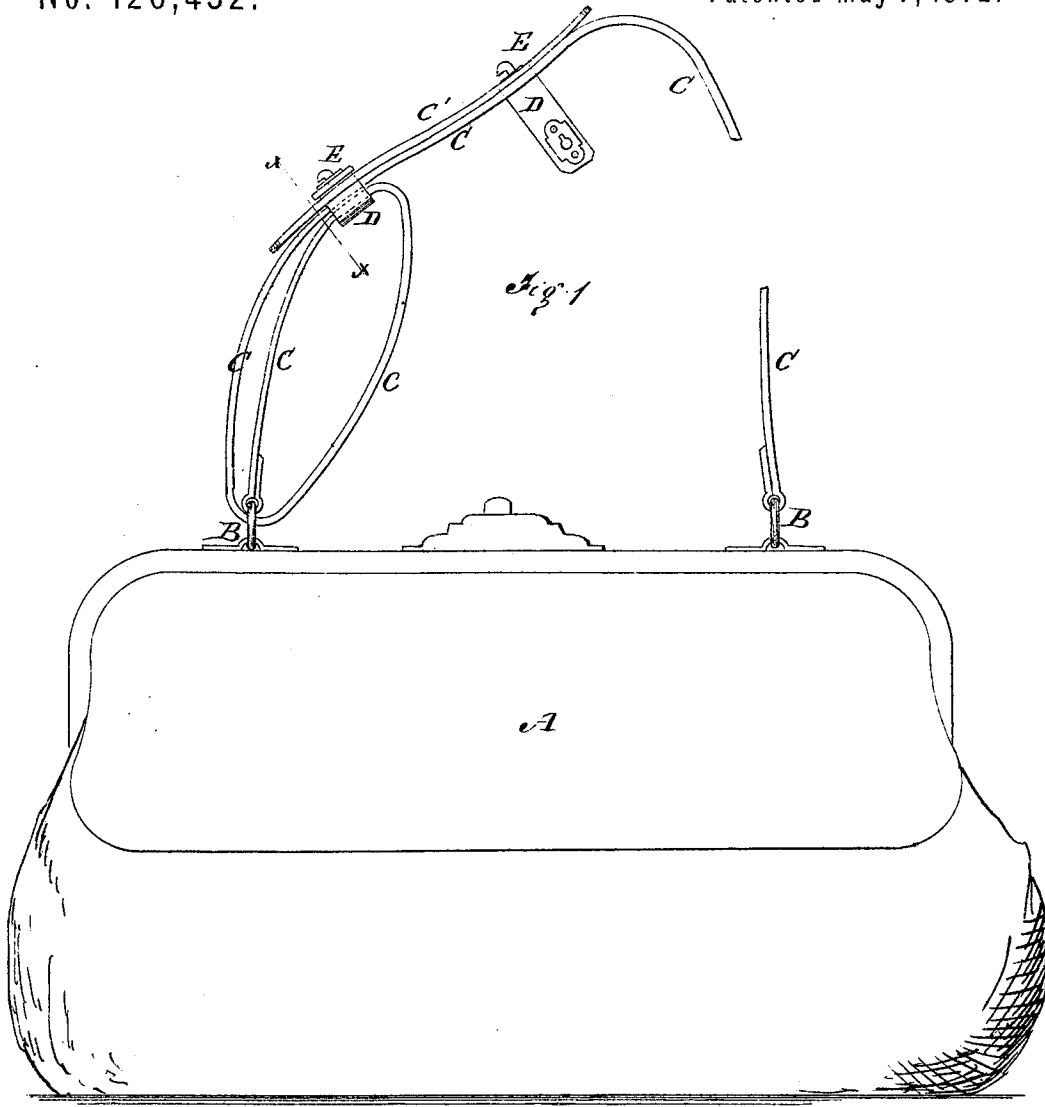
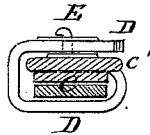


Fig. 2:



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IMPROVEMENT IN HANDLE-STRAPS FOR TRAVELING-BAGS.

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Specification describing a new and useful Improvement in Handle-Strap for Traveling-Bags, &c., invented by ARTHUR ALEXANDRE, of the city, county, and State of New York.

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved handle-strap, shown as attached to a traveling-bag, one end being folded and the other expanded. Fig. 2 is a detail sectional view of the same taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish an improved fastening for my improved handle-strap for traveling-bags, satchels, &c., for which Letters Patent No. 119,293 were granted to me September 26, 1871, which shall be so constructed that it may be contracted to serve as a handle for carrying the bag, and expanded to pass over the shoulders; and it consists in the construction of various parts of the handle-strap, as hereinafter more fully described.

A represents a traveling-bag, to the frame of which are attached strap-rings B in the ordinary manner. C is the strap, which is made sufficiently long to be passed over the shoulder. The ends of the strap C are secured to the rings B, and to the middle part of said strap may be attached a short strap, *c'*, to better adapt it for serving as a hand-piece or handle. The rings B should be made so large that the end parts of the strap C may be doubled or folded, passed through said rings, and carried up along the inner side of the middle part of the said strap, as shown in Fig. 1, thus trip-

ling the end parts of said strap. To the middle parts of the strap C, at or near the ends of the short strap *c'*, is secured one end of a short strap, D. In the other end of the strap D is formed an eyelet, which may be strengthened by a small metallic plate. The strap D is passed through the fold of the two inner plies of the triple straps C, and is caught upon a button or catch, E, attached to the outer side of the strap C, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. If desired, the strap D may be made long enough to pass again around the inner plies of the folded strap, to confine and serve as a keeper to the inner ply of said strap to hold it up closely to the next or central ply.

To change the strap from a hand-strap to a shoulder-strap, all that is necessary is to unfasten the fastening of the strap D, when the weight of the bag will draw the folds of the strap C through the rings B, and expand the said strap C to its entire length.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination of the straps D and buttons E with the straps C, to receive and hold the folds of the said straps C, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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