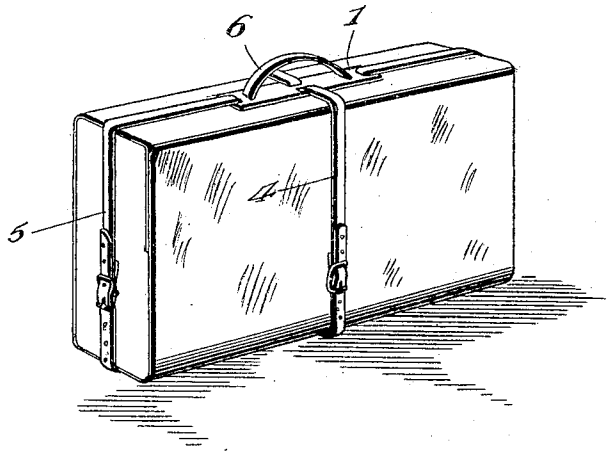
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Fig. 1.



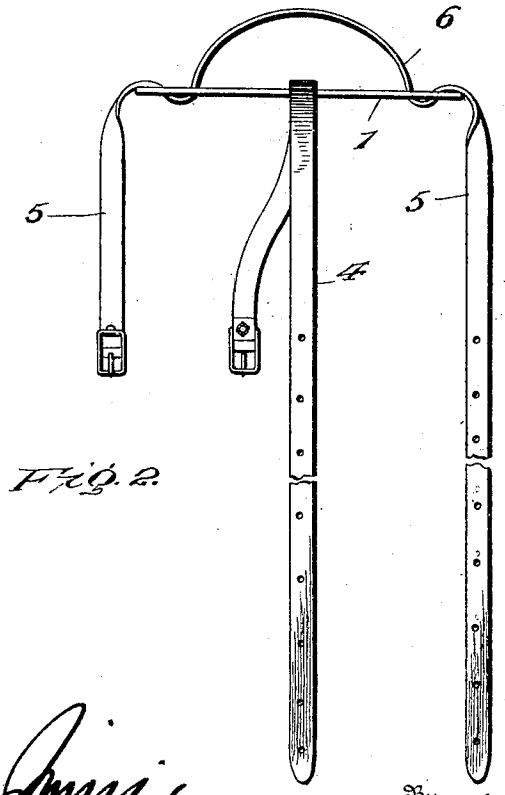
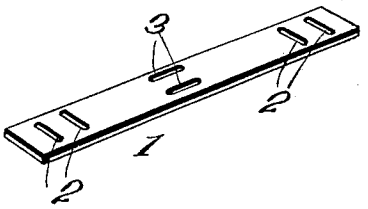


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOSEPH A. BURTON and EDWARD H. ROY, citizens of the United States, residing at Nashville, in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Parcel-Carrying Straps, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in strap-handles used in carrying small packages, such as books, shawls, and other similar articles; and it consists, essentially, of a flexible bar and of two straps having a sliding connection therewith and passing around the package in opposite directions, a portion of one of the straps being adapted to form a handle in conjunction with the flexible bar.

The object of this invention is to produce a device of this character which will permit of ready adjustment by the operator to suit the package, which is compact in structure, and which is so simple in construction as to be manufactured at minimum cost.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the device applied. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the invention. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the flexible bar.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The numeral 1 designates the flexible bar, which may be formed out of a piece of thick leather or other suitable material, and is provided at each end with parallel transverse slots 2 and also at an intermediate point with two parallel longitudinal slots 3. A strap 4 passes through the longitudinal slots 3 and is designed to go transversely around the package. A second strap 5 passes downwardly through one of the transverse slots 2 and passes along the under side of the bar 1 to the next adjacent transverse slot and upwardly through the latter, and thence passes longitudinally around the package, a portion of said strap forming a handle 6. It is to be noted that the disposition of the transverse slots 2 and the portion of the strap 5 which is passed therethrough provides means whereby in the applied position of the device the said strap 5 may be secured tightly around the package, and yet the portion 6 thereof may be maintained in a substantially looped condition to produce the handle. In other words, as the strap 5 extends into and out of the transverse slots and along the under surface of the bar 1, when such strap is fastened around the package the bar 1 will be bound tightly against the package, and will thus clamp such portions of the strap 5 and prevent them from moving with respect to the bar in a manner to destroy the curved formation or looped condition necessary to produce the handle. It will be observed that while these straps may be adjusted by slipping them through the slots there will be a sufficient engagement between the flexible bar 1 and the straps to prevent any accidental or unintentional slipping. Attention is called to the fact that by the adjustment just mentioned the straps may be so manipulated as to throw the buckles in any desired position on the package. The flexible bar 1 is designed to bend, so as to conform to the shape of the package, and also enables the device to be folded very compactly when not in use.

In operation the straps are simply passed around the package at right angles to each other and may be adjusted so as to throw the buckles either on the bottom or a side of the package, as may be desired, and, further, so as to give either a loose or a tight handle.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A parcel-carrying device comprising a bar provided at each end with two transverse slots and with longitudinal slots at an intermediate point, a strap passing through the longitudinal slots and designed to extend transversely around the parcel, and a second strap having portions passed downwardly through one of said transverse slots at each end of the bar and thence along the under side of the bar and upwardly through the next adjacent transverse slot, said second strap being designed to pass longitudinally around the parcel, and that portion of said second strap which is between the two sets of transverse slots constituting a handle, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A parcel-carrying strap comprising a

bar having transverse slots at each end thereof and also having longitudinal slots at an intermediate point, a strap passing through the longitudinal slots and extending transversely around the parcel, and a second strap passing through the transverse slots at each end of the bar and extending longitudinally around the parcel, said straps having a sliding connection with, and frictionally engaging the bar which enables the portion of the second strap between the transverse slots at each end of the bar to be utilized as a handle.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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