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Fig. 1.

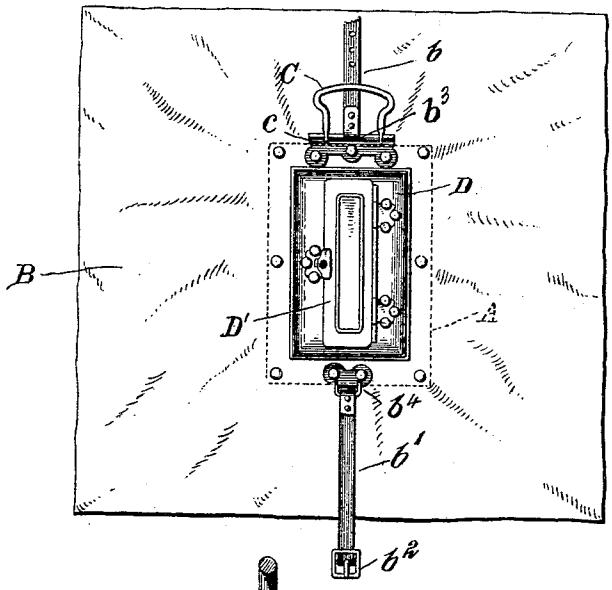
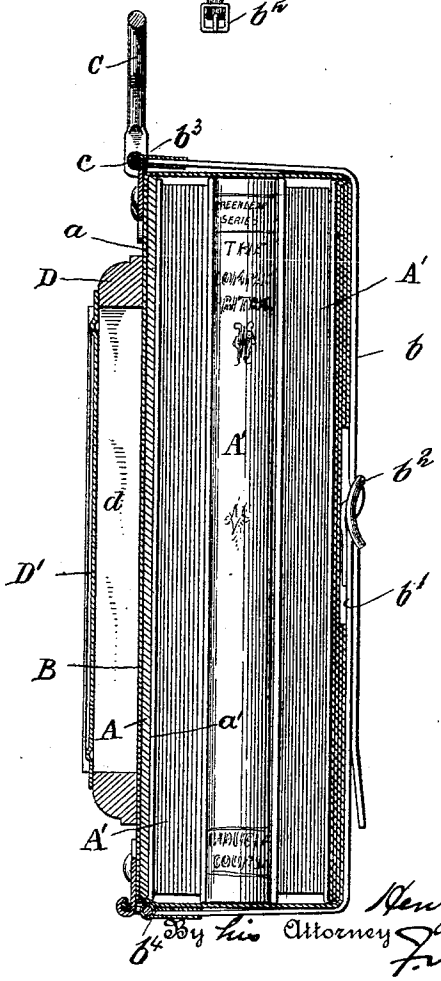


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY SCHLOERB, a citizen of the United States, residing in Manhattan borough, in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Satchels, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to satchels for carrying school-books and the like; and it comprises, essentially, a device of this character of simple and efficient construction, together with the embodiment of a device for containing pencils and other small articles, the latter being arranged for convenient access, whether the envelop forming the satchel be either open or closed and strapped.

Briefly, the invention consists of a flat board of approximately the area of the largest school-book to be carried and for which it serves as a backing, the said board being carried in a vertical position by a handle attached thereto. The board is provided with a sheet of flexible material of considerably larger area, the said sheet being cemented against one side thereof and its extending edges forming flaps to fold over the opposite side of the board and to therewith form an envelop to contain books, the envelop being secured by a pair of straps extending from opposite ends of the board. The covered side of the board (in contradistinction to the envelop side) is provided with a mounting which is secured thereon and which has a recess provided with a lid to form a receptacle for pencils and other small articles.

In the drawings accompanying this application, Figure 1 is a vertical side view of the satchel, showing the pencil-receptacle and the surplus flexible material extended in open form; and Fig. 2 is a vertical edge sectional view showing the envelop closed and containing books.

In said figures, A indicates a flat board of wood, paper, or other suitable material of sufficient stiffness to serve as a backing and support for a number of books, as A′, to be bound thereupon. The said board is of an area sufficient to lie over the largest sizes of school-books with which it is intended to be used to protect the edges thereof and form an ample backing therefor. Upon one surface, as a, of board A, I lay a sheet of flexible material B, as cloth or the like, said sheet B being cemented to the board and presenting an even surface thereover. The sheet B is of sufficiently greater area than the board A for its edges to extend considerably beyond the edges of said board, the surplus material serving to fold over upon the reverse side, as a', of board A and with the board to form an envelop or receptacle to contain books and the like, such articles being thus completely inclosed and protected from injury. A pair of straps b b', one of them bearing a buckle b^2, are secured at the ends of board A, as at b^3 b^4, and said straps when the envelop is formed are united to keep the envelop closed and to bind the books or the like contained therein against the board A.

A handle C is secured at one end of the board A, as at c, whereby the package can be carried in a vertical depending position.

Bearing in mind that the surface a of board A has been covered with sheet B, which latter is cemented thereto to present a neat surface, I utilize said covered surface a upon which to place a strip of wood or other suitable material D, having a central slot d, the said strip D being cemented or otherwise securely attached upon the cloth-covered surface a of board A. The depth of the strip D, and consequently the depth of the slot d, is sufficient to permit said slot to serve as a container or receptacle for pencils and other small articles, such as a school-child requires to carry. A lid, preferably of thin sheet metal, is placed over the slot d to cover it, said lid being hinged upon the strip D, as seen, and being provided with a suitable catch-fastening. The lid may, however, be in the form of a slide, if desired, and have running-grooves therefor upon strip D in place of the hinges and catch-fastening.

Thus when the satchel is prepared for use—*i. e.*, having books and the like within the envelop at one side of the board and a receptacle at the other side of the board containing pencils, the envelop being closed and strapped—the complete device may be conveniently carried by the handle to and from school, and it

will be observed that the pencil-receptacle may be opened and used without undoing the envelop, as may the envelop be opened and used without regard to the pencil-receptacle, the two containers being separately available, although being in one package. It will also be observed that the cloth forming the envelop (which may be of fancy material) when folded over the books forms a perfect and complete envelop for them and the stiffened board, the envelop thus forming a neat containing and protecting covering, while the board forms an ample concealed backing and support for the books, and the pencil-container, which may be ornamental, alone is exposed outside the envelop.

Having now described my invention, I declare that what I claim is—

A school-satchel comprising a board, a flexible sheet of suitable material which is secured to one side of the board, and which has its edges extending a suitable distance beyond the edges of the board and adapted to be folded to form a receptacle, a strip D secured to the board and forming a receptacle, and a lid for the receptacle, combined with suitable hinges also secured to the board, straps secured to the hinges, and a handle secured to the same hinge to which one of the straps is secured, said handle being attached to the outer part of the board, substantially as shown.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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