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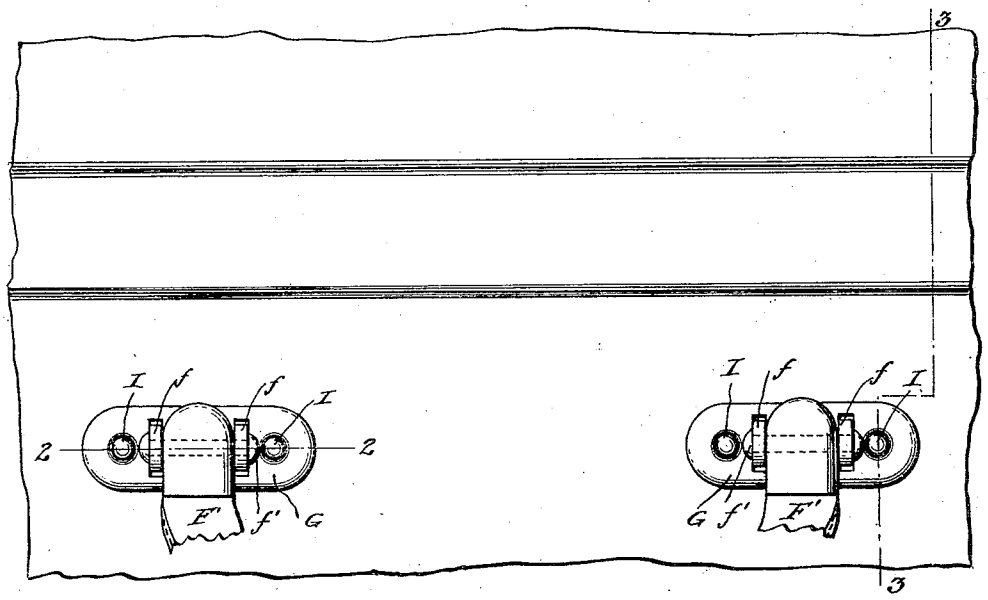


Fig. 1.

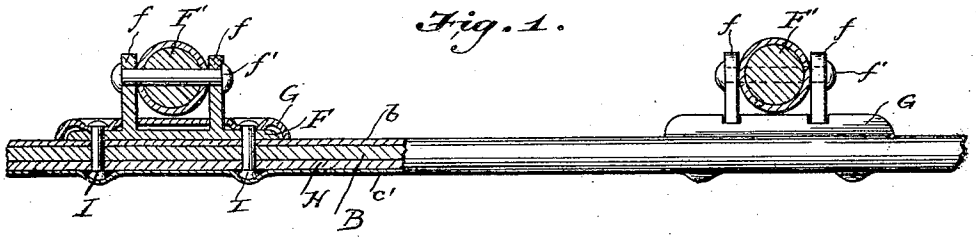


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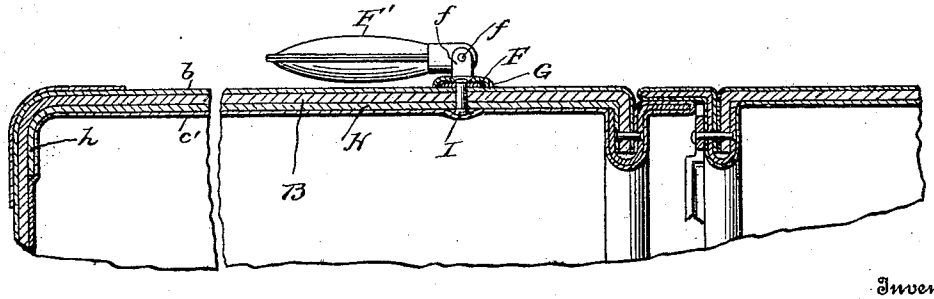


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HANDLE-FASTENING FOR TRAVELING-BAGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR KAHLOW, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Handle-Fastenings for Traveling-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to handle fastenings for traveling bags, suit cases and the like, and has for its objects to provide improved means for connecting the handle to the case in a strong and efficient manner, and so that it will not pull out under weight or sudden strain.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a portion of a suit case showing the invention. Fig. 2 is an edge view, partly in section, on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a cross section of the top part of the case, on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring specifically to the drawings, B indicates the body of the case, formed preferably of heavy leather or the like and having an outer lighter cover *b* and a lining *c'*.

In the top of the case, where the handle is attached, there is provided a sheet steel plate H, which may be made to extend over practically the whole top of the case, and curved under the corner to strengthen the same, as indicated at *h*. This plate is located between the body B and the lining *c'*.

Each of the handle hangers consists of a bottom plate F, having upwardly projecting ears *f* perforated to receive the pivot rivet *f'* of the handle F'.

The hangers F are placed upon the top of the case, and secured by means of rivets I, which extend through the body B and steel plate H and are headed under the latter, the heads being covered by the lining *c'*. An escutcheon or cover G is placed over the base plate of the hanger and is secured by the rivets I, referred to.

It will be seen that the strain of the handle is communicated through the hangers to the sheet metal plate H and the body of the case. This gives a very strong fastening and distributes the strain over the whole top of the case, and prevents the same being pulled out of shape by the strain or weight. The proper form and shape of the top of the case is at all times preserved by the stiffening plate H, which also prevents said top from being crushed in by trunks or weights placed thereon. The pivots *f'* extend through the thimbles at the ends of the handles to allow said handle to swing down flat upon the top of the case.

I claim:

1. The combination with the body B of the case, and a lining therein, of a sheet metal stiffener plate H secured between said body and lining at the top of the case and extending over substantially the whole top and curved at the edge around the upper side corner of said body, and handle hangers mounted on said body and connected through the body to the plate.

2. The combination with a handle hanger having projecting ears, of an escutcheon covering the hanger and having openings through which the ears project, and fasteners connecting the hanger and escutcheon to the article to which the handle is applied.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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