

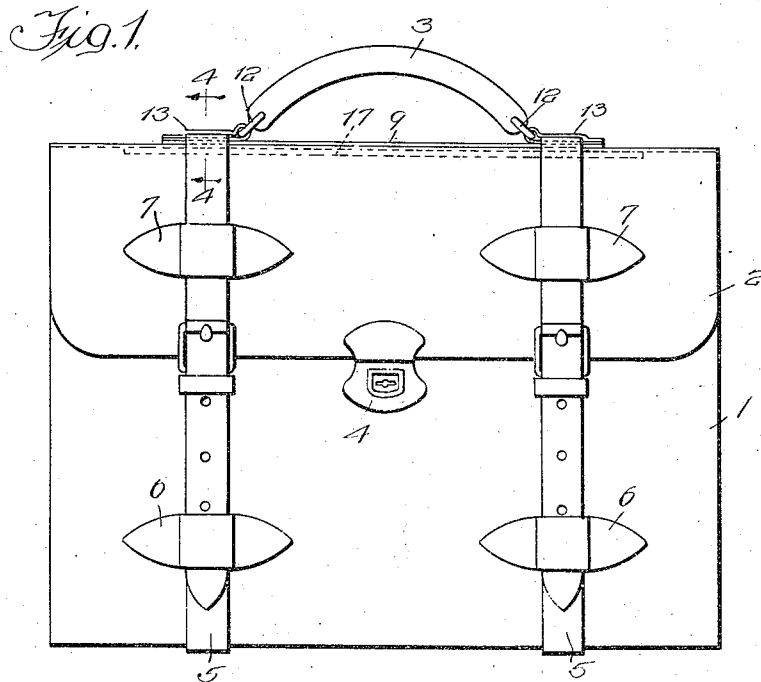
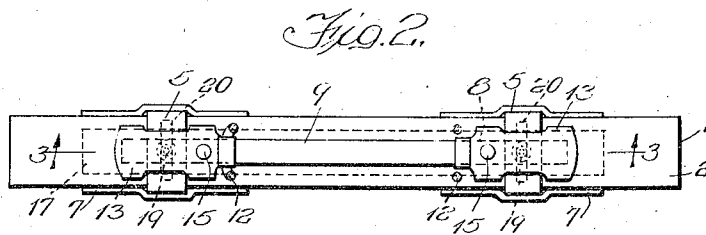
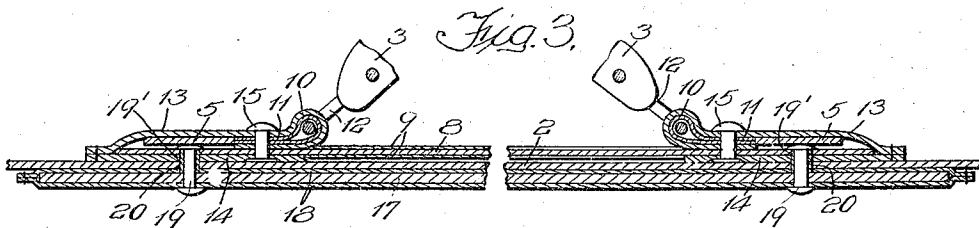
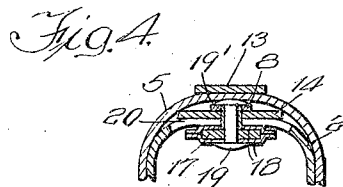
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Our invention belongs to that general class of devices known as brief cases or the like, and relates more particularly to a brief case or bag for the carrying of papers, documents, catalogs, or various other articles.

The invention has among its objects the production of a case of the kind described, which is simple, durable, attractive, compact and satisfactory for use wherever found applicable. More particularly it has as an object the production of a case provided with a handle which is more or less adjustable for varying sizes of the contents of the bag.

Many other objects and advantages of the construction herein shown and described will be obvious to those skilled in the art from the disclosures herein given.

To this end our invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and combination of parts herein shown and described, and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, wherein like reference characters indicate like or corresponding parts:

Fig. 1 is a side view of our improved case;

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken substantially on line 3—3 of Fig. 2 enlarged to more clearly show the details of construction; and

Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view taken substantially on line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents a bag of the desired material, size and shape and ordinarily made of bellows construction to allow for expansion or contraction, depending upon the contents of the bag. The same is provided with a cover or flap 2 which is formed integral with or connected to one of the sides and extends over the top of the bag and is arranged to be locked or secured to the opposite side. The same is provided with a handle 3 and with suitable locking means 4 or the equivalent, as well as with straps 5—5 of suitable form. The straps are maintained in place and prevented from displacement by the fasteners or slides 6 and 7 or their equivalents.

Referring particularly to Figs. 3 and 4, the handle 3 is secured on a handlebar 8 arranged at the exterior of the flap. This bar 8 is preferably of steel or other suitable material, and is generally covered as indicated at 9 by leather or like material matching with the material of the bag. Secured to the

bar 8 are metal straps or loops 11, which are looped as indicated at 10 to engage with the rings or fasteners 12 suitably secured to the handle, 13 and 14 being a covering arranged over the ends of the handlebar 8 and forming a cover for the same as well as for the loops or fastening members 10—11 and slides for the straps 5—5. These members, as well as the covers 13—14, are secured to the handlebar by rivets 15 or equivalent means for the purpose.

Arranged on the inside of the cover or flap 2 is a bar 17 of steel or other suitable material which is covered as indicated at 18 so as to make the same attractive and give a finished appearance. The bars 17 and 8 are secured together by a rivet 19, or the equivalent, at each end passing through slots 20 in the flap. We prefer to place a spacer 19' on each of the rivets, which will prevent binding. These slots 20 are preferably elongated and extended transversely to the flap, as most clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 4. This permits an adjustment of the handle relative to the bag for expansion and contraction for varying loads carried in the bag. When the contents of the bag are varied and the same is extended or contracted, the handle is substantially self adjusting so that when the bag is carried, it will hang straight and not at an angle to the discomfort and inconvenience of the user. By employing a single member 19 at each end of the handle, there is very little if any binding at the two points, and very little if any weakening of the flap.

As will be noted by referring to Fig. 3, the straps 5 extend over the bar 8 between the bar and cover portion 13 at the end at points over the slots 20. These straps, therefore, not only hold the contents compactly and relieve the strain of the load on the rivets 19 and flap, but by covering the slots not only improve the appearance of the bag but likewise keep out dust and dirt or rain, thereby protecting the contents. By using the straps for this purpose, it is possible to make the slots 20 of a considerable length if desired, thereby permitting a greater adjustment, as well as the use of narrow straps without additional covers for the slots 20.

The two bars 8 and 17, secured together as shown, however, can carry the load from the flap alone without the straps 5 as the load is distributed over the entire flap and

by employing the two bars the flap is not pulled out of shape. This construction also tends to prevent wearing and tearing of the flap at the slots, as is the case where only one
5 bar is employed.

Having thus described our invention, it is obvious that various immaterial modifications may be made in the same without departing from the spirit of our invention;
10 hence we do not wish to be understood as limiting ourselves to the exact form, construction, arrangement and combination of parts herein shown and described or uses mentioned.

15 What we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a device of the kind described and in combination, a brief case and a carrying handle therefor, said brief case having a
20 single lateral slot therein at its upper edge adjacent the handle ends, said handle having means thereon engageable in said slots whereby it may be laterally adjusted relative to the load carried in said case, and straps
25 extending around the case and covering said slots.

2. In a device of the kind described, a brief case having a cover flap therefor and a handle arranged on said flap, said flap
30 having transverse slots therethrough, said handle having means slidably engageable in said transverse slots whereby said handle may be centered laterally of said brief case, and reinforcing means interiorly and exteriorly of said flap and cooperable with said
35 handle at said slots, and straps arranged about the case and normally covering said slots.

3. An article of the kind described having one side extended to provide a cover flap, said flap being provided with a plu-

45 rality of slots therein extending from front to back, a bar arranged upon the inner side of the flap, a second metallic bar arranged on the outer side of said flap, means extending through said slots and connecting said bars together with the flap therebetween, a handle, loops, rivets on the outer side of the flap for securing said loops to the outer bar, and rings for securing said handle to said
50 loops.

4. An article of the kind described comprising a bag provided with a flap having slots extending transversely therethrough, a handlebar arranged on the outside of the flap, a handle secured thereto, a bar arranged on the inner side of the flap, means secured to said bars and extending through said slots, said means provided with sleeves thereon, and straps extending around the bag adjustably secured to said handlebar, said straps disposed to normally cover said slots.

5. An article of the kind described comprising a bag having one side extended to provide a cover flap, said flap provided with a plurality of slots therein extending from front to back, a bar arranged on the inner side of said flap, a bar arranged on the outer side of said flap, means extending through said slots and rigidly connecting said bars together with the flap therebetween, a handle, loops secured to said outer bar for securing the handle thereto, loops arranged on said outer bar adjacent said flap slots, and straps extending through said last-mentioned loops and covering said slots.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto signed our names.

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