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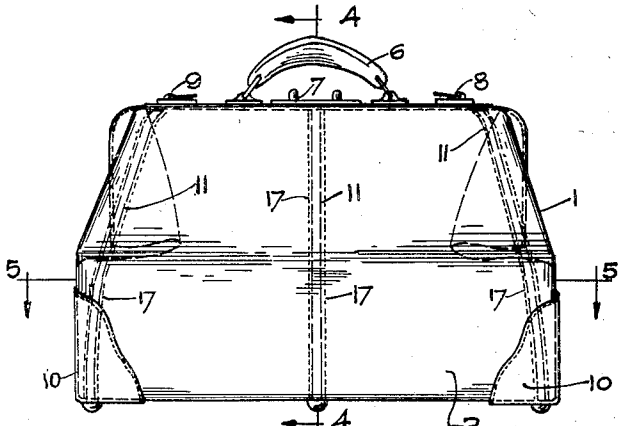


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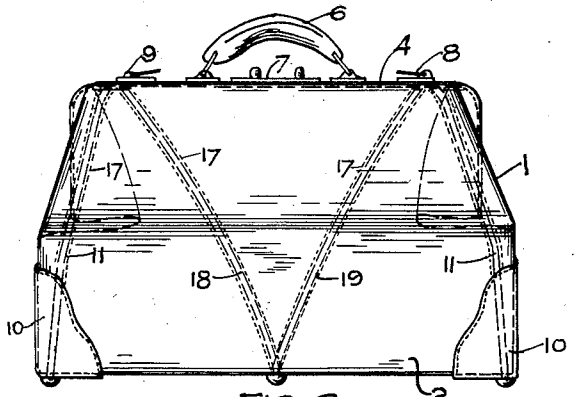


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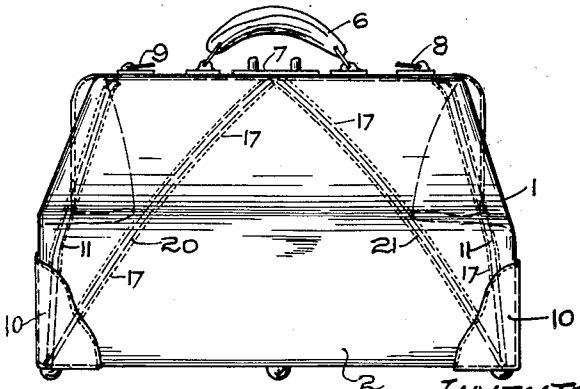


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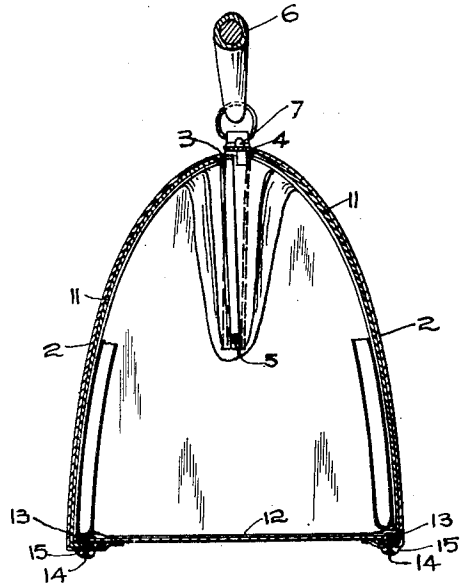


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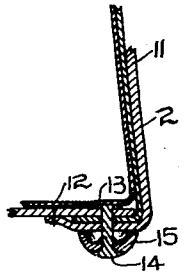


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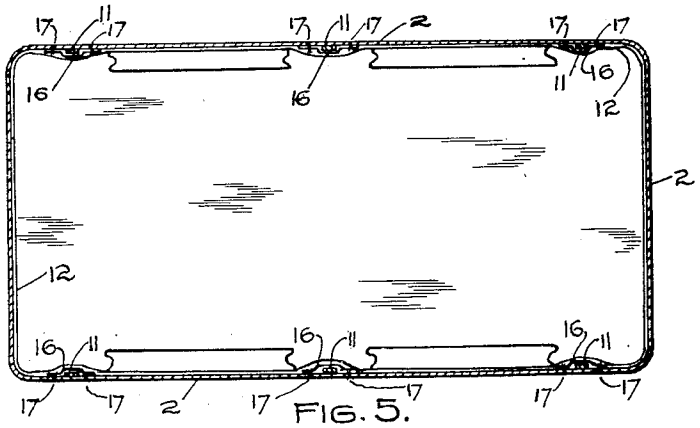


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAYER AXELMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Traveling Bags, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to traveling bags or other portable receptacles or depositories of leather or similar flexible material, capable of being closed at the mouth.

It is an object of the invention to provide a traveling bag which is reinforced so as to ensure the necessary rigidity for the flexible material.

A further object aims at the provision of reinforcing members arranged at the inside of the pouch or bag and in contact with the wall thereof, so as not to diminish the interior space for the reception of articles.

Another object embraces the employment of reinforcing members such as spring metal interposed between the wall of the bag and the inner lining so as to be removed from view when the bag is opened.

To the accomplishment of these and related ends which will hereinafter appear, the invention comprises the means described in the following specification and particularly pointed out in the appended claims; the annexed drawings and the following description setting forth in detail certain constructions embodying the invention which, however, constitute but one of the various ways in which the principle of the invention may be utilized.

In said drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a traveling bag to which the invention has been applied.

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 to which a modified form of the invention has been applied.

Fig. 3 is a further view similar to Fig. 1 to which a further modification of the invention is applied.

Fig. 4 is a cross section on line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a horizontal section on line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 is a detail section showing the manner of securing the ends of the reinforcing members.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a traveling bag of customary construction and form comprising the bag or pouch 2 of flexible material such as leather, paper or the like, open at the top and provided with yokes or bail members 3, 4, which at the lower ends are hinged together as at 5. A handle 6 is arranged on the bail member 4 there being a lock 7 disposed intermediate the ends of the handle and additional fastening means 8, 9 on each side of the handle to receive the bail members together. Corner pieces 10 of a material similar to that of which the bag is constructed or, if preferred, of other material is secured to the lower corners of the bag. The traveling bag thus far described is of ordinary construction as may be purchased on the open market and does not constitute the invention. As indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1 reinforcing members 11 are disposed interiorly of the traveling bag and extend from a point at the bail members down to the bottom of the bag, said members being disposed in contact with the inner surface of the bag wall. The upper end of the reinforcing members 11 stop short of the bail members 3 and 4, while the lower end is bent to provide a bracing foot to overlap the bottom 12 of the traveling bag so as to facilitate securing of the reinforcing members to the bottom.

As shown in Fig. 6 a rivet 13 is employed to maintain the lower ends of the reinforcing members 11 in proper position in contact with the bottom 12. The head 14 of the rivet is disposed within the circular opening of a spherical washer 15 which bears against the lower portion of the bag wall 2 secured to the bottom 12 by stitches or the like. The reinforcing members are made of spring-steel or other suitable flexible material.

In order to maintain the reinforcing members in proper position on the bag wall and to eliminate lateral movement thereon, each member 11 is disposed within a sheath formed by the bag wall 2 and a flexible strip 16 which is secured to the bag wall adjacent the member 11 by stitches or the like. The row of stitches securing the strip 16 to the wall 2 is visible from the outside of the bag as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1 as at 17.

In Fig. 2 a modified form of the invention is shown. The central reinforcing members are dispensed with and instead a pair of reinforcing members 18, 19 are provided which meet at the bottom intermediate of the locked end thereof and thence diverge

and terminate at the upper ends of the outer reinforcing members 11.

The modification shown in Fig. 3 is distinguished from Fig. 2 in this that reinforcing members 20 and 21 are conversely arranged so that the lower ends originate at the lower ends of the outer reinforcing members 11 and thence converge and meet with the upper ends at the center of the bail members 3 and 4.

While the drawings disclose preferred embodiments of the invention and are merely indicative of the principle on which the invention is predicated, changes and alterations may be made within the scope of the invention and such departures are to be included within the purview of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

I claim:

In a traveling bag, a plurality of resilient reinforcing members extending interiorly of the bag from top to bottom on each side of the bag, and being arranged on each side in diverging relation from single points to longitudinally and transversely brace the body of the bag.

In witness wherof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 4th day of September, 1919.

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