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Fig. 1

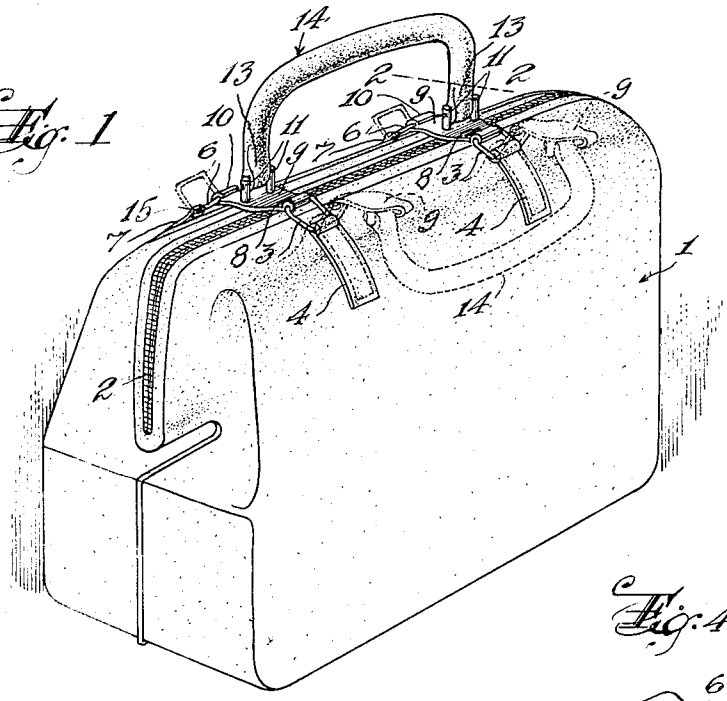


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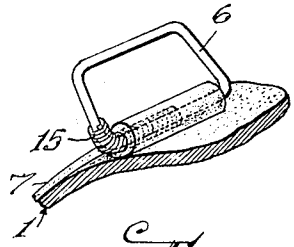


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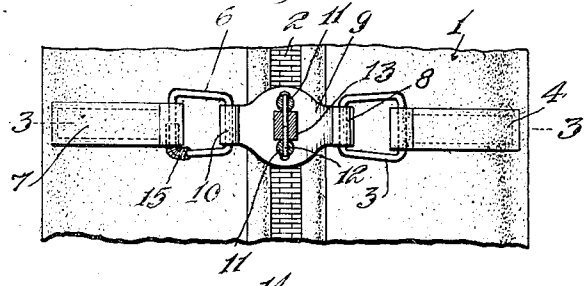
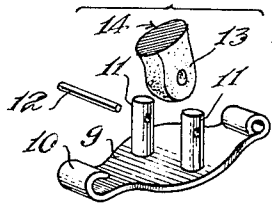


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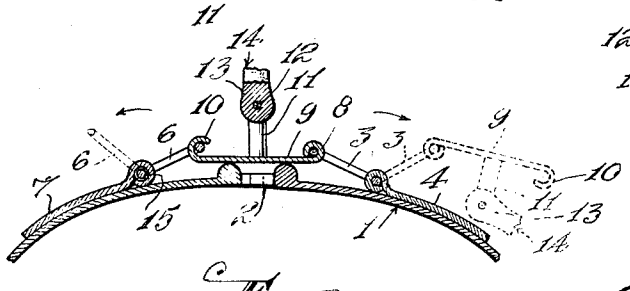


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to improvements in handles for luggage.

It has heretofore been common to provide heavy luggage, such as traveling bags and the like, with two handles secured to the sides of the bag adjacent the opening in the top thereof. It has been found, in practice, that the use of two handles is objectionable in that the handles shift while the luggage is being carried, due to unequal strains on the handles and for other reasons.

It is the object of my invention to provide articles of luggage with a single handle, thereby dispensing with the objectionable use of two handles and obviating the many disadvantages thereof.

A further object of my invention is to provide a single handle for articles of luggage, of rugged, efficient and economical construction, having means enabling it to be attached to the article of luggage in a manner to minimize the strains on the handle.

A further object of my invention is to provide a handle for luggage comprising a pair of loops secured to one side of the article of luggage adjacent the opening thereof, a second pair of loops secured to the other side in opposed relation, a pair of plates permanently secured to one pair of loops and removably secured to the other pair of loops, and a handle pivotally secured to the plates.

These and other advantageous objects, which will later appear, are accomplished by the simple and practical construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and exhibited in the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a traveling bag provided with my improved handle, showing in full lines, the position assumed by the handle when the bag is closed, and showing, in dotted lines, the position assumed by the handle when the bag is open,

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary plan view, partly in section, taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2,

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of one of the loops used in connection with my invention, and

Fig. 5 is an exploded view of the plate and its members, used in connection with my invention.

Referring to the drawing, in Fig. 1 there is shown a traveling bag 1 provided with my improved handle. The bag is provided with the usual "zipper" or other interlatching elements 2 for the purpose of retaining the bag closed when desired.

A pair of loops 3 are carried by straps 4 which are secured to one side of the bag, adjacent the opening thereof, and a similar pair of loops 6 are carried by straps 7 which are secured to the other side of the bag, adjacent the opening.

A description of one of the loops 3 will suffice for the pair of loops 3 and likewise a description of one of the loops 6 will suffice for the pair of loops 6.

In the drawing, 9 designates a plate provided with preferably an integral tubular bearing 8 in which the loop 3 is permanently secured, the plate 9 being further provided, diametrically opposite the bearing 8 with preferably an integral hook-like nosing 10, adapted to removably receive the loop 6. The plate 9 is further provided with upstanding posts 11, in which rivets 12, passing through the ends 13 of the handle member 14 are positioned. The ends of the rivets 12 are preferably upset to permanently secure the handle 14 to the posts 11.

When it is desired to open the bag, the loops 6 are withdrawn from the nosings 10 of the plates 9 and the handle 14 is moved to the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1. To facilitate the withdrawal of the loops 6 from the nosings 10 of the plates 9, the loops 6 may be provided with suitable springs 15 as shown in Fig. 4, one end of the springs being secured to the loops and the other end thereof being secured to the straps in any suitable manner. By merely rocking the handle 14 slightly toward the straps 7 the loops 6 will automatically become released from the nosings 10.

When the bag is closed, the handle 14 is moved back to its operative position and the loops 6 are inserted into the nosings 10.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that my invention provides a single handle for articles of luggage, the handle being centrally arranged at the top of the bag and secured to the bag in a manner to minimize the strains. It will further be apparent that the handle member of my invention is positioned at the side of the bag when the bag is in its open position, so that no obstruction is presented in inserting and removing articles from the bag.

It will also be seen that I have provided a simple and effective device for attaching handles to articles of luggage, such as traveling bags and the like, whereby the luggage may be carried by a single, centrally located handle, secured to the

article of luggage in a rugged, effective and economical manner.

The foregoing disclosure is to be regarded as descriptive and illustrative only, and not as restrictive or limitative of the invention, of which obviously an embodiment may be constructed including many modifications, without departing from the general scope herein indicated and denoted in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

A handbag handle comprising in combination, two pairs of flexible straps, each pair secured in spaced relation on opposite sides of the bag, loops held in the proximate ends of each strap, a pair of rigid plates one end of each hingedly engaging the loops on one side of the bag, hooks on the opposed ends of said plates adapted to engage the loops on the opposite side of the bag, resilient means to turn the last named loops outwardly upon release from said hooks, and a handle having its ends pivoted to said plate.

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