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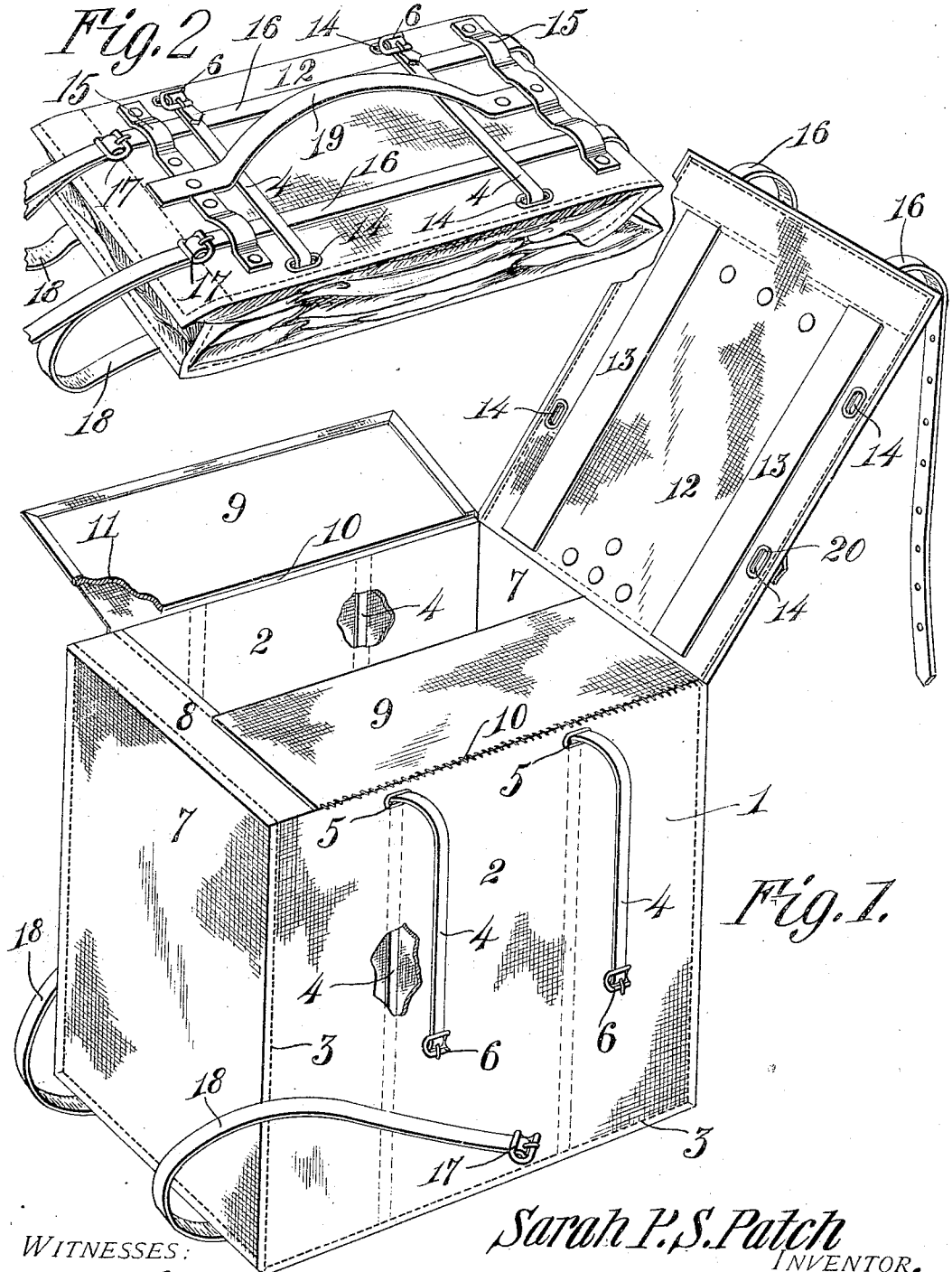

Fig. 2

Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARAH P. SMITH PATCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Johnson and State of Wyoming, have invented a new and useful Valise, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to valises or grips and the like and is particularly designed for use by horsemen.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which can be quickly collapsed into a compact bundle so that it can be conveniently fastened to a saddle and which can be as quickly opened out to receive articles which it may be desired to pack therein.

A still further object is to provide a valise or grip which is of simple, durable and inexpensive construction and which, when closed, will fully protect the contents thereof from moisture.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings is shown the preferred form of the invention.

In said drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the valise opened; and Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the same collapsed.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference, 1 designates the body of the valise, the same being formed preferably of heavy canvas, the side walls 2 thereof consisting of two thicknesses and the walls and bottom of the valise being properly sewed together or otherwise secured along their adjoining edges as shown at 3. Secured to the bottom of the valise are straps 4 which extend between the two thicknesses of the side walls 2 and through openings 5 near the upper edges thereof and those straps extending from one of the side walls have buckets 6 designed to engage the straps extending through the other side walls. A guard strip formed of canvas or other suitable material is extended along the upper edge of one of the end walls 7 as shown at 8, the ends of this guard being fastened to the side walls 2. This guard strip constitutes a support for leaves 9 which are connected to the side walls 2 by means of flexible hinges 10 which may consist of cords threaded through the side walls and the leaves or of fabric strips glued or otherwise connected to the parts. Each leaf 9 is preferably formed of heavy canvas or other material provided with an interior reinforcement of wood which is shown at 11. A cover 12 is connected to the upper edge of that wall 7 which is farthest removed from the guard strip 8 and this cover is either formed integral with the wall 7 or connected thereto by means of a suitable fabric hinge. The cover may be reinforced by means of wooden or heavy leather strips 13 extending longitudinally upon the inner face thereof, and apertures 14 are formed within the cover adjacent the side edges thereof and are designed to receive the straps 4. Guide straps 15 are secured transversely upon the upper face of the cover and extending through them are straps 16 designed to engage buckles 17 secured to the ends of straps 18. Straps 16 and 18 are secured in any suitable manner to the bottom of the valise. A bowed strap 19 is secured at its ends upon the cover and extends longitudinally thereof and constitutes a handle whereby the valise may be conveniently carried. Each of the openings 5 and 14 is preferably reinforced by a metal eyelet such as shown at 20.

It is to be understood that when the valise is not in use the same can be collapsed merely by pushing the cover 12 down toward the bottom of the valise and extending straps 4 through the openings 14 and buckling them as shown at Fig. 2. The straps 16 and 18 can then be buckled together and can be used for fastening the valise to a saddle or other support. When it is desired to extend the valise so as to place articles therein straps 4 are unfastened from each other and the top of the valise is pulled upward so as to extend the body as shown in Fig. 1. The leaves 9 can then be swung upward and the desired articles placed within the valise. The leaves can then be swung back onto the strip 8 and by placing the cover in its closed position and extending the straps therethrough the valise can be drawn tightly downward onto the articles therein. Importance is attached to the fact that the valise can be contracted so as to fit tightly around articles therein whether or not they completely fill the valise. The device herein described, although preferably constructed of heavy canvas or other similar fabric, can be made of leather, the only requirement being that the

same be capable of collapsing when empty by having its walls fold in the manner shown and described.

What is claimed is:

1. A valise having a bottom, flexible side and end walls, straps loosely mounted within each side wall, and a cover hingedly connected to one of the end walls, said straps being extended through the cover and disposed when drawn together to collapse and fold the walls between the cover and the bottom of the valise.

2. A valise having side and end walls formed of flexible material, a guard strip connecting the upper edges of the side walls and one end wall, leaves hingedly connected to the side walls and disposed to rest upon the guard strip, a cover hingedly connected to the other end wall, and straps loosely mounted within each side wall and extensible through the cover.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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