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Fig. 1.

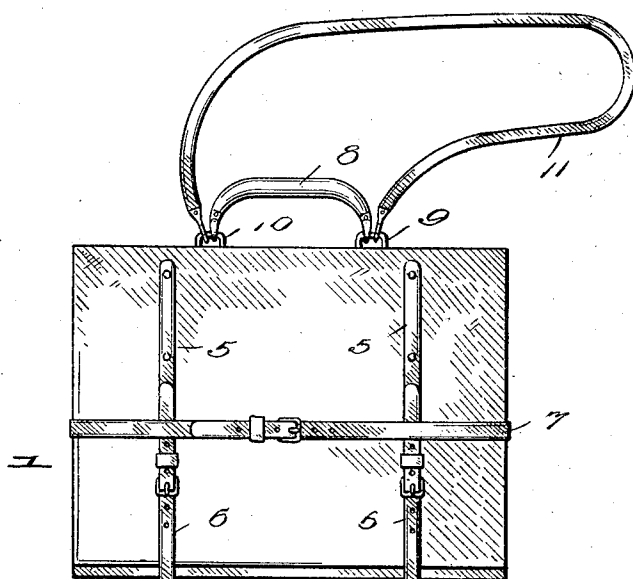
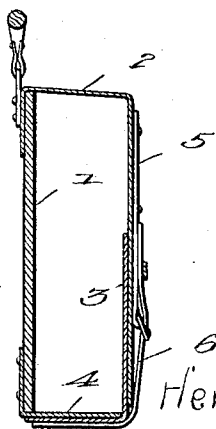


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY CLAY ROBERTSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at and whose post-office address is Fayetteville, in the county of Fayette and State of West Virginia, have invented new and useful Improvements in School-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to school-bags; and the primary object thereof is to provide a device of the character described which will effectually retain a number of books, newspapers, or periodicals collectively within a suitable receptacle, said receptacle being provided with a stiff back, so as to preserve its shape and also to prevent the breaking of the books on account of any flexibility of said receptacle. The manner of obtaining the desired result will be more specifically described hereinafter, and the construction will be illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a bag constructed in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section through the same.

Referring now to the drawings by numerals of reference, 1 designates the back, which is designed to preserve the form of the bag, as well as to protect the books, &c., being stiff, light, and durable. This back may be made of any desired material; but in actual practice a wooden form will probably be utilized. To the rectangular back 1 I provide an overlapping flap 2, secured to the rear of said back and extending forwardly at right angles thereto a suitable distance to provide for the depth or thickness of the bag. This flap then extends downwardly to approximately the width or height of the bag and overlaps a second flap 3, which extends from the bottom to approximately one-half the height of the bag and is secured to a right-angular flange 4. This flange is of stiff material and is rigidly secured to the back by suitable rivets or is a continuation of the back when made of metal.

The construction just described comprises the receptacle and flaps, which are held in position by means of straps 5, one near either

end of the flap 2 and engaging corresponding straps 6, secured to the bottom of the receptacle, whereby the contents are held in position. An intermediate strap 7 extends from the respective ends of the receptacle and is designed to afford additional strength and protection thereto. In actual practice this may be used or dispensed with, as may be necessary.

In order to enable the user to utilize the receptacle as a hand-bag, I provide a handle 8, which is suitably mounted upon the back 1 through the medium of eyes or loops 9 and 10. A shoulder-strap 11 engages the eyes or loops and is designed to be thrown over the shoulder of the user, if desired.

While this device is primarily intended to be used for books, it is obvious that periodicals, newspapers, &c., may also be transported in the same, if found convenient or desirable.

The smooth surface of the back of this receptacle is intended to be used as a lap or writing board in halls, lecture-rooms, &c., where suitable desks are not provided.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a device of the character described, the combination with a back of stiff material, a metallic flange secured to the lower edge of said back, a flexible flap secured to said flange and an overlapping flap carried by the upper edge of said back for the purposes described.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination with a back of stiff material, a metallic flange secured to the lower edge of said back, a flap secured to said flange, an overlapping flap carried by the said back, a handle on the top edge of the back and cross-straps to hold the flaps in position.

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

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