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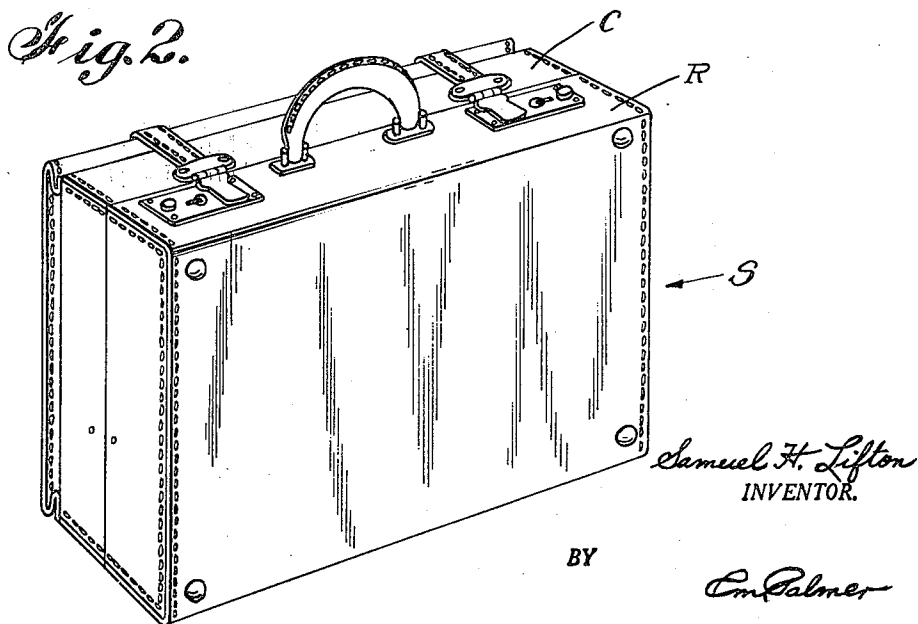
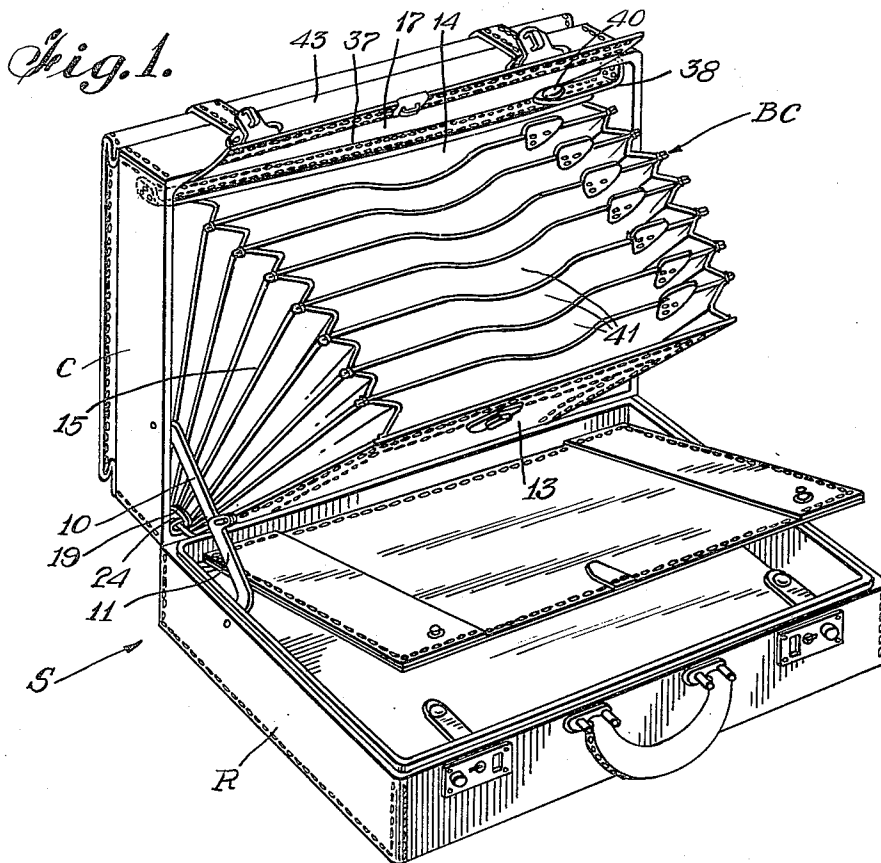
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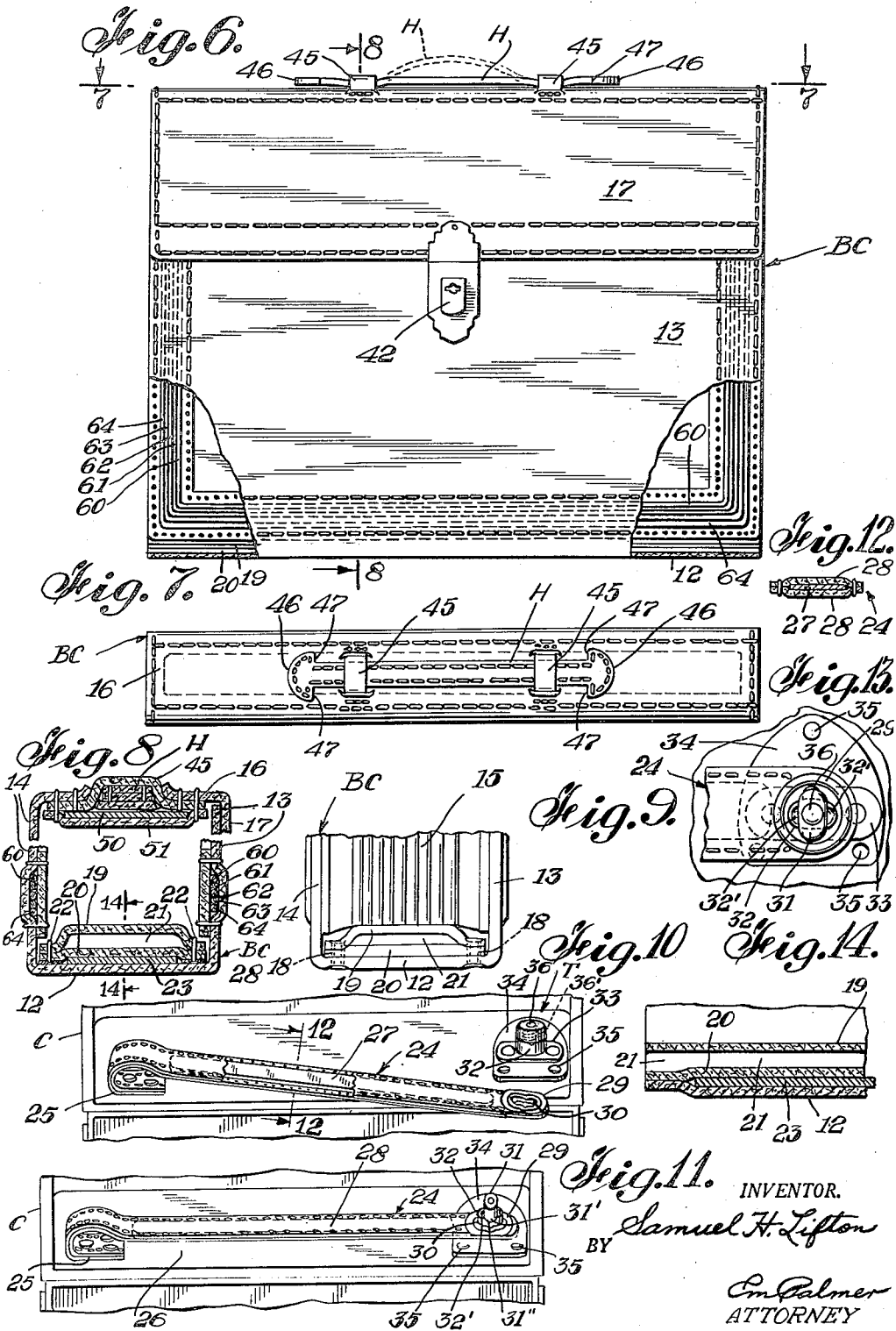
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The invention is directed to a novel satchel adapted to serve as a combination overnight case and portfolio. One object of the invention resides in the provision of a swingable cover on the satchel for removably housing and tiltably sustaining a portfolio embodying an expandible and contractible bellows defining a plurality of filing compartments and adapted to be conveniently tiltably projected out of the swingable cover for convenient access thereto in the opened relation of the portfolio and adapted to be quickly restored in a compact or contracted relation within the cover so as to be appropriately housed therein. Another object is concerned with a tube or passageway at the lower part of the portfolio for threadably receiving a retaining strap carried by the cover. A further object resides in the provision of keeper means on the free end of the retaining strap adapted to removably interlock with a rotatable turnbuckle or latching means secured at one corner of the cover. The invention has as a further object the provision of complementary and disconnectable strap means cooperating with the rear panel of the portfolio to limit tiltable displacement of the portfolio out of the cover. Other important functional and structural features and advantages of the invention will appear from the following detailed specification taken with the accompanying drawings wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the satchel according to my invention shown open and illustrating the retained portfolio in an open relation and tiltably projecting out of the cover.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the satchel shown closed.

Fig. 3 is a view substantially similar to Fig. 1 but illustrates the portfolio closed and retained within the cover of the satchel.

Fig. 4 is a front elevational view of the hollow swingable cover after the portfolio has been removed therefrom.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view of Fig. 4 showing the inner ends of the complementary strap means secured together while the outer ends thereof are secured to the sides of the cover.

Fig. 6 is a front elevational view of the portfolio with the front panel shown partly broken away to illustrate the internal construction.

Fig. 7 is a plan view of the portfolio taken on the line 7—7 of Fig. 6.

Fig. 8 is a broken transverse sectional view on the line 8—8 of Fig. 6.

Fig. 9 is a fragmentary end view of Fig. 6.

Fig. 10 is a fragmentary view of the cover

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illustrating the lower strap removed and unlocked from the turnbuckle.

Fig. 11 is a view similar to Fig. 10 showing the lower strap locked against removal by the turnbuckle.

Fig. 12 is a sectional view on the line 12—12 of Fig. 10.

Fig. 13 is an enlarged and fragmentary view of Fig. 11, and

Fig. 14 is a fragmentary longitudinal sectional view on the line 14—14 of Fig. 8, particularly illustrating the longitudinally arranged tube or passageway in the lower part of the portfolio.

According to the invention the satchel generally designated S embodies the receptacle R and the swingable hollow cover C held desirably raised by the hingedly associated bars 10 and 11 appropriately fastened to the cover and receptacle.

Removably confined within the hollow cover of the satchel is the portfolio BC comprising a bottom wall 12, the spaced and upstanding front and rear panels 13 and 14, the interconnecting expandible and contractible bellows or gusset 15, the swingable closure means embodying bridge 16 which is integral with the rear panel 14 and includes the normally depending lip 17. The bridge 16 in fact constitutes the top wall of the portfolio as is well understood.

Disposed longitudinally of the portfolio BC and fixedly secured to the bottom wall 12 thereof by the spaced rivets as 18 (Fig. 9) are the spaced leather strips 19 and 20 characterizing an elongated tube or passageway 21 which extends along the entire length of the portfolio from end to end. These strips 19 and 20 have their longitudinally disposed margins secured together by lines of stitching as 22 and interposed between strip 20 and the lower wall 12 is the relatively flat reinforcing bar 23. Strips 19 and 20 constitute a tube or passageway for threadably receiving the swingable leather strap 24 having one end 25 fixedly secured to rear or bottom wall 26 of the cover C. Strap 24 is reinforced by the elongated resilient and flexible bar 27 (Fig. 12) to provide rigidity and is formed by the secured leather strips 28 desirably concealing bar 27.

Fixedly anchored to the free end of the retaining strap 24 is the ring shaped and sheet metal keeper or eye 29 provided with an elliptical opening 30 for passing over the rotatable and spring controlled elliptical manipulator or head 31 and the fixed and companion elliptical boss 32 extending from flange 33 appropriately

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fastened to the leather plate 34 which is turn is anchored to the cover by the rivet 35.

In the alined relation of the rotatable head 31 and the boss 32, detents 31' depending from head 31 are removably interlocked with the indents 31'' of the boss. With the keeper 29 passed over both head 31 and boss 32, the former is rotated ninety degrees about the fixed guide pin 36 secured to the boss at which time to maintain such relation detents 31' snap into and interlock with indents or recesses 32' of the boss. Head 31 now overhangs the body of the keeper precluding removal of the latter from the boss. Head 31 is normally urged against boss 32 by a spring 36' and head 31 and boss 32 constitute conventional disengageable locking means well known in the art and may be considered as turnbutton means generally designated T to removably hold the retaining strap 24 thereon.

The portfolio BC is removably retained within the cover by the aid of the reinforced strap 24 which may be quickly threaded into and along the channel 21 of the fixed tube or passageway defined by the inwardly embossed wall or strip 19 and the companion strip or member 20. Eye 29 serves as an adapter to facilitate threading or travel of the free end of the strap 24 through the socket and when emerging therefrom it is also mounted over the rotatable head 31 and boss 32 of the turnbutton T, after which head 31 on pin 36 is rotated ninety degrees for automatic locking thereof. By this arrangement strap 24 has its former free end removably locked to the cover and retains the lower part of the portfolio seated in place on the lower wall 26 of this cover.

Disengageable and complementary strap means 37 and 38 have their outer ends fixed to the sides of the cover C. More specifically conventional and disconnectable snap fastener means 39 and 40 are mounted at the inner ends of the strap means 37 and 38 and are adapted to be positioned under the top wall or bridge 16 of the portfolio to cooperate with the rear panel 14 to retain the portfolio when fully closed (Fig. 3) within the cover or if in an opened relation (Fig. 1) to preclude the upper part of the portfolio and more particularly the rear panel 14 thereof from falling out of the cover.

Gusset 15 is provided with a plurality of spaced partitions 41 defining a plurality of compartments for storing and filing correspondence and suitable record sheets as is well appreciated.

If the portfolio be retained by the lower strap 24 and by the complementary strap means 37 and 38 at a time when the cover of the satchel is in a raised or opened position (Fig. 3) and if the latching means broadly designated 42 be unlocked from lip or flange 17, the latter may be quickly elevated to open the portfolio. If a forward thrust be now applied to the front panel 13, the gusset expands and is tiltably projected out of the cover (Fig. 1) to permit quick access to the papers filed in the several compartments. Thereafter the brief case may be closed. In this connection, front panel 13 has applied thereto a rearwardly directed thrust thereby again fully positioning the gusset 15 and panel 13 within the swingable cover C after which lip 17 is locked.

According to the invention the handle H may be expanded to the broken line position illustrated in Fig. 6. In this connection attention is directed to the spaced loops or bearings 45 fastened by suitable stitching to the bridge or top wall 16. These loops slidably guide the elongated

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shank or body of the handle H which embodies enlarged ends or wings 46 provided with laterally extending shoulders 47 cooperating with the fixed loops which serves to limit movement of the ends 46 towards each other at a time when the intermediate portion of the handle is grasped for opening thereof.

Normally the leather handle H is collapsed or in a relatively flat relation against bridge or top wall 16. In such relation the portfolio is free of the front wall 43 of the cover C and with lip 17 unlocked the portfolio may be tilted into and out of the cover until limited by the retaining strap means 37 and 38.

If the portfolio be closed and fully arranged and retained within the cover of the satchel, it may be slightly tiltably rocked on seat 26 of the cover but outwardly tiltable displacement is limited by the complementary strap or stop means 37 and 38 when connected together.

As shown in Fig. 3, the closed portfolio is retained against falling out of the cover by the lower but now locked strap 24 and by the connected upper strap means 37 and 38. To remove or detach the portfolio from the cover, lip 17 is unlocked and raised. Thus access is had to the strap means 37 and 38 which are now disconnected. Thereafter the rotatable head 31 of the turnbutton is rotated to unlock keeper 29 of the lower strap 24 which is now removed from the turnbutton. At this time the portfolio may be removed or unthreaded from the lower and formerly locked strap 24 and consequently is free of the satchel and thereafter may be carried about from place to place independent of the satchel as in many instances is desired.

The top wall or bridge 16 is preferably reinforced by the flat resilient and metal plate 59 (Fig. 3) held in place by the leather strip 51 fastened by stitching to the top wall 16.

Nested and U-shaped cylindrical rods 60, 61, 62, 63 and 64 are utilized to reinforce the front and rear panels 13 and 14.

Various changes may be made in the details of construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof inherent therein.

I claim:

1. In combination, a satchel having a hollow cover, a portfolio having a bottom wall provided with a channel, a member secured to said bottom wall for closing the lower portion of said channel and constituting with said wall a tube, a strap connected to said cover and removably threadable through said tube and in part extending beyond one end of said portfolio, and locking means cooperating with said part to prevent removal of said strap from said tube.

2. In combination, a satchel having a hollow cover including a bottom wall extending lengthwise thereof, a portfolio having a bottom wall provided with a channel, a member secured to said portfolio wall for closing the lower portion of said channel and constituting with said portfolio wall a tube disposed lengthwise of and at the lower portion of said portfolio, a strap within said cover and having one end adjacent to one corner thereof fastened to said bottom cover wall and including a body removably threadable through said tube to extend lengthwise across said bottom walls and including a free end projecting beyond said portfolio, keeper means secured to said free end, and locking means within said cover and mounted on said cover wall ad-

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jacent a corner of said cover opposite to said first mentioned corner for removably cooperating with said keeper means to hold said lower portion on said bottom cover wall.

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