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Fig. 1,

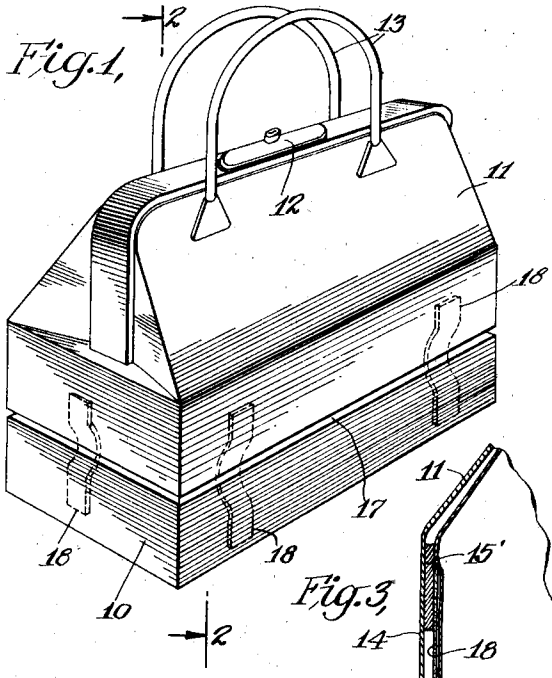


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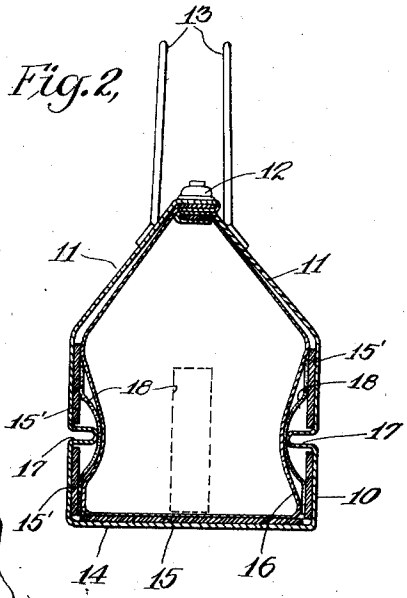


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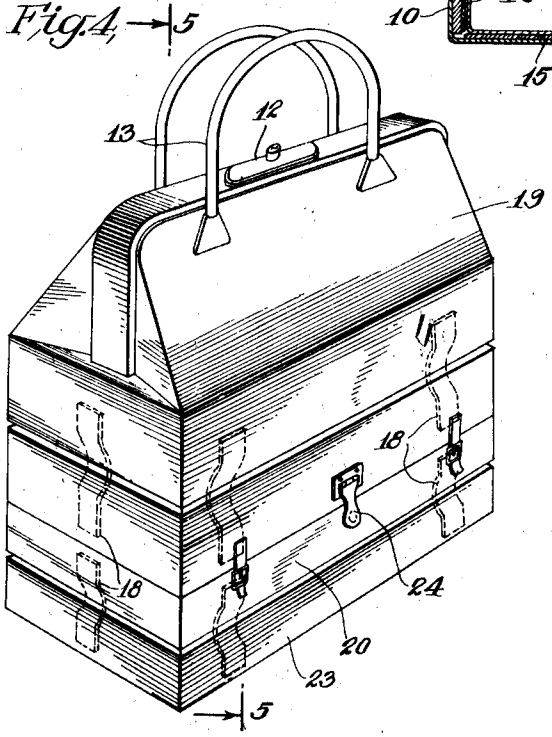
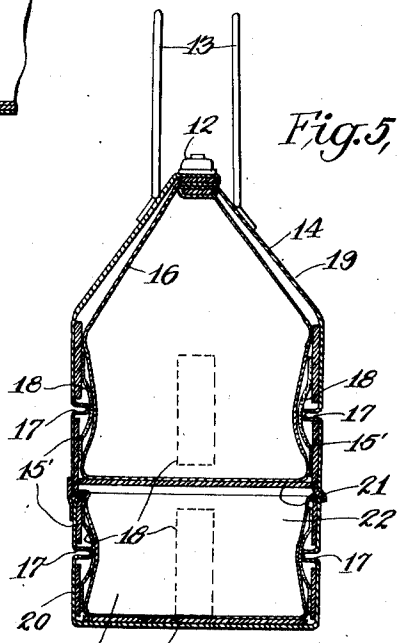


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS ABRAMSON, citizen of the United States, and resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Handbags, Valises, &c., of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hand-bags, suit cases, valises and the like articles.

My main object in this invention is to provide a hand-bag, suit case, valise or article of this character, or in general any packing compartment with means whereby the capacity thereof may be increased when desired.

My invention may be applied to suit cases, valises, hand-bags, or combination hand-bag and suit cases, and comprises a very simple construction whereby the advantage of increased capacity is gained without sacrifice of general neatness and compactness and with a comparatively small increase in cost.

In the embodiment of my invention herein specified and disclosed, I accomplish my object by providing a hand-bag, suit case, or the like article with means operative by the weight of the articles placed therein whereby the packing compartment is extended and its capacity thus increased.

Other objects and advantages of this invention will appear from the detailed description and the features of novelty will be particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawing accompanying this specification and forming a material part thereof,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hand-bag embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a section taken along line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a fractional section similar to Fig. 2 showing the bag extended to provide the additional capacity;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a combination hand-bag and suit case embodying my invention; and

Fig. 5 is a section taken along line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

Referring in detail to the drawing and in particular to Figs. 1, 2, and 3, I have there shown a hand-bag having the usual body portion 10 with the inclined sides 11, the usual lock 12 and handles 13. The bag is made up in the usual manner, the whole being made preferably of one piece of leather or other such material 14 reinforced on the interior by reinforcing material such as shown at 15 and having lining 16 of leather, fabric or the like material forming the interior surface of the bag. The outer material 14 of the body portion is folded in preferably at the midwidth thereof as at 17, the reinforcing strips 15′ being disposed to each side of the fold. To keep the body normally folded at the points 17, 17 I provide straps 18 of elastic or any other suitable material secured at their ends to the reinforcing pieces 15′, 15′ and bridging the folded portions of the material of the body. When the bag is packed the weight of the material in it will cause these elastic members 18 to stretch, and the fold 17, 17 consequently to extend as shown at 17′ in Fig. 3. The height of the bag is thus then increased by the length of the infolded portion of the material of the body and the capacity thus correspondingly increased.

It will be noted that in the extended position shown in Fig. 3 the bag presents a neat appearance, looks no different from the ordinary bag and yet provides additional capacity. In the folded position shown in Fig. 1 the bag still maintains its neat appearance since the fold is straight and uniform around the whole body of the bag.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a combination of hand-bag 19 and suit case 20, the bottom 21 of the bag forming the top of the cover or upper compartment 22 of the suit case. The lower compartment 23 of the suit case may readily be opened by means of a suitable lock 24 adapted to lock the latter to the upper compartment 22. The hand-bag and the suit case may thus be opened and used independently of each other, and both parts of the combination are provided with an embodiment of my invention whereby their capacities may be increased in the manner hereinbefore explained.

It will, of course, be understood that my invention may be applied to other forms of bags or traveling devices and may in general be used in connection with compartments wherein provision is desirable for increasing their capacity without interfering with their usual neat appearance and at no great extra expense.

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

1. A compartment having a body portion of flexible material infolded to provide for

extra height when the infolded portion is extended, a lining on the interior of said body portion, means held within said lining and bridging the infolded portion for normally keeping the latter unextended, said means being operative by the weight of the material in the compartment to extend said infolded portions to thus increase the height of the compartment.

2. A combination hand-bag and suit case comprising a hand-bag portion having an expansible body portion, a lining on the interior of said body portion, means held within said lining for normally keeping said body portion unextended, a bottom for said hand-bag portion and a suit case portion comprising a similarly expansible body portion, the bottom of said hand-bag serving as a top for said suit case portion and means on the interior of the body of said suit case portion for normally keeping the latter unextended.

3. A hand bag, valise or the like article comprising an expansible body portion, a lining on the interior of said body portion and means held within said lining for normally keeping said body portion unexpanded, said means operated by the weight of the material in the bag to permit said body portion to expand.

4. A hand bag, valise or the like article comprising an expansible body portion, a lining on the interior of said body portion and elastic means held within said lining for normally keeping said body portion unexpanded and adapted to be operated by the weight of the material in the bag to permit said body portion to expand.

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