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LUGGAGE COVER

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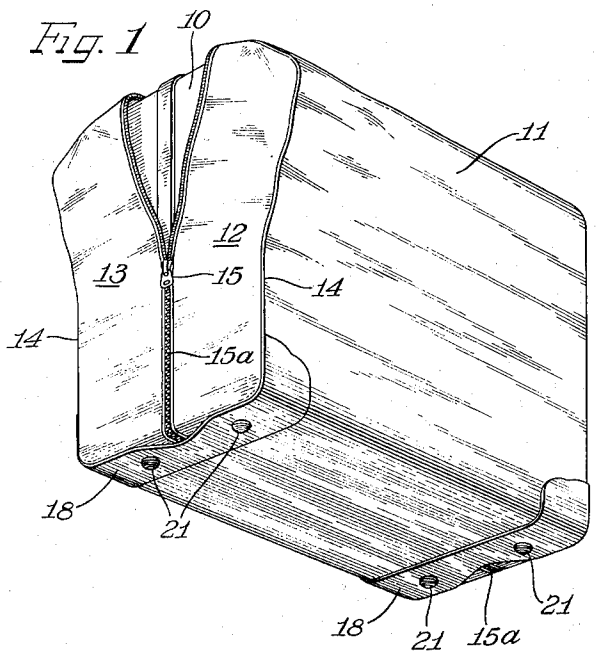
Fig. 1



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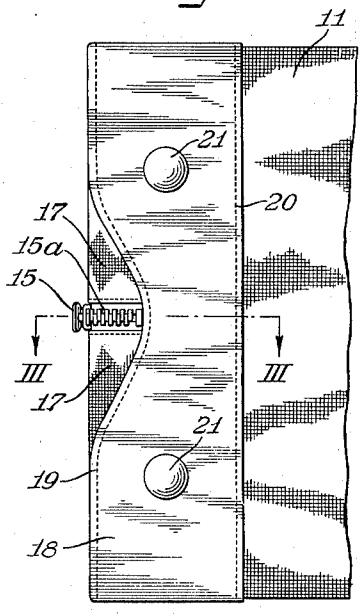

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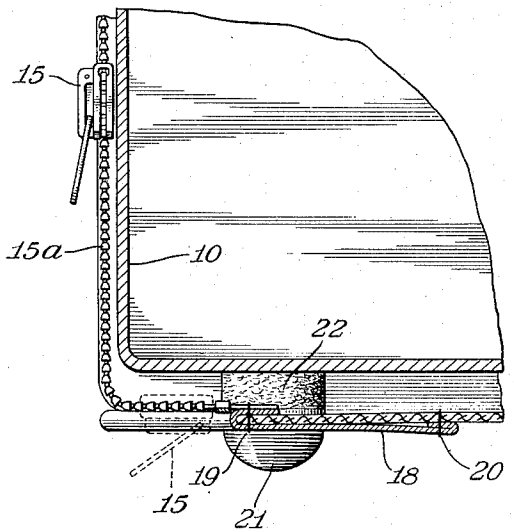

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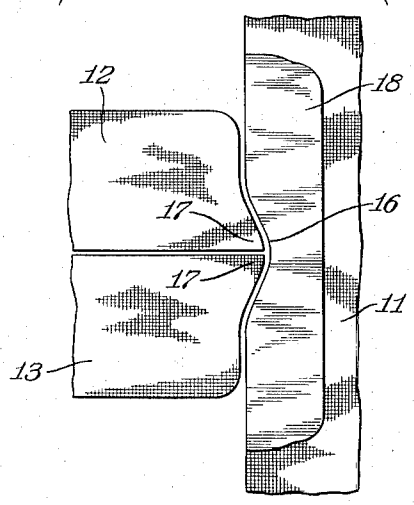

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This invention relates to a luggage cover and particularly to that type of luggage cover which is provided with a slide fastener secured opening to permit access to the luggage covered thereby and to permit application of the cover to and the removal thereof from the luggage.

Luggage covers of the type with which this invention is concerned are ordinarily made of fabric with suitable reinforcements. A main or side panel of a single piece of fabric is engaged around the sides and bottom of the luggage with its ends terminating adjacent each other along a longitudinal median line at the top of the luggage where they are suitably secured together as by slide fasteners of a well known type.

The cover is completed by a panel at each end which is divided longitudinally and closed by a continuation of the slide fasteners which are used to close the ends of the main panel.

In order to remove the cover from the luggage or to install the same thereon, it is desirable that the slide-fastener controlled openings in the end panels open for a short distance beneath the bottom of the luggage. While this may be accomplished by inwardly extending longitudinal slits in the bottom portion of the main panel, it has been noted that such expedient results in weakening of the cover structure and consequent accidental tearing thereof as the same is installed or removed.

The present invention provides a structure wherein the desired extent of slide-fastener controlled opening is achieved without weakening of the main panel.

It is therefore an important object of this invention to provide a luggage cover wherein a slide-fastener controlled opening extends underneath the ends of the luggage covered thereby to facilitate removal and installation of the cover.

It is a further important object of this invention to achieve the desired result of easy removal and installation without weakening the cover structure.

Other and further important objects of this invention will be apparent from the specification and the accompanying drawings.

The invention (in a preferred form) is shown on the drawings and hereinafter more fully described.

On the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a view in perspective showing a piece of luggage with the improved cover of this invention applied thereto, the perspective view being such that the extension of the slide fastener underneath the luggage is shown.

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Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary bottom plan view showing the manner in which the slide-fastener controlled opening is extended underneath the luggage.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary section on the line III—III of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary exploded or "layout" view showing the relationship of an end of the main panel and of the end panels prior to their assembly in a completed cover.

As shown on the drawings:

Fig. 1 shows a piece of luggage, such as a traveling case, designated by the reference numeral 10 with the improved cover of this invention applied thereto, the cover being shown with the slide-fastener controlled opening partially disengaged to permit of access to the top portion of such traveling bag.

The luggage cover consists of a main panel 11 preferably made from a single piece of fabric and extending over the sides and across the bottom of the luggage, its ends terminating adjacent each other in the usual manner along a median line extending longitudinally of the top of the luggage, the usual opening being provided for the extension of the luggage handle (not shown) therethrough. This much of the construction shown is standard and usual in luggage covers.

The ends of the luggage cover are completed by identical end panel portions 12 and 13, the outer edges of which are secured by stitching or in any suitable manner to the outer edges of the main panel 11 as shown at 14. The adjacent inner edges of the end panels 12 and 13 and the adjacent ends of the main panel 11 are removably joined together by a slide fastener 15 of standard and well known construction, the joining teeth of such slide fastener being shown at 15*a*.

In order to permit of an extension of the slide fastener 15—15*a* beneath the luggage, to facilitate installation and removal of the cover without weakening the main panel 11, said main panel 11 is so cut that the central portion of the edge thereof which extends across the bottom of the luggage is provided with a curved inwardly extending portion 16 in which complementary outwardly extending portions 17 of the end panels 12 and 13 are engaged. In assembling the luggage cover these outwardly extending portions 17 are engaged beneath the edge of the end panel 11 directly inside the curved portion 16, a reinforcing portion 18 of leather or other suitable

material having a curved recess corresponding to the portion 16 and being engaged thereover and over the main panel at each end of the bottom of the cover, the parts when so assembled being secured firmly in associated relationship by stitching shown at 19 and 20. In order to protect the bottom of the luggage cover from scuffing or injury, suitable studs 21 are secured in the reinforced portion 18, cushions 20 of felt or similar material being secured inside the cover between the studs and the bottom of the luggage 10.

As will be noted from the foregoing, the construction of this invention provides a luggage cover wherein the slide fastener 15 may be moved in opening the cover to points well underneath the luggage covered thereby. This is accomplished without weakening the main panel 11 and by reason of the complementary relationship of the extensions 17 on the end panels with the recessed portions 16 of the main panel.

As shown in Fig. 3 in dotted lines, the slide fastener at each end may be moved to a position well underneath the luggage 10. This provides a sufficient opening to facilitate easy removal and installation of the cover.

It is understood that details of construction may be varied without departing from the principles of this invention and it is, therefore, not intended to limit the patent granted hereon otherwise than necessitated by the scope of the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a luggage cover a main panel having inwardly curved portions forming a recess at the central portion of each side thereof and having its ends positioned adjacent each other, pairs of end panels secured to the sides of the main panel, inner edges of each pair of said end panels being positioned adjacent each other, an integral curved extension on a terminal portion of each of said end panels, said curved extensions interfitting with the curved portions of the main panel, and slide fasteners for securing the adjacent edges of the end panels together, said slide fasteners extending to the terminal portions of the end panels and into the recesses in the main panel.

2. In a luggage cover a main panel having an inwardly curved portion forming a recess at the central portion of a side thereof and having its ends positioned adjacent each other, pairs of end panels secured to the sides of the main panel, inner edges of each pair of said end panels being positioned adjacent each other, an integral curved extension on a terminal portion of each end panel of at least one pair of said end panels, said curved extension interfitting with the curved portion of the main panel, and slide fasteners for securing the adjacent edges of the end panels together, at least one of said slide fasteners extending to the terminal portions of said one pair of end panels and extending into the recess in the main panel.

3. In the luggage cover of claim 1, a reinforcing strip having a curved recess and being engaged over the outside of the main panel where the same joins the terminal portions of the end panels, means for securing said reinforcing strips, the main panel and the terminal portions of the end panels in fixed relationship, and said slide fasteners also securing the adjacent edges of the main panel together.

4. In the luggage cover of claim 1, reinforcing means secured to the edges of the main panel adjacent the points of juncture thereof with the terminal portions of the end panels, supporting studs secured to and projecting outwardly from said reinforcing means, luggage cushioning means on the inside of said main panel opposite each of said studs, and said slide fasteners also securing the adjacent edges of the main panel together.

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