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TRAVELING BAG.

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Fig. 1.

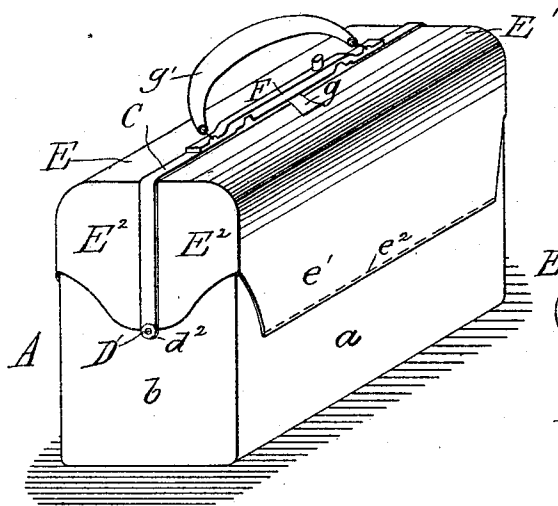


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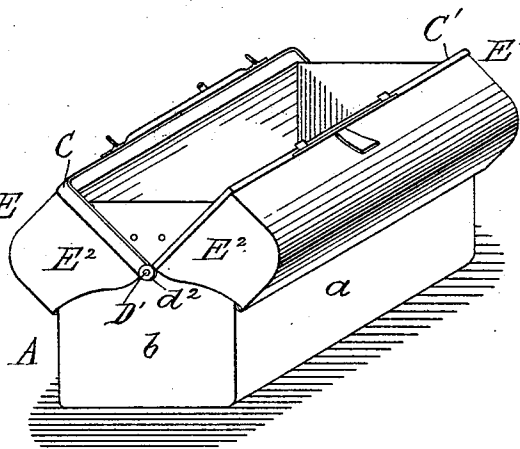


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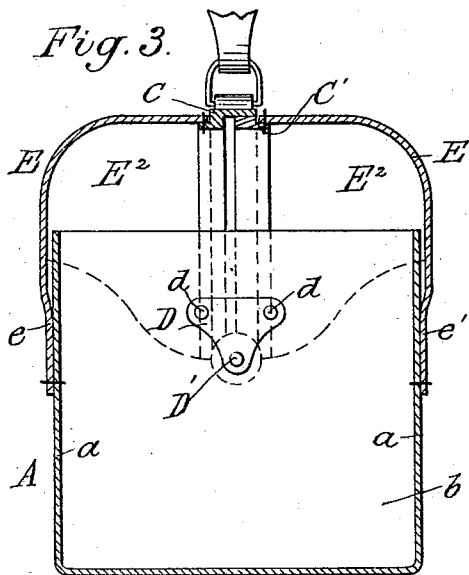


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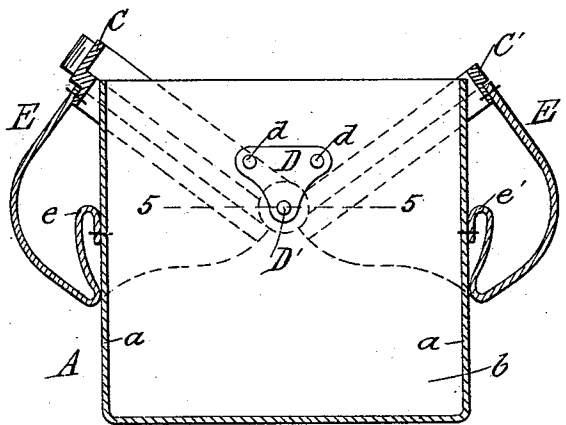
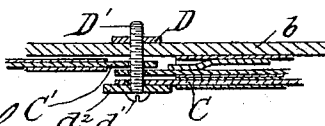


Fig. 5.



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TRAVELING-BAG.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUSTAV WILLRINGHAUS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Traveling-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved construction of traveling-bags of the type known to the trade as "cabinet-bags;" and, its object is to provide a substantial, convenient and neat form of traveling-bag, cheaply constructed and within the means of all.

My invention consists in a traveling-bag having a box-like body, two covers for closing the open top of the body, pivoted at their ends to the ends of the body, and having side-flaps that are attached at their lower ends to the sides of the body, so as to form connecting stays between the covers and body, as will be fully described hereinafter and finally pointed out in the claims.

On even date herewith, I have executed an application for a patent for a traveling-bag similar in the main-feature to this, excepting that the sides of the covers are detached and straps are applied for firmly securing the covers in position. In the present invention, however, the straps are dispensed with, as the attaching of the covers to the sides of the body obviates the necessity thereof.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1 and 2 are perspective views of my improved traveling-bag, showing the same in closed and open position, respectively. Figs. 3 and 4 are vertical transverse sections, showing the bag in closed and open position, respectively. Fig. 5 is a broken detail section on line 5—5, Fig. 4.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, the box-like body A comprises parallel sides *a*, and parallel ends *b*, forming an oblong receptacle. This body is preferably made of leather, but it may be made of any other material, such as canvas. The open top of the body is closed over by two covers E E' which are made to meet

along the middle thereof, and at their ends which pass outside the ends of the body they are pivoted or hinged to the ends of the body between the sides thereof. Preferably they are both hinged upon one pivot pin or axis D', as shown, but this is not essential, as the two covers may be hinged upon separate axes. The covers are made stiff enough to retain their shape and are preferably constructed with the usual metal jaws or stiffening frames C C' which extend longitudinally of the body, the outer jaw C closing over the inner one making a neat finish at the meeting-edges of the covers, besides stiffening them and affording the requisite strength for sustaining the bag when suspended from the handle *g'*. In the construction shown the jaws C C' are pivoted together and to the ends of the bag body by means of pivot-pins D' which pass through the hinge-eyes formed on the jaws, and are screwed, riveted, or otherwise attached to a plate D fastened inside each of the ends of the bag body by rivets *d d* or otherwise. Thus the jaws are so mounted as to permit them to swing freely when required, being retained in place by means of the heads *d* of the pivot-pins and the washers *d*² confined by said heads. It is quite evident that other means of hinging the jaws to the ends may be resorted to by skilled mechanics, without departing from the scope of my invention, it being necessary, however, that the hinge connections be located approximately in the position illustrated.

The covers E, E', are suitably secured at their inner edges to the respective jaws C C', and are provided with downwardly-extending side-wings or flaps *e, e'*, which are each secured at their bottom edges to the sides *a* of the body A by suitable means, such as by a line of stitching *e*², and which form connecting stays between the covers and the body. These covers E E' are connected at the ends by means of small pieces of material or gussets E² with the pivots of the plate D, so as to form the ends of the covers E E', said gussets being secured thereto by suitable stitching.

A lock F of any suitable construction secures the closing-jaws in closed position, and to facilitate opening them a finger-piece *g* at-

tached to one jaw and a handle *g'* attached to the other jaw are preferably provided.

In the act of opening the bag, the jaws and covers move outwardly and downwardly over the mouth of the body, the flexibility of the attached side-flaps permitting a perfectly free and easy movement. When the bag is closed the attachment of the side-flaps to the body steadies the jaws and covers and holds them firmly over the mouth of the body.

It is evident that my improvements are also applicable to trunks and other like receptacles, and I therefore do not limit myself to traveling-bags.

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

1. The combination, with a box-like body, of two covers hinged to the ends of the body

between the sides, and provided with side-flaps attached at their lower ends to the sides of the body, so as to form connecting stays for said covers, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with a box-like body, of closing-jaws hinged to the ends of the body, between the sides and covers attached to the jaws and provided with end-pieces or gussets and with side flaps, the former being located outside of the ends of the body and the latter being attached at their lower ends to the sides of the body, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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