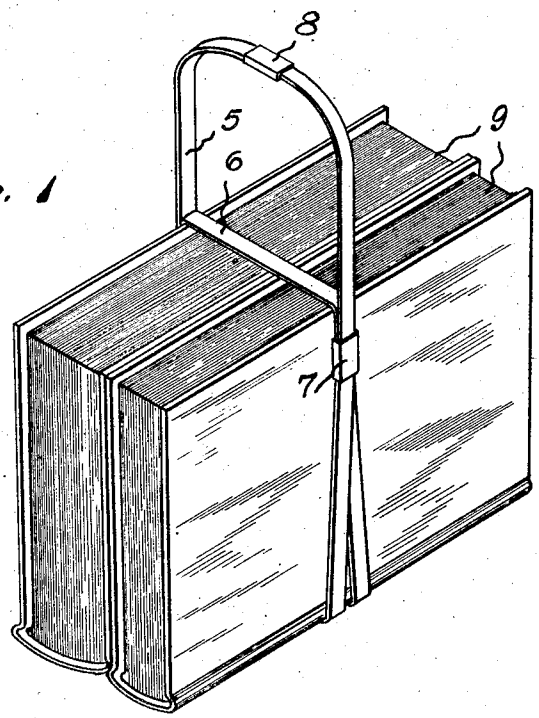
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Fig. 1



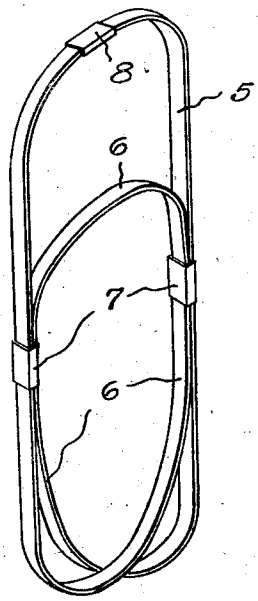


Fig. 2

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My invention relates to improvements in book or luggage straps and the object of my invention is to provide a book or luggage strap of simple and efficient construction that may be very quickly and easily placed around one or more books or similar objects and tightened thereon in such a manner as to securely hold said books without slackening or becoming loose on the books and which may be readily loosened to release the books when it is desired to do so.

A further object is to provide an endless book or luggage strap having a loop that may be conveniently tightened or loosened to fit or release books around which it may be placed, said strap being without buckles or snaps.

Other and more specific objects will be apparent from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings.

While I have described this strap as a book strap it will be understood that the same may be used for carrying various different forms of luggage.

In the drawings Figure 1 is a perspective view of my strap showing the same applied to books; and

Fig. 2 is a detached perspective view of the strap.

Referring to the drawings, throughout which like reference numerals indicate like parts, 5 designates a strap having a loop 6 formed therein by doubling one portion of the strap inwardly as shown in Fig. 2, the inwardly doubled loop portion 6 being inside of both side portions of the strap and the strap necessarily crossing at the bottom of the loop. Two slidably mounted keepers 7 secure the loop portion 6 to the opposite side portions of the strap 5 said keepers permitting both the loop portion and the outside portions of the strap to slide therethrough when a pull is exerted on either part. The keepers preferably bind frictionally on the strap sufficiently so that said keepers will not slide around loosely and will require some but not a great amount of force to move the strap in the keepers or the keepers on the strap.

The two ends of the strap 5 are preferably secured together as by a clip 8 to thereby form an endless strap having the book receiving loop 6 in what is normally the bottom end, that portion embracing the clip 8 forming a hand hold portion by which the strap and its load may be carried. It will be obvious that the hand hold portion is of sufficient size to enable the user to place it over the arm thereby leaving both hands free.

In applying the strap to books 9 or other objects, the loop 6 is first slipped over the books to the proper location, the strap is then tightened on the books by exerting a pull on the upper end of the strap and at the same time holding the books, and the keepers 7 are then slipped up on the straps to within about one inch from the top edge of the books to effectively secure the books within the strap and prevent said books from tipping endwise as they might do if the keepers were lower down. To release the books the strap is loosened by pulling on the same.

From the preceding description it will be seen that this book strap is simple and inexpensive in construction, easy to apply to, or release from the books and efficient in holding the books that are placed therein. The strap is of endless construction and is free from snaps and buckles. The weight of the books in the strap will tend at all times to draw the loop 6 tighter around said books thus making it substantially impossible for the books to fall out of the strap after they have been properly placed therein.

The foregoing description and accompanying drawings clearly disclose a preferred embodiment of my invention but it will be understood that this disclosure is merely illustrative and that such changes in the device may be made as are fairly within the scope and spirit of the following claim.

What I claim is:

A book strap of endless construction embodying an upper hand hold portion, two side strap portions, a book receiving loop formed between said two side strap portions, the strap members at the bottom of said loop being crossed over each other, and a slidable keeper connecting each side strap portion with the adjacent side of said loop, said loop being adapted to receive and be tightened onto books and said keepers being adapted to be moved on said strap to locations near the upper edge of said books.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 20th day of November A. D. 1925.

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