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Fig. 1.

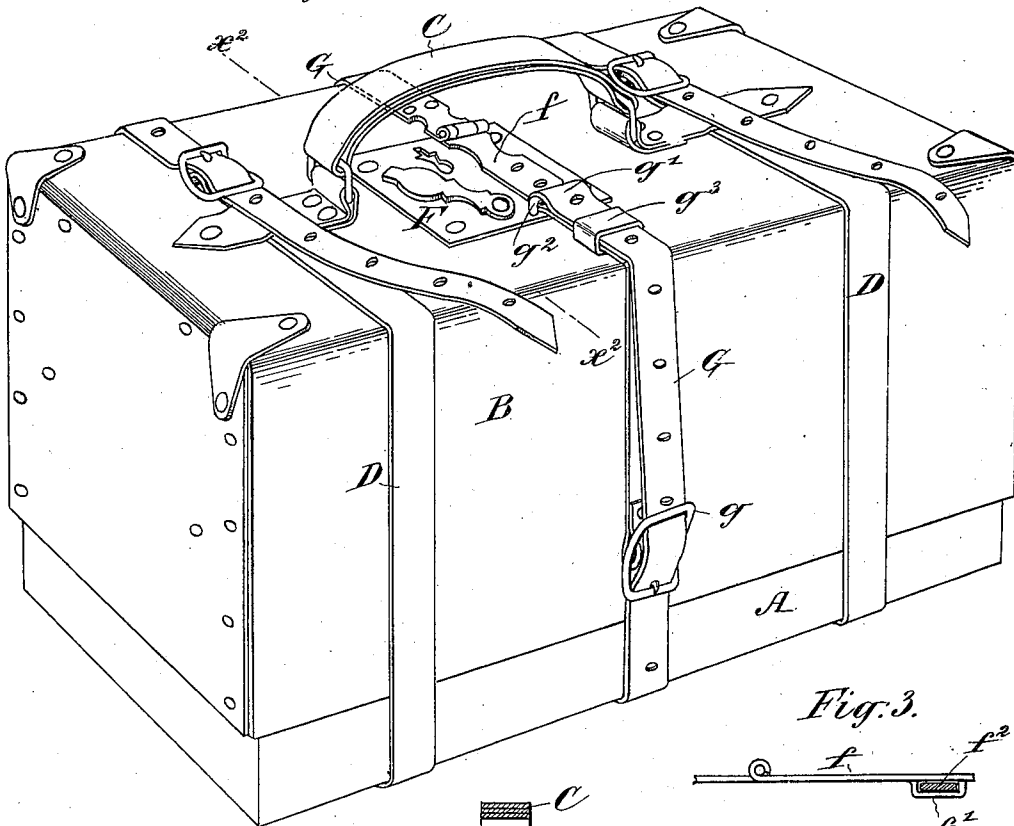


Fig. 3.

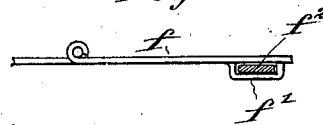
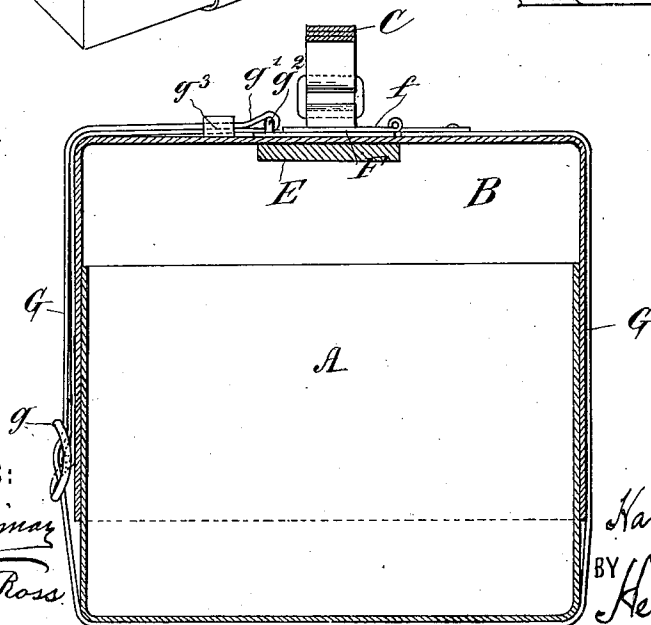


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRIS WAXMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Telescopic Bags, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to telescopic hand-bags or extension-cases wherein the bag consists of two similar halves or parts, which may be called a "body" and a "cover," the latter fitting telescopically over the former and held, ordinarily, by two straps, which extend around the bag and are secured by buckles. Usually the handle is on the upper half or cover.

As ordinarily constructed these bags have no lock and no other securing devices than the straps before mentioned; and the object of the present invention is in part to provide the bag with a securing-lock and in part to provide for the extension of the bag without in any way impairing the efficiency of the lock or securing device.

In the accompanying drawings, which serve to illustrate the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a telescope bag embodying the invention, and Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the bag substantially on line x^2 in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail view showing the lock-hasp and engaging bolt.

A represents the body or lower half of the bag; B, the cover or upper half of the bag, which fits over the body; C, the handle of the bag on the cover, and D D the ordinary straps, which extend about the bag in the usual way. All of the above features are common in this class of bags.

In order to secure the bag against being opened by unauthorized persons and at the same time to permit of its being extended so as to enlarge its capacity within limits, the means which will now be described are provided.

To the under side of the crown of the cover B is secured a block or strip E, which may be of wood or metal and which may extend the length of the cover. This strip or block is employed merely as a support for a lock F of an ordinary kind—such, for example, as are commonly found on trunks. The lock should be firmly secured to the strip E and the bag, and it will be, by preference, situated at about

the middle of the length of the bag, as seen in Fig. 1.

G is a strap to one end of which is secured a buckle g^2 , wherewith a loop g' is formed in the doubled strap. This loop engages a staple g^2 which is fixed in some manner securely to the cover and preferably to the plate of the lock F, as shown. The strap G may be passed about the bag, as shown, and it has at its other end, fixed firmly to it, the lock-hasp f . This lock device may be, as stated, a common form of lock and hasp, the latter having a bail f' , (seen in Fig. 3,) through which the lock-bolt f^2 passes in locking. The object of the doubling of the strap G to form the loop g' and in providing it with a buckle to take up the slack is to permit the bag to be extended within limits; but it will be understood that the said strap will not be long enough to permit the cover to be taken off from the bag without unlocking or disengaging the hasp f , even though the said strap should be stretched sufficiently to unbuckle it. The bag being packed, the cover forced down tightly thereon, and the straps D D drawn tight and buckled, the proper amount of slack in the strap G will be taken up by the buckle g , so that the hasp f will just reach and engage the lock F. Then when locked it will be found very difficult to disengage the tongue of the buckle g and slack the strap G. However, as before stated, if this should be done the strap G will be found too short to permit the cover to be removed from the body of the bag, and the loop-like form of the buckle g will prevent the strap G from being disengaged from the bail g^2 . A keeper g^3 may be slipped over the strap G; but this is not absolutely essential.

For convenience of description merely the upper half B of the bag has been called the "cover," and the lower half A the "body;" but this is not important. The lock may be on either half of the bag.

I am well aware that it is not new to provide trunk-straps with lever-couplings and to provide trunks with lever-tighteners for the straps, the lever being mounted on the trunk; but these are wholly foreign to my invention in construction, operation, and purpose. My construction employs no lever; but it has an actual lock for operation with a key,

and the hasp is carried on the free end of the strap, as explained, and is wholly free from the bag, except when engaged with the lock. This latter feature is necessary with a telescopic bag. By "lock" as herein used is meant a key-operated lock, not a mere fastening device. So far as I am aware I am the first to provide a telescopic bag with an actual lock and strap.

10 Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A telescopic bag having a means for locking it when closed, said means comprising a lock secured to one of the halves of the bag, a strap secured at one end only to the half of the bag on which the lock is mounted, and the hasp of the lock secured to the free end of said strap, whereby the latter may be passed about the bag and the hasp inserted in the lock.

2. A telescopic bag having a means for locking it when closed, said means comprising a lock F, fixed to one of the halves of the bag, a strap G, having a loop g' , engaging a bail on said half of the bag, and a buckle g , whereby the strap may be varied in length, and a hasp f , secured to the free end of said strap and adapted to be inserted in the fixed lock when the strap is passed about the bag.

30 3. A telescopic bag having the crown of one of its halves, B, reinforced and having means

for locking the bag when closed, said means comprising a lock F, fixed to the reinforced crown of said half B, a bail g^2 on said lock, a doubled strap G, having a loop g' about said bail and forming the only fixed connection of said strap with the bag, means for varying the length of the doubled strap, and a hasp f , secured to the free end of the strap G, said hasp adapted to be inserted in the lock when the strap is passed about the bag.

4. A telescopic bag having a lock secured to one of its halves, a strap secured at one end to the plate of said lock, said strap having means for varying its length so that it may fit about the bag, and the hasp of said lock secured to and carried by the free end of said strap, said hasp being normally free from the bag, substantially as set forth.

5. A telescopic bag having a lock, adapted to be operated by a key, fixed to one of its sections, a strap adapted to embrace the bag and fixed, at one end only, to that half of the bag on which the lock is mounted, and a hasp carried on the free end of said strap and adapted to be secured to the lock in the locking operation, substantially as set forth.

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