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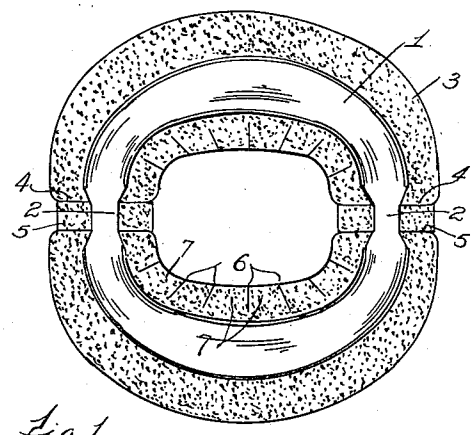


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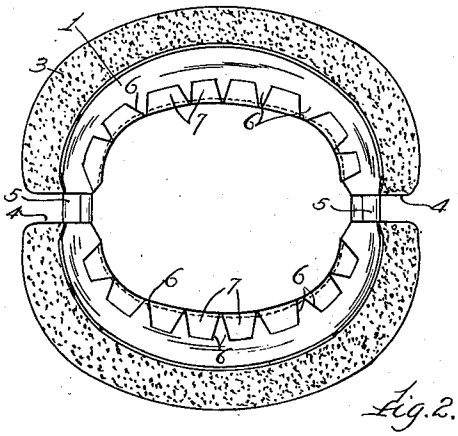


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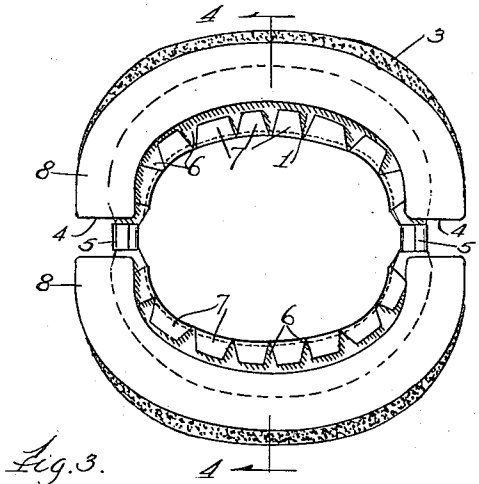


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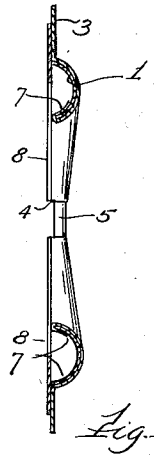


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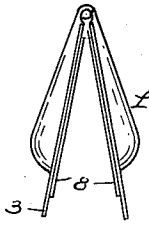


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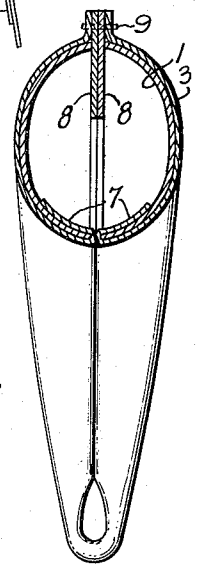


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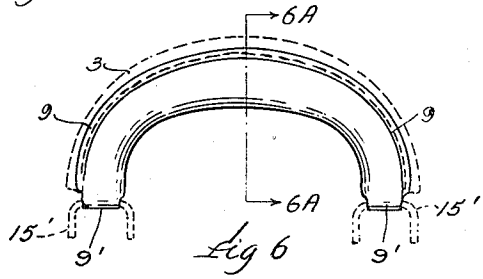


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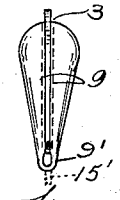


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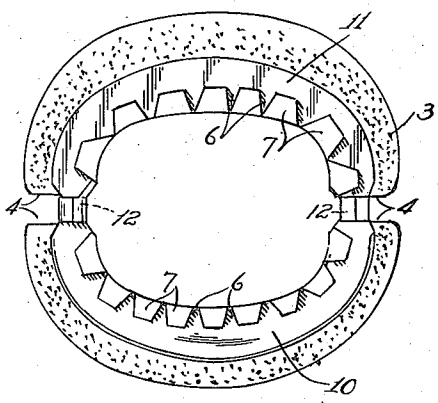


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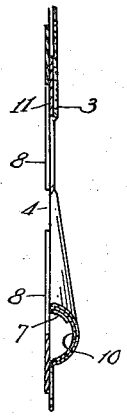


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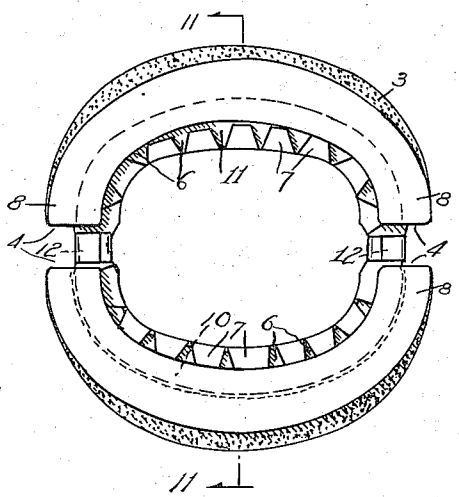


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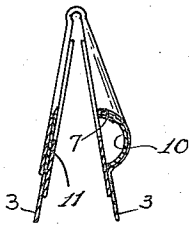


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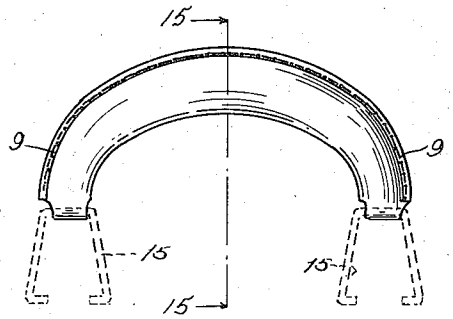


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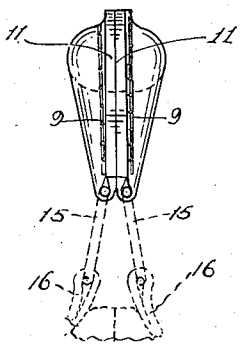


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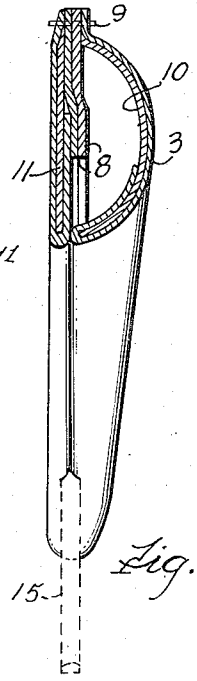


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HANDLE FOR LUGGAGE

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This invention relates to improvements in handles for luggage, such as travelling bags, suit cases, brief cases and the like. One object is to provide a light weight handle of great strength that does not bend or lose its shape easily, that will stand long usage while showing little wear and that will effectually resist pressure of four hundred pounds or more.

A further object is to provide handles for luggage that may be made up in the post handle or U type or in any double shaped or curved type, the latter adapted particularly for use on heavy type cases among which are those having supporting straps.

A still further object is to provide a handle for luggage that is attractive in appearance, durable in use, inexpensive to manufacture and that is designed to snugly fit the hand. The instant application is a continuation in part of my copending application, Ser. No. 72,449, filed January 24, 1949, now Patent 2,519,604, dated August 27, 1950.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described, pointed out and defined in the claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings forming part of this disclosure, and wherein:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the preferably metallic, plastic or wooden body blank or shell of the device, before being folded, disposed upon its flexible cover.

Fig. 2 is a view of Fig. 1 with the cover partly folded thereupon.

Fig. 3 shows, in plan, the shell and cover with paper or leather fillers applied thereto.

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view through Fig. 3 on the line 4—4.

Fig. 5 is a view in end elevation of the instant handle almost completely folded about its median line.

Fig. 6 is a view in side elevation of the handle completely folded, stitched, and ready to be trimmed or finished.

Fig. 6A is an enlarged fragmentary sectional detail view taken on lines 6A—6A of Fig. 6.

Fig. 7 is an end view of the finished handle.

Fig. 8 is an inverted plan view of Fig. 7.

Fig. 9 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but showing a modified form of shell or body blank.

Fig. 10 is a plan view of the shell and cover of Fig. 9 but with fillers applied.

Fig. 11 is a cross-sectional view through Fig. 10 on the line 11—11.

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Fig. 12 is a view of the modified form of Fig. 11 almost completely folded.

Fig. 13 is a side elevational view of the modified handle folded and with rings indicated in broken lines.

Fig. 14 is an end elevational view of a pair of handles, modified form.

Fig. 15 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional detail view taken substantially on line 15—15 of Fig. 13.

Referring now to Figs. 1 to 8 inclusive the reference numeral 1 denotes a substantially ring-shaped blank or shell that is of channel formation in cross-section except for the directly opposite materially reduced short web portions 2, 2 that are substantially flat, the shell being progressively widened and deepened or channelled from each short flat portion to points half way toward the opposite flat portion. Wrapped about the shell is a ring-like flexible cover 3 of leather or like material of greater width than the shell, the cover being formed with opposed outer deep peripheral notches 4, 4 at points aligned with the shell reduced portions 2, 2, the tongues 5, 5 defined by the notches 4, 4 being disposed inwardly upon the shell reduced portions. The inner periphery of the cover is formed with a plurality of notches 6 completely thereabout defining peripheral fingers 7 which are disposed inwardly upon the shell, all fingers and tongues as well as the cover body glued or otherwise firmly adhered to the shell, except that portion of the cover that extends outwardly beyond the shell.

Received upon that portion of the cover extending beyond the shell and upon the outer edge of the shell and extending half way across the shell channel and disposed upon opposite sides of the notches 4, 4 and extending from one notch 4 to the other are the spaced apart substantially semi-circular insert fillers 8 of stiffening material such as cardboard or leather, the fillers 8 being adhered to the cover. The shell and cover with fillers attached are now folded together about the reduced shell portion, first into the position shown in Fig. 5, or to bring portions of the handle contiguous to the line of fold together, whereupon such contiguous handle portions are given two or three fairly sharp blows, using a small hammer, so as to bring them into most intimate contact with each other and to deaden their resiliency at such points.

The folded portions are now pressed together with moderate force throughout their extent and a line of stitching 9 passed through the edges of

the cover and through the fillers beyond the edge of the shell. The handle is now trimmed in conventional manner and is ready for use.

The web portions 2, 2 when folded upon themselves each provide a bearing sleeve 9' for the ring 15' of the luggage with which the completed handle is associated.

Referring now to Figs. 9 to 15 inclusive, a modified form is shown wherein a ring-shaped shell is provided comprising a channelled half portion 10 and a flat portion 11, said portions connected by reduced portions 12. A cover 3 is now applied to the shell in the manner previously described, the shell folded at its reduced portion after fillers 8 have been inserted and adhered to the cover, and the folded portions adhered together and connected by a line of stitching 9. Two complete handles, each provided with rings 15, are now secured to the article 16 provided, and when the case, or article, is carried, the two handles are grasped in one hand, flat sides 11 together, as shown in Fig. 14.

What is claimed is:

1. In a handle for luggage, a body portion formed of a channellel substantially ring-shaped blank folded upon itself to form opposed cooperating sections, substantially semi-circular fillers disposed between said sections in alignment with each other and adhered to each other and extending beyond said sections, a cover for said sections adhered thereto and extending therebeyond and upon said fillers and adhered thereto, and a line of stitching securing said fillers to each other and to said cover beyond said sections.

2. In a handle for luggage, a body portion formed of a channelled substantially ring-shaped blank folded upon itself to form opposed cooperating sections separated by reduced opposed portions, substantially semi-circular fillers disposed between said sections in alignment with and adhered to each other and extending beyond said sections, a cover for said sections adhered thereto and extending therebeyond and upon said fillers and adhered thereto, tongues integral with said cover disposed about and adhered to the inner face of said sections, and a line of stitching securing said fillers to each other and to said cover beyond said sections.

3. In a handle for luggage, a body portion formed of a substantially ring-shaped blank folded upon itself to form opposed cooperating sections separated by reduced opposed portions, one of said coperating sections being flat, substantially semi-circular fillers disposed between said sections in alignment with and adhered to each other and extending beyond said sections, a cover for said sections alhered thereto and extending therebeyond and upon said fillers and adhered thereto, tongues integral with said cover disposed about and adhered to the inner face of said sections, and a line of stitching securing said fillers to each other and to said cover beyond said sections, the handles adapted for use only in pairs the members of which are free of each other and in operative position having their flat sections in abuttal.

4. In a handle for luggage, a body portion formed of a channelled substantially ring-shaped blank folded upon itself to provide opposite cooperating sections, a substantially semicircular filler element disposed between said sections and having an outer edge portion extending therebeyond, a cover for said sections adhered thereto and extending therebeyond and upon said filler element, and a line of stitching securing said filler element to said cover beyond said sections.

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