

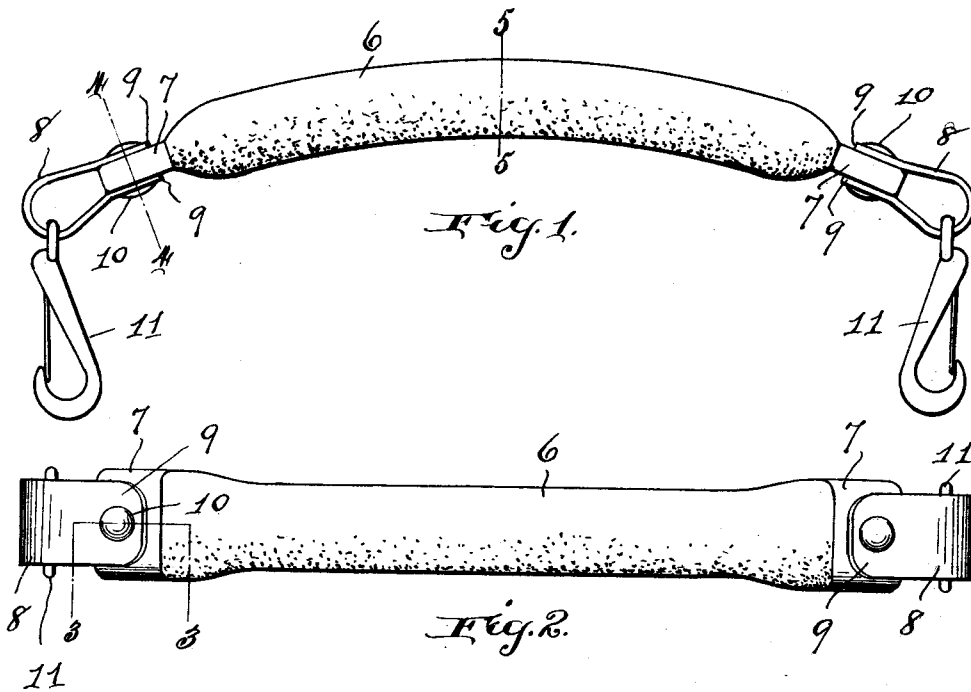
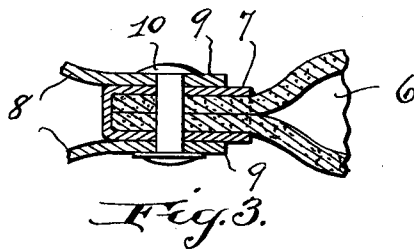
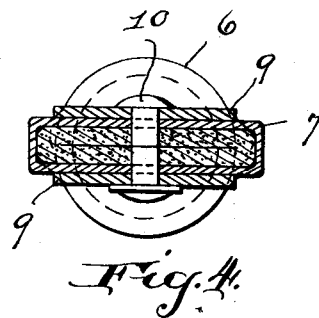
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This invention relates to improvements in handles for baggage, sample-cases or luggage and has for one object to provide an improved handle wherein the grip portion shall be flexible whereby to conform to the shape of the closed hand and thus distribute the weight across the entire width of the hand instead of at a single point as it does when such grip portion is rigid.

Another object of the invention is to provide a tubular and flexible grip portion for a handle which tube is closed at its ends by suitable ferrules whereby when the weight attached at the opposite ends of the flexible grip is carried, the yielding grip will act as a shock absorber as the person carrying the same steps when walking.

A further object is to provide a tubular and flexible handle-grip with loops and hooks at the opposite ends thereof whereby the same may be hooked to the ordinary handle rings on a bag or case or may be attached to a pair of straps which encircle a parcel or bundle.

With these and other objects in view, the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein,—

Fig. 1 shows the complete handle in side elevation.

Fig. 2 illustrates the same in top view.

Fig. 3 shows a cross-section detail through one end of the handle as it would appear if viewed on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 illustrates a cross-sectional detail on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1, and

Fig. 5 shows a cross-section through the tubular handle on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawing the numeral 6, designates a flexible tubular grip-portion of the handle. In practice, I find that short lengths of rubber hose of the garden hose variety to be well suited for the purpose because it is suitably flexible and is sufficiently tough to sustain the strains.

The two ends of this tubular grip-portion are flattened and preferably enclosed in metal ferrules 7 so that both ends of the tube are thereby sealed.

A loop 8, is then formed of metal, leather or other suitable material and the two ends of this loop are placed against the opposite

flat faces of the metal ferrule so as to straddle the latter and a heavy rivet 10, is passed through the loop-ends and also through the ferrule and the flattened end of the tubular grip.

The loops 8, are preferably provided with metal spring hooks 11, so the latter may be attached to the ordinary rings that are provided on most hand grips and cases for attachment of handles.

I form the loops 8 however so that in case it be desired to use the handle in connection with straps that pass around a bundle or packages like a so-called shawl strap, then such straps may readily be passed through the loops 8 and the handle connected as well as though engaged by the spring hooks 11.

I have found, in practice, from many years of traveling with samples that rigid hand grasp handles on bags and sample cases are exceedingly trying on the hand and will pinch the flesh and form callouses.

By the use of a handle such as is illustrated and described herein, I have found that the cases and samples can be carried with much less fatigue,—yielding as the handle does when walking relieves the arms and shoulders of the strain and shocks, and that by having the grip tubular and flexible the same will conform to the arch of the closed hand so that the weight is distributed all the way across the hand instead of being confined to one single point as it appears to be in the rigid handle structures I have been obliged to use.

Having described my invention, I claim:—

A hand grip for baggage and luggage comprising a hollow flexible grip of a hose-like structure which is free of longitudinal stretch under the weight carried said hollow hose-like structure having its ends secured and sealed in flattened metal ferrules, a loop straddling the flat faces of each metal ferrule and a rivet extending through the ends of the loop and also through the flat metal ferrule and the flattened ends of the hollow grip encased in the ferrule.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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