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VALISE.

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Fig. 1.

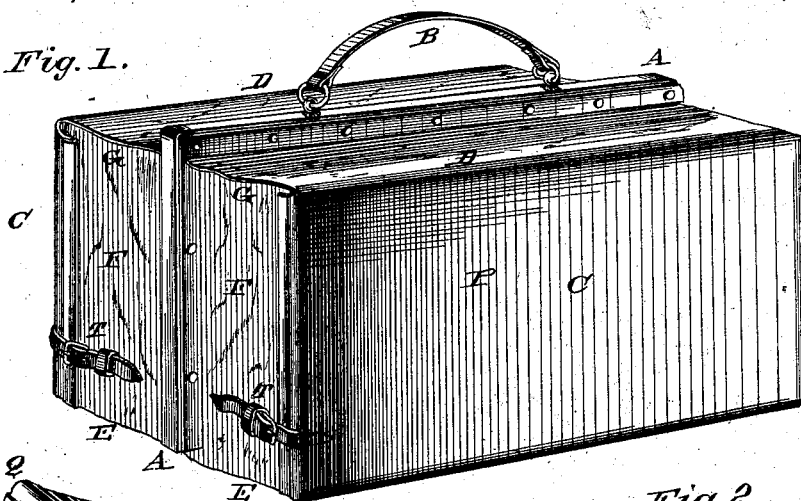


Fig. 2.

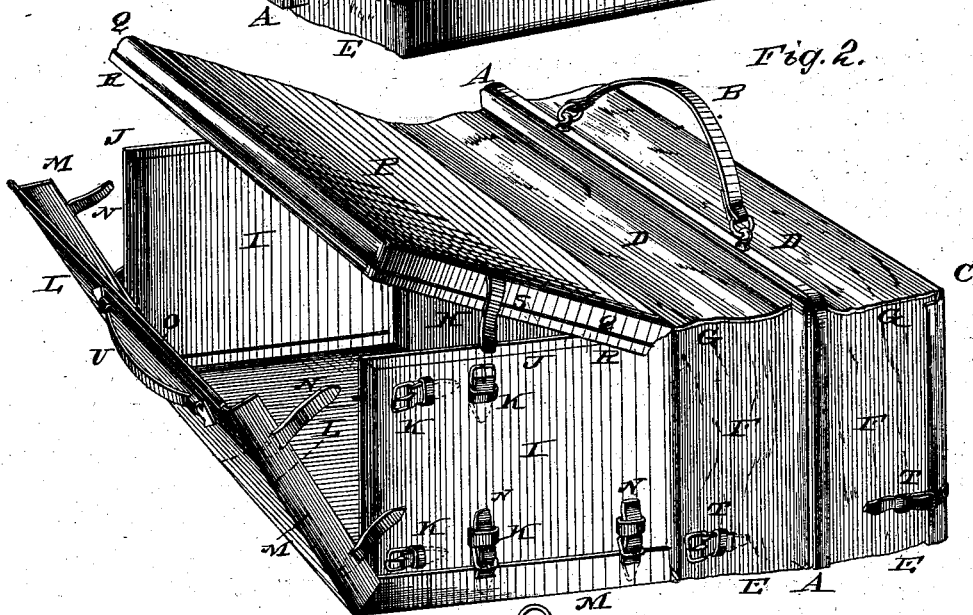
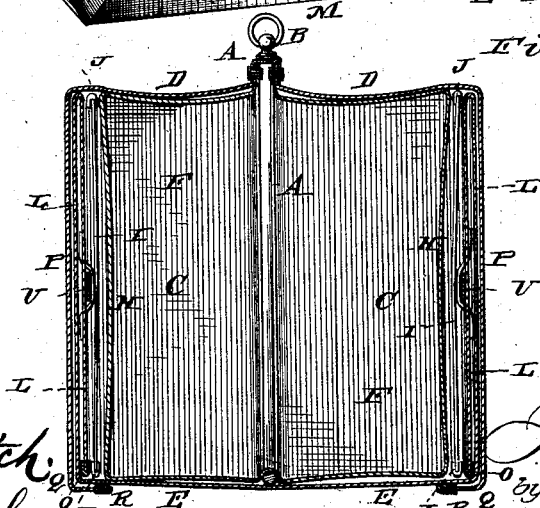


Fig. 3.



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TO EMORY L. FREEMAN, OF SAME PLACE.

VALISE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FAYETTE G. NICHOLS, of Richmond, in the county of Chittenden and State of Vermont, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Valises; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improved valise folded. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the same partly extended, and Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical sectional view.

Corresponding parts in the several figures are denoted by like letters of reference.

This invention relates to that class of valises or traveling-bags which may be extended so as to increase their capacity or folded into a comparatively small compass; and it consists in certain improvements in the construction of the same, which will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings hereto annexed, A represents the hinged frame, which may be of any suitable well-known construction, and provided with a handle, B.

The compartments or halves C of my improved valise consist each of four pieces—viz., the top and bottom pieces, D E, and the end pieces, F F, which are joined at the four corners, as shown at G, by stitching, or in any suitable manner, for a distance sufficient to form a valise of ordinary size. At the termination of the joints G the sides, or, more properly, partitions, H, are attached in any suitable manner to the parts D E F F. The end pieces, F, have extensions or flaps I, of any suitable size, bound around with metal strips J, and having buckles K at their upper, lower, and outer edges, substantially as shown. The bottom pieces, E, have extensions L of sufficient size to extend around the lower and outer edges of flaps I, and having flaps M at their ends, provided with straps N, by which they may be attached to the buckles K at the lower and outer edges of the said flaps I. The outer

edges of the extensions L are bound with metal strips O.

The top pieces, D, have extensions P, provided with box-edges Q, metal-bound, as at R, to fit over the extension-flaps I L when extended. The parts P have straps S, by which they may be attached to the buckles K at the upper edges of the flaps I when the valise is extended, or to buckles T upon the end pieces, F, when the device is folded.

The extension-pieces L are provided near their outer ends with slip-handles U, by which the valise, when one side only is extended, may be carried, instead of by the handle B, on which it would be unevenly balanced.

The valise may be lined and finished in any suitable manner, and I would have it understood that, instead of the buckles K and their corresponding straps, fastening devices of any other kind that may be found useful and appropriate may be employed.

My improved valise is simple, convenient, and durable, having no seams or joints except at the four corners, which is the case in all valises of ordinary construction. When properly constructed it may be readily extended to nearly three times its capacity when folded.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. In a valise, the halves or compartments C, composed of the parts D E F F, joined at the corners, as at G, and having extension-flaps I L P, substantially as shown, metal-bound, and provided with buckles and straps, as set forth.

2. The combination, with the halves or compartments C, the bottom and ends of which have extension-flaps L I, of the flaps P, extending from the upper edges of said sides and having box-edges Q, inclosing the other flaps when folded, and provided with suitable fastening devices, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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