

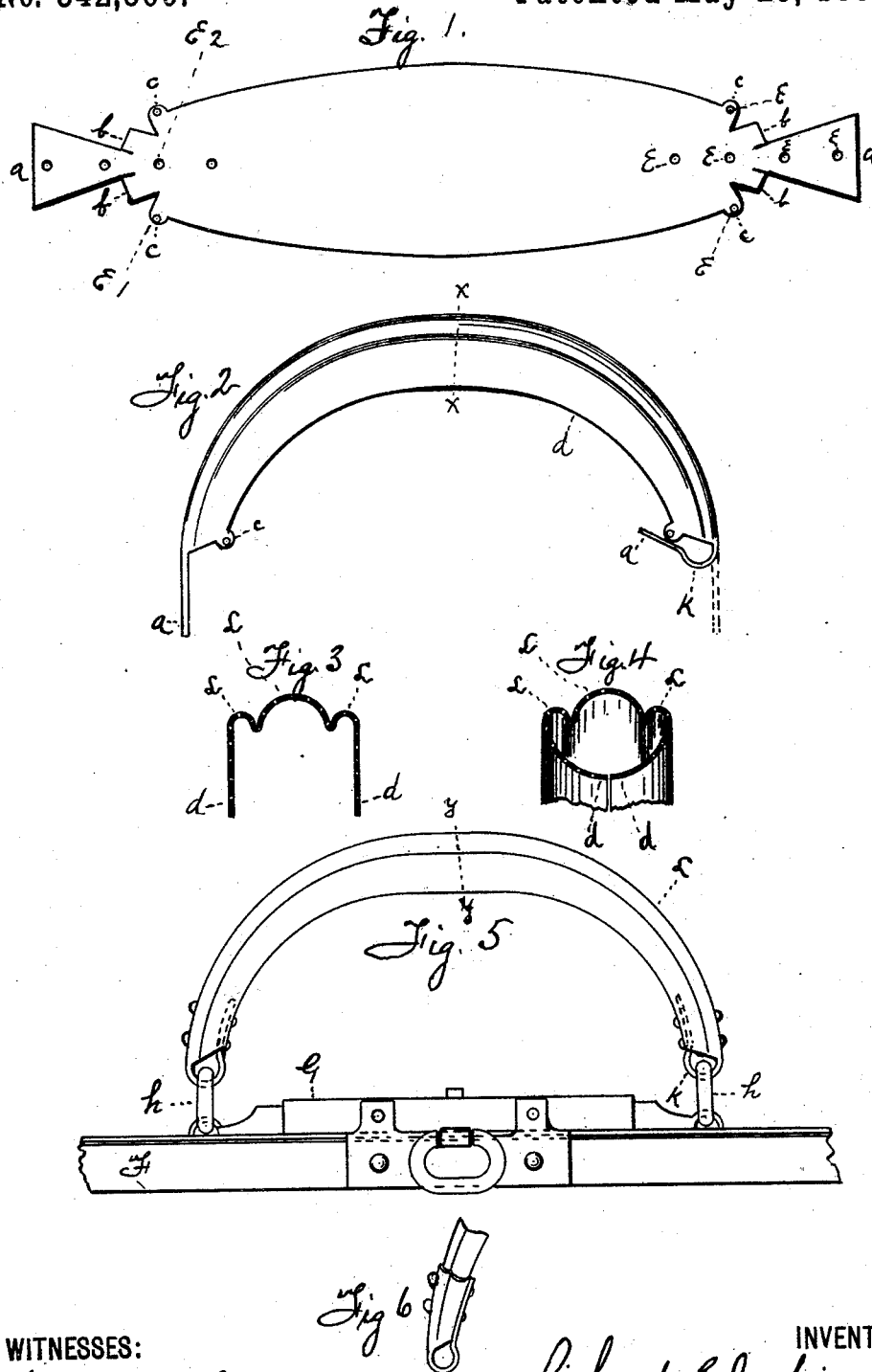
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD C. JENKINSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, Essex county, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sheet-Metal Handles for Traveling-Bags and other Articles; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention consists in a novel construction of a sheet-metal handle, as hereinafter described.

The invention consists in forming from a single piece of sheet metal a handle which shall be cheap and durable, and of such shape as will be comfortable and give a good hold to the hand, and also closely imitate a solid leather handle, such as are used on the best grades of goods.

The blank from which the handle is formed is cut from a sheet of metal, and then stamped, bent, and corrugated by suitable dies for the purpose.

In constructing the handle I first cut a tapering blank, as shown in Figure 1, having at each end dovetailed straps *a a*, on each side of which are ears *b b*, which are bent inward at right angles to the body of the handle, and thus form a neat finish to the end of the handle. At the end of the main body of the blank are eyes *e e*, which, when the walls *d d* are brought together, overlap each other, and a rivet passing through the holes *e e*, after the handle has been bent into shape, as shown in Fig. 5, will very firmly fasten the dovetailed pieces so that they cannot be drawn out of place. Fig. 2 shows the blank, as described, having the general outline shape of the completed handle. Fig. 3 is a view through line *x x* in Fig. 2, and shows the downwardly-projecting walls *d d*, which are afterward closed together edge to edge, with the seam directly in the center on the under side of the handle, as plainly shown in Fig. 4. The corrugations *L L*, of clover-leaf or triple-arch shape, not only serve to adorn the handle, but tend very materially to stiffen and strengthen it, and by their use I can use a much lighter metal than if the handle was made of an oval or tubular

shape. Fig. 4 is a view in cross-section through line *y y* in Fig. 5, and shows the triple-arch or clover-leaf shape of the handle. Fig. 5 shows the completed handle attached to the lock *G* and frame *F* by the ordinary and well-known ring-connections, *h h*. Fig. 6 is a section of a metal handle constructed as herein shown, but without the end pieces *a a*, and in their place is a metal cap fitting over the ends of the handle and connected with the lock and frame of a bag by a ring or other suitable device.

It will be noticed that the dovetailed end pieces, being bent inwardly, as at *k*, will lie snugly between the walls *d d*, which taper at the ends, and they may be secured by a rivet passing through the holes *e e*. In practice I find that a rivet passing through the holes *e'* in the eyes *e e* and the holes *e'* at the ends of the body of the handle are amply sufficient for all practical purposes.

I am aware that patents have been granted for metal handles formed from one piece of metal; but they do not bear any resemblance to a solid leather stitched handle, much esteemed by purchasers of bags, as they all have been of a tubular or circular form in cross-section, while my handle is a close imitation of a real leather handle.

I am also aware of the Patent No. 317,300, granted to R. W. Chapman, May 5, 1885, for a metal handle in two sections, which also imitates a solid leather handle.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, the herein-described traveling-bag handle, made of a single piece of metal and provided with the triple corrugations and the dovetail ends, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 9th day of February, 1886.

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