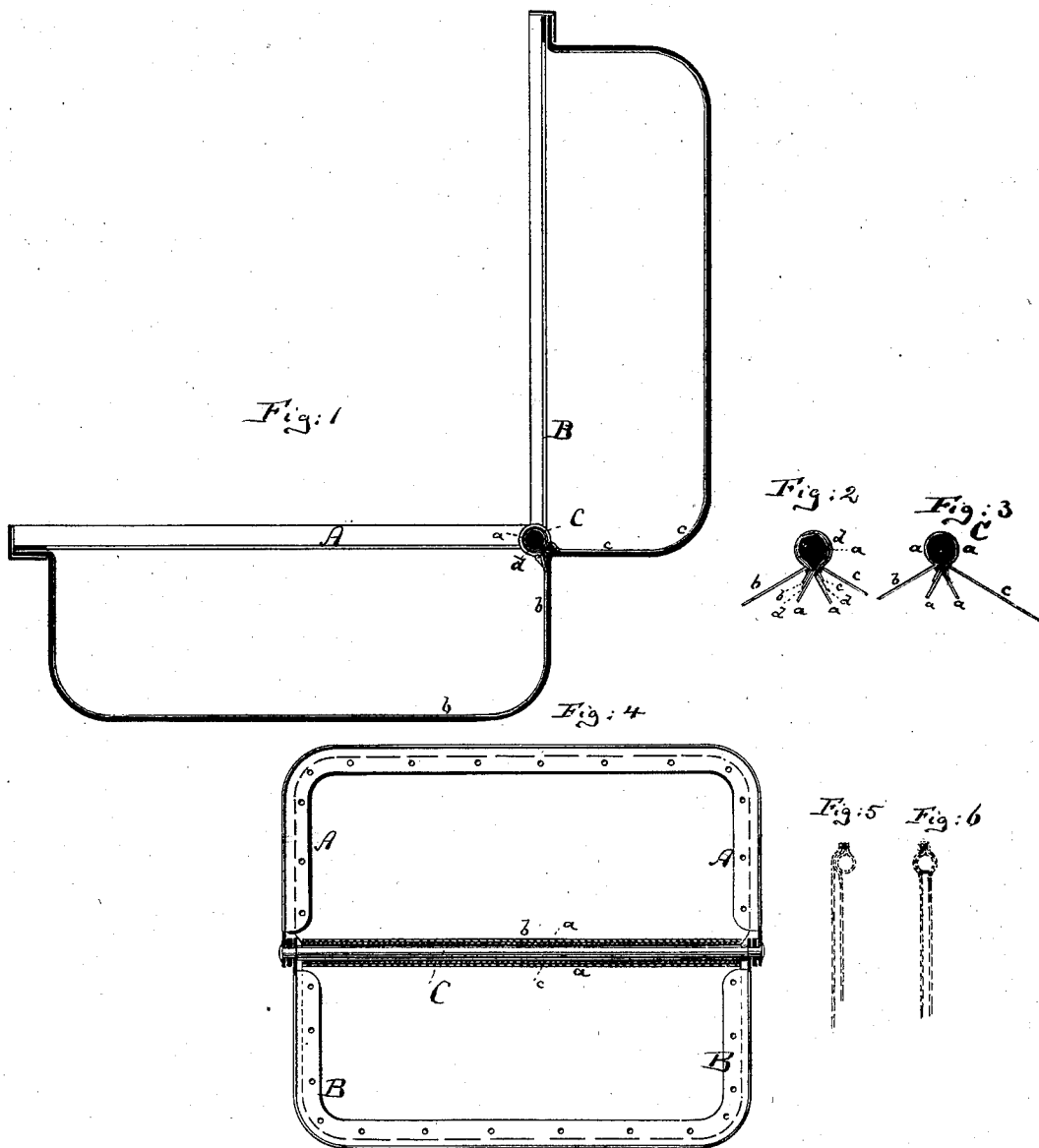


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IMPROVEMENT IN TRAVELING-BAGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM ROEMER, of Newark, Essex county, New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Traveling-Bags, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 represents a vertical cross-section of a traveling-bag made according to my invention. Figs. 2 and 3 are cross-sections of the hinge-wire and lining. Fig. 4 is a plan view, partly in section, of an opened bag-frame, having the lining applied according to my invention. Figs. 5 and 6 are cross-sections, showing the usual method of applying the lining to the wire:

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

The object of this invention is to facilitate the application of the lining to the hinge-wire and frame of a traveling-bag.

The invention consists in the novel method of applying such lining, hereinafter more fully described.

A in the drawing is the one part, and B the other part, of the metallic frame of a traveling-bag, the two parts being joined and hinged together by a longitudinal wire, C, which passes through their ends in the usual manner.

Heretofore, in making a bag, it was the custom to attach the frame A B C first to the body of the bag, and then to apply the inner lining.

This inner lining was applied as follows: A narrow strip of fabric was first put around the wire, and to one side of its upwardly-projecting flaps the two pieces of fabric that constitute the lining for the two parts of the bag were stitched, as indicated in Fig. 5. Thereupon the outer of these two pieces of fabric was swung over the wire, as in Fig. 6, so that it entered its proper half of the bag. The seam was thus covered, and was concealed by this turned-over part of the lining.

The necessity of covering the seam by the turned part of the lining made it necessary also to apply the lining to the wire after the bag had been put together, and left the seam on top of the wire.

By my invention the seam is formed on the bottom of the wire, the turning over of the one lining is dispensed with, and a fine finish obtained, and yet the lining can be applied to the wire C before the body of the bag is attached to the frame.

I place a narrow strip, *a*, of fabric (see Fig. 3) around the wire C, and then place the turned-down upper edges of the lining *b* and *c* against the two flaps of the strip *a*. I then stitch across the two linings and the flaps of the strip *a*, all as indicated in Fig. 3, and produce thus a fine top finish, bringing the seam to the bottom of the wire out of sight, and causing the inner end of each lining to start at the bottom of the wire, whence the lining can be conveniently drawn to its proper place on the frame A B and secured. When, as heretofore, the inner edge of each lining must start from the top of the wire, the necessity is created for applying the lining to the completed bag.

The strip *a*, holding the two parts of the lining, must, of course, be made of strong, and preferably coarse, material, and, as the body of the lining is often made of fine material, pleasing to the eye, it is necessary, wherever the lining and the strip *a* are of different substance, to add another strip, *d*, which will cover the otherwise exposed part of the strip *a*, as shown in Fig. 2. The lower ends of the covering-strip *d* are fastened by the same stitching as the lining to the strip *a*, being inserted between said strip and the lining, as shown. The strip *d*, when used, is to be, of course, of the same material as the lining *b c*.

I claim as my invention—

The combination of the bag-lining *b c* and strip *a* with the hinge-wire C of a bag-frame, all arranged so that the seam which joins the parts *a b c* will be below the wire, substantially as herein shown and described.

The foregoing description of my invention signed by me this 11th day of May, 1875.

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