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## IMPROVEMENT IN FRAMES FOR TRAVELING-BAGS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM SIMON, of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Traveling-Bag Frame; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in traveling-bags and satchels; and it consists in the peculiar form and application of a catch or catches to the plates by which the handle is secured to the frame, the said catch or catches being locked in a vertical position, for the purpose of holding the frame closed, by catching over the balls on the handles, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The accompanying drawings represent my invention.

*a* represents an ordinary satchel-frame. *b* is the lock-plate; *c*, the lock; *d*, the handle, which has its ends secured in the rings or shells *e*, all of which parts are preferably constructed as shown in my patent of May 2, 1876, No. 177,020, or in any other way that may be preferred. The plate to which the shells *e* are secured extends outward beyond the outer ends of the shells, and has a crimp or crease made in it for the purpose of holding the catch *g* in position. This catch consists of the bar *i*, which passes through the crimp or crease, the loop or ring *h* on top, and the leg *o*, which projects down over one side so as to

hold the frame closed. On the end of each ring or shell is a small knob, *n*, over which the loop or ring *h* is made to catch, when the catch *g* is so turned that the leg *o* projects down over the side of the frame for the purpose of locking it in this position. The catches *g* may be applied to those plates by which the handles are fastened to the frame, even when these plates are not made as a part of the lock-plate, as here shown, but are made separately, as is usually the case. By the application of these catches to the top of the frame, instead of to the sides, the great strain is taken from the lock, and the catches are made much more handy and can be gotten at much more readily.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination of a catch for holding the frame closed, and a ball or other suitable protector on the handle-ring for holding the catch in position, substantially as set forth.

2. The catch *g*, consisting of the bar *i*, ring *h*, and leg *o*, combined with a fastening-plate for securing it to the frame, substantially as shown.

3. The combination of a lock-plate, *b*, to which is secured the lock, handle-rings, and catches with the frame *a*, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand.

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