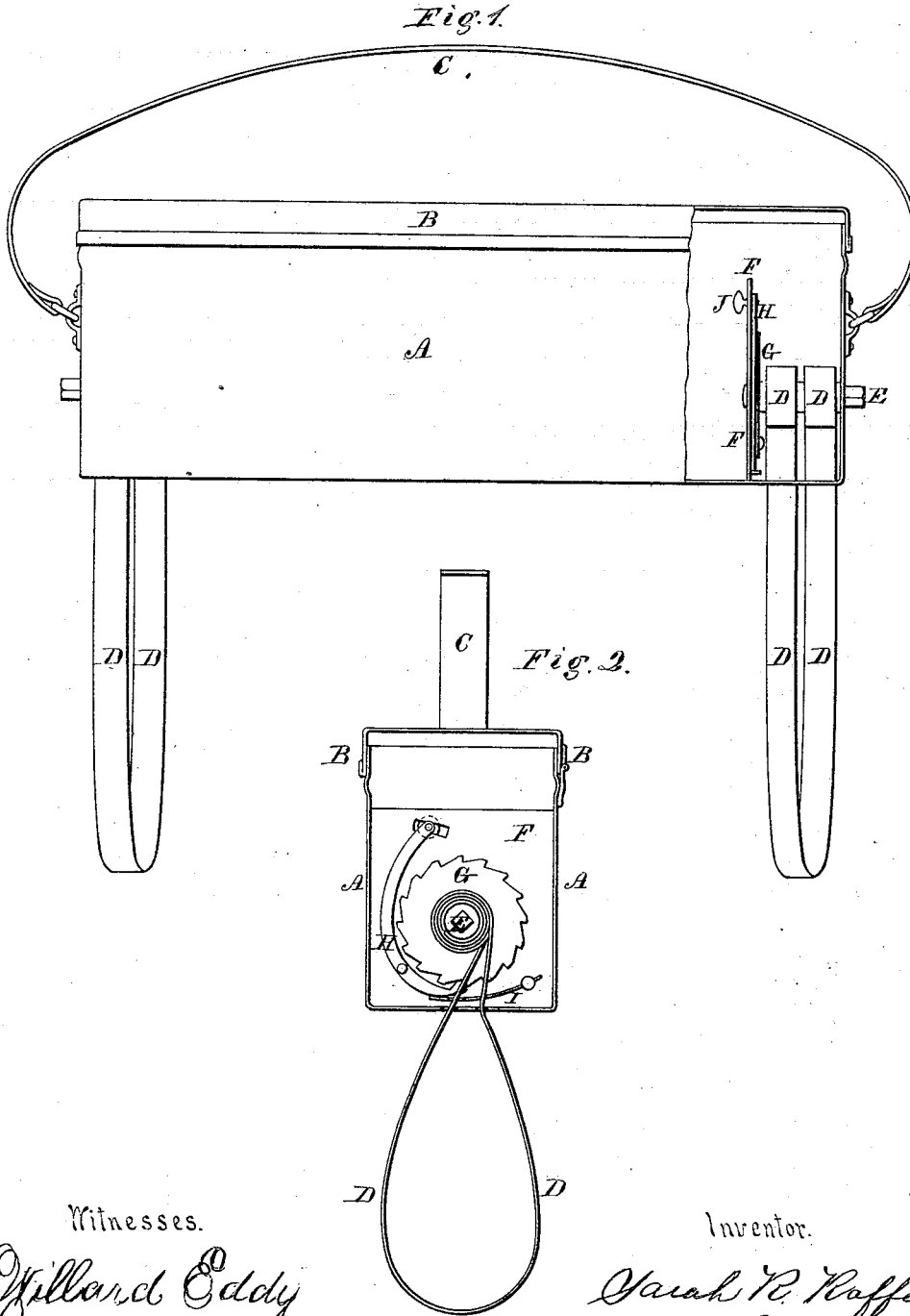


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## IMPROVEMENT IN TRAVELING-BAGS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SARAH R. RAFFEL, of Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Traveling-Bags; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, whereby a person skilled in the art can make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Like letters in the figures indicate the same parts.

My improvement relates to bags, such as are usually carried in the hand when traveling in railway-cars and elsewhere, where it is often desirable to carry a shawl or roll of wrappings in addition to what the bag will contain.

The object of my invention is to provide a ready and easy method of attaching a roll or bundle to the bottom of the hand-bag, by a device which shall be always ready for use when wanted, and at the same time be readily disposed of when not in use.

My invention consists in applying straps at the ends of the bag, which pass through holes in the bottom and are wound upon drums upon the inside; and also in providing a suitable mechanism so that the straps can be tightened and held in place around a roll or bundle without the use of buckles.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a front view of a hand-bag embodying my invention, having a part of the outside case removed at one end, so as to show the interior mechanism. Fig. 2 is an end view of my improved hand-bag, with a portion of the case removed for the same purpose as in Fig. 1.

A is the bag. B is the cover, which in the drawing is represented closed. C is the handle for carrying the bag in the usual manner. D is a strap, which passes through holes in the bottom of the bag of just sufficient size to permit it to move freely, and is attached by its ends to the spindle E, upon which it is wound.

The apertures in the bottom of the box can be arranged as shown in the drawing, so as to allow the strap to wind on the spindle E in two coils; or they may be so arranged as to conduct the strap that the two layers are wound in one coil. Where the box is sufficiently large, this latter method will save space lengthwise in the interior of the box.

The spindle E reaches from the end of the box, where it is furnished with a square for winding with a key, to a partition, F, across the interior of the box near the end, where it turns in a suitable bearing.

At the inner end, next to the partition F, there is a ratchet-wheel, G, which is provided with a pawl, H, and spring I, which operate in the usual manner, when the spindle is turned, to hold it in place.

At the end of the pawl H is the knob J, which passes through a slot in the partition F, and projects upon the inside, for the purpose of raising the pawl, when it is desired to release the ratchet, for the purpose of unwinding the strap D from the spindle.

In place of the strap D it is obvious that a cord or webbing, or anything that will wind conveniently upon a drum or spindle, may be used.

The operation of my invention is as follows: In its ordinary state the strap is supposed to be wound up inside of the receptacles in the ends of the box, where it is out of the way.

When it is desired to use the strap for the purpose of holding a shawl or bundle, the knob J is moved so as to release the pawl, and the strap is pulled out to the desired length. The roll is then placed in the loops, and the key is applied to the ends of the spindles E, and turned until the straps are sufficiently tight. The ratchet and pawl hold them firmly in their position until set free by moving the knob J.

In place of the key, permanent heads or knobs may be secured to the outer ends of the spindles E, if desired.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A traveling-bag having the ratchet and

pawl G H, and the releasing - knob J, arranged between a partition, F, and the end of said bag, for the purpose of holding and operating a strap for securing a roll or bundle to the bottom of the bag, substantially as herein described.

2. The straps D, or their equivalents, and

a winding and retaining mechanism, in combination with a traveling-bag, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

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