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Lock for Satchels.

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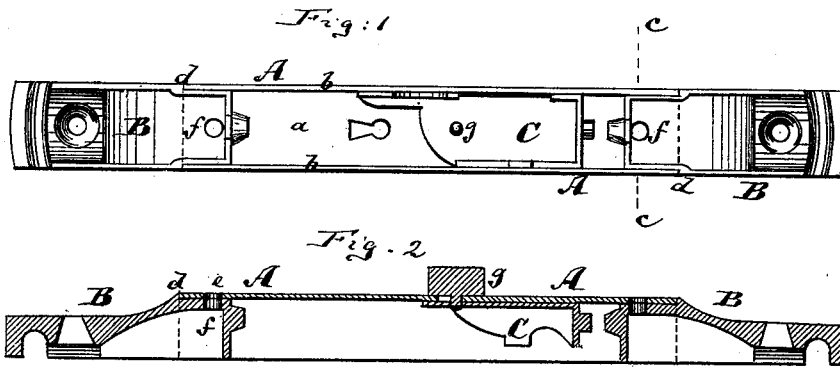
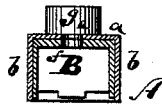


Fig. 3



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## IMPROVEMENT IN LOCKS FOR SATCHELS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM ROEMER, of Newark, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Lock for Satchels, Traveling-Bags, &c., of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to certain improvements in the construction of lock-cases of the kind described in Letters Patent No. 190,907 and 195,233, which were granted to me May 15, 1877, and September 18, 1877, respectively.

The principal object of the invention is to reduce the expense of the lock-case, and to render the same more practical in form and construction.

The invention consists, principally, in forming the body of the lock-case with open ends, and in combining the same with cast blocks or end pieces, which are separately made, all as hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a bottom view of my improved lock-case. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same; and Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse section of the same on the line *c c*, Fig. 1.

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

The letter A in the drawing represents the body or central portion of the lock-case. The same is made of sheet metal or other suitable material, and bent into a U form, substantially as indicated in Fig. 3, so as to form the top *a* and the sides *b b* of the lock-case. The bottom of the lock-case is open, and the ends of the portion A are also open.

B B are pieces of cast metal or other suitable material, constructed to fit into the open ends of the body A, into which these blocks or plugs B B are inserted, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. Each block B should have a

shoulder, *d*, to limit the degree of its insertion into the shell A, or of the insertion of the shell into the block.

In use on a satchel or carpet-bag, the ends B B, after being inserted into the shell A, or vice versa, in manner stated, are fastened to the satchel or bag by a bolt or pin that passes through an aperture, *e*, of the shell A, and through a corresponding aperture, *f*, of the block B, there being one such bolt or pin at or near each end of the piece A; but the plugs or end pieces, B B, may also be secured by additional or separate bolts, if desired, and so may also the shell A. The blocks B may also serve, if desired, to secure the ends of the handle or the catches which close the jaws of the bag, and for other suitable purposes.

The lock portion proper is, of course, contained within the shell A, the drawing indicating the bolt C, which is moved by means of the handle *g*. The other parts of the lock are not necessary to show. By casting the pieces B B the same mold may be used for both pieces B B of one lock-case, and the entire case is made very inexpensive and yet practical. The ends are adapted to shells A of suitable or varying lengths.

I claim—

1. In a lock-case, the combination of the body A, having open ends, with the end pieces, B B, that are applied thereto, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The end pieces, B B, of a lock-case, made with shoulders *d*, for defining their position relative to the body A, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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