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Handle Attachments for Traveling Bags and Satchels.

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FIG. 1.

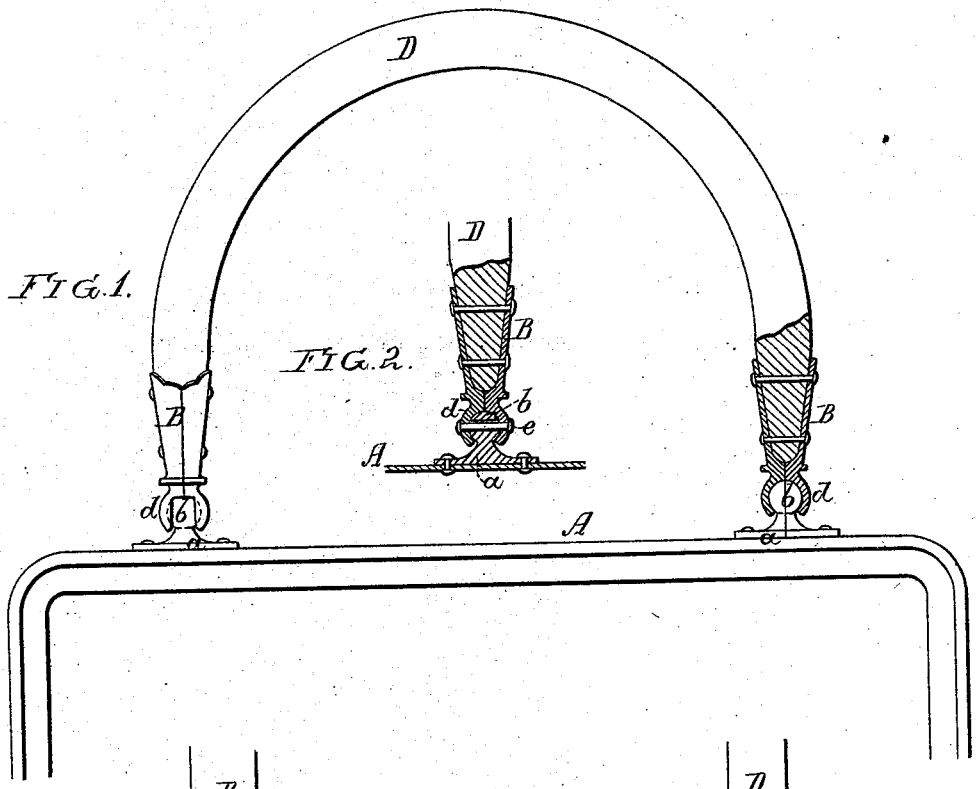
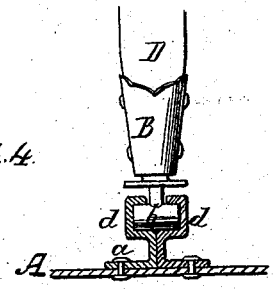


FIG. 2.

FIG. 4.



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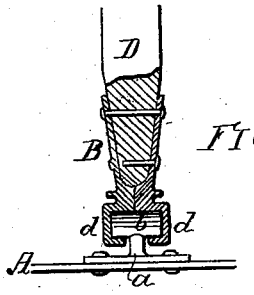

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IMPROVEMENT IN HANDLE ATTACHMENTS FOR TRAVELING-BAGS AND SATCHELS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **209,926,** dated November 12, 1878; application filed July 18, 1878.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, EDWIN RUMPP and ARNO WEINREICH, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fastenings for the Handles of Bags, Satchels, &c., of which the following is a specification:

The main object of our invention is to connect the handle of a traveling-bag, valise, or satchel to the body of the same by a joint which will afford great strength, and which shall be inclosed and present a large wearing-surface.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a view of the handle and frame of the satchel, illustrating the mode of connecting the former to the latter; and Figs. 2, 3, and 4, modifications of the invention.

In Fig. 1, A represents one of the metal frames of a satchel or traveling-bag, and to the top of this frame are riveted plates *a a*, each of which has an upwardly-projecting stem, terminating in a spherical head, *b*, adapted to a corresponding socket, *d*, formed at the lower end of a ferrule, B, one of the latter being secured to each end of the handle D, each ferrule, with its socket, being made in two parts, for the ready application of the socket to the head, and these two parts being riveted to the handle of the satchel, as shown in the drawing. This ball-and-socket joint presents a much more extended bearing and wearing surface than the ordinary pin-and-staple connections, and this surface is so inclosed as to prevent the access to it of such particles of foreign substances as would promote the rapid wearing of the joint.

In order to strengthen the socket, a rivet, *e*, may extend through it and through the spherical head; but the hole in the latter for receiving the rivet should be larger than the latter, so that the rivet shall be subjected to no strain in handling the bag. (See Fig. 2.)

In the modification shown in Fig. 3 the plate *a* on the frame of the bag has a T-head, adapted to a socket of corresponding shape formed on the ferrule; and in the modification shown in Fig. 4 the ferrule B, attached to the handle, has a T-shaped termination, adapted to a corresponding socket secured to the frame of the valise, the socket being in the present instance made in two parts.

It has been usual to connect the handles to bags and valises by simple transverse pins or staples and eyes, which have a limited bearing-surface and are more or less exposed, and for these reasons, and owing to the constant wear on the joint in carrying the bag, the handles frequently become detached.

The ball-and-socket as well as the T-headed joints present extended bearing-surfaces, and both are so inclosed by the sockets that the latter protect the said bearing-surfaces from the access of such foreign matter as would promote the rapid wearing of the joint.

Without claiming, broadly, a valise-handle joint, part of which is composed of a T-head,

We claim as our invention—

The combination, in a traveling-bag or valise, of a ferrule, B, on the handle, and a plate, *a*, on the frame, with a socket on one adapted to and inclosing, or nearly inclosing, a head on the other, all as set forth.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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