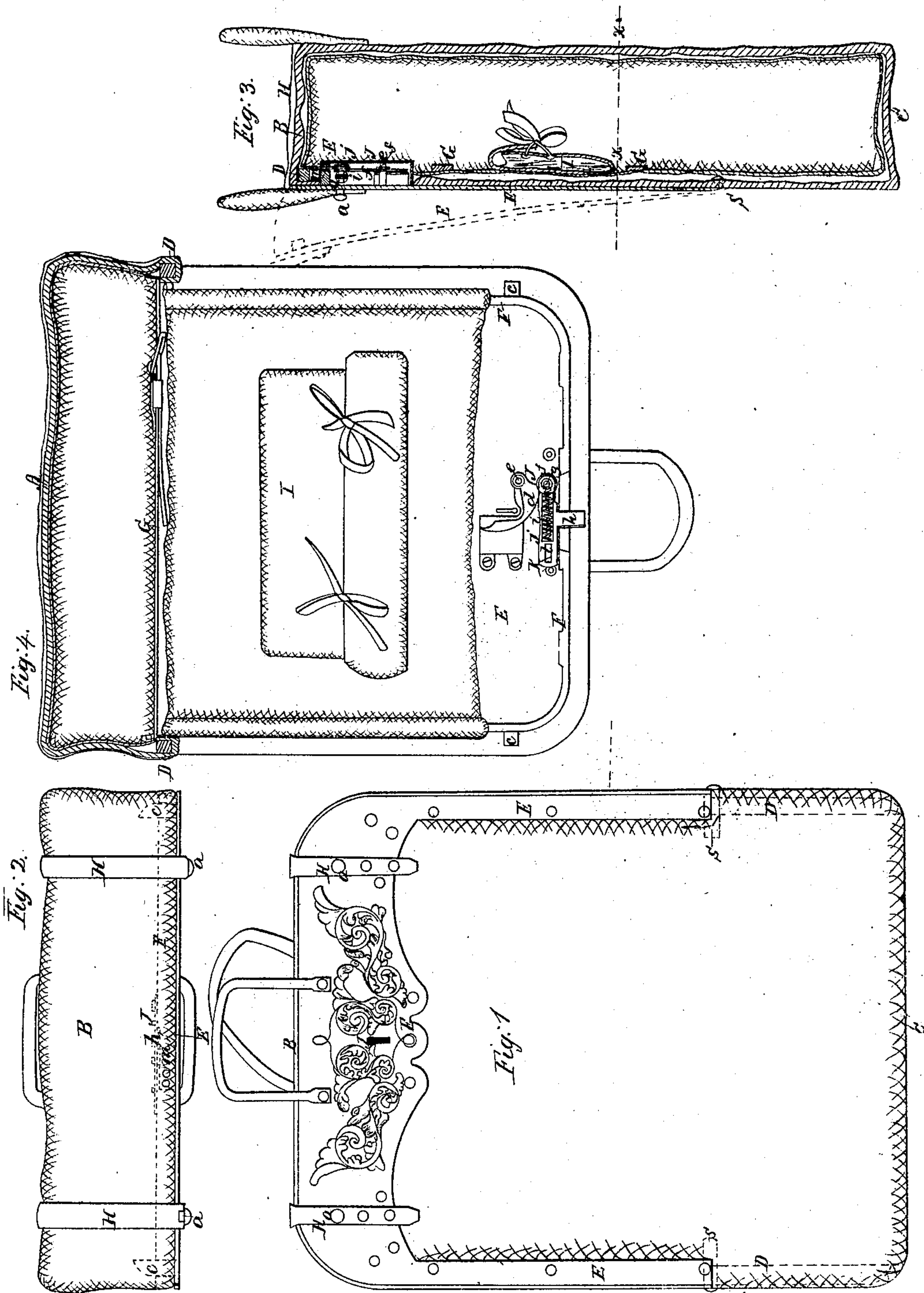


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FREDERICK J. THRING, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Manner of Constructing Carpet-Bags; and I do hereby declare that the following is a description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1, is a side elevation of the carpet bag constructed after my plan. Fig. 2 is a view of the top of the same. Fig. 3, is a vertical transverse section of the carpet bag as it appears when its mouth is closed by the metallic swinging top or cover. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section of the carpet bag as it appears when the swinging lid is open. This section is taken in the lines *x x* in Figs. 1 and 3.

The same letters of reference in each of the several figures indicate corresponding parts.

A, represents the carpet bag which has its two ends B, C, generally designated as the top and bottom made flat and of equal widths, thus making it capable of receiving more articles and holding them in an even and nice condition than any other carpet bag of like dimensions in use. The mouth or opening, through which the articles to be packed are inserted, being on the part generally known as the front face of the carpet bag as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, consequently the goods can be more evenly and easily inserted into the bag. This carpet bag has a metallic frame D, arranged around its front portion as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1 and in full black lines in Figs. 3 and 4. This frame serves to brace and strengthen the bag and also in connection with the metallic swinging cover admits of its being made self locking and renders it perfectly secure from the dust and rain, which generally insinuate themselves into the ordinary carpet bag. To this metallic frame an ornamental or plain metallic swinging cover or lid E, is hung as shown in Fig. 4, the said swinging lid being made of the same width as the metallic frame and to extend from the top B, of the bag, to near the center of the metallic frame, and is hung in any suitable manner to the metallic frame and swings in and out, on pins S, as it is opened and closed. The dotted lines in Fig. 3 illustrate the manner in which the metallic swinging cover opens.

F, is the inside ledge or frame of the metallic swinging top or cover E, this ledge or frame fits snugly inside the metallic frame D, and has wedges *c, c*, on its sides to make a more perfect and tight fit. The outside plate of the swinging top E, extends to the outside edges of the metallic frame; thus it will be seen that the metallic frame D, and swinging cover or lid E, serve most effectual to protect the inside of the bag from water or dust. The swinging lid when open, it may be seen, leaves an open space or mouth nearly the whole length and width of the carpet bag, so that large articles may be inserted in an even condition with great ease.

G, G, are buckle straps arranged on the inside of the bag for keeping the clothes or articles in their proper place after being packed.

H, H, are straps on the outside of the bag for taking the strain off the lock and keeping the bag more securely shut. These straps are attached fast to the back of the bag and are brought over the top B, and carried down and attached to the buttons *a, a*, in the face of the metallic swinging lid or cover. These straps have no buckles on them, holes being simply cut in them, and the button heads passed through them in the manner shown in Figs. 1, and 3.

I, is a pocket book for papers, moneys, &c., attached to the back or carpet portion of the lid E, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

By thus constructing the carpet bag its interior can be made more spacious and more suitable for articles requiring to be kept neat and smooth for as the top and bottom are made of equal widths and flat the goods can be laid in and kept by means of straps in a straight condition—there being no necessity of pressing the goods at the top into a smaller compass so as to lock the bag; 2nd, large sized goods can be inserted evenly and easily into the bag—as the lid can be expanded or swung open very wide; 3rd, all rain and dust can be prevented from insinuating themselves into the carpet bag—as the metallic frame and swinging lid render it perfectly secure and at the same time strengthen and make it very durable.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

Constructing the carpet bag with its top B, and bottom C, of equal or nearly equal



widths and arranging around its front a strong metallic frame D, and attaching to the front and near the center of said metallic frame, by hinges or loose joints, a  
5 metallic swinging cover E, which extends from the center to the top of the frame and has a ledge F, on its inner face—the said cover serving to close up the mouth of the bag and in connection with the metallic

frame D, to keep out all dust and rain. The 10 whole being constructed arranged and operating in the manner and for the purposes specified.

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