

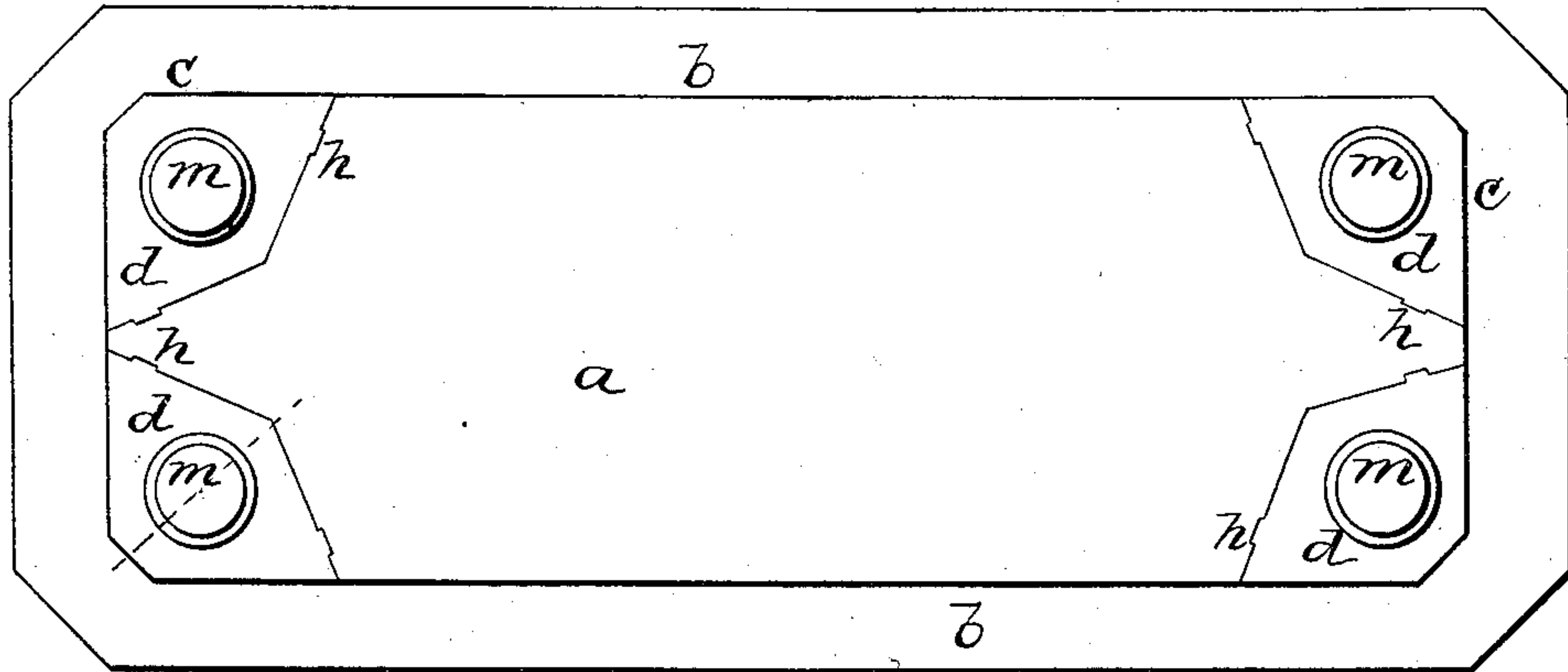
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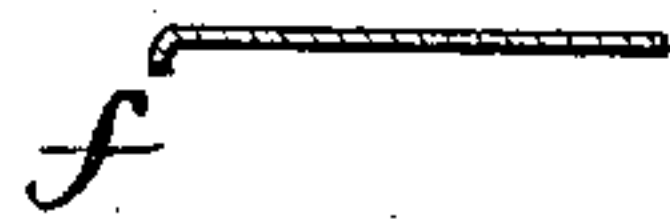
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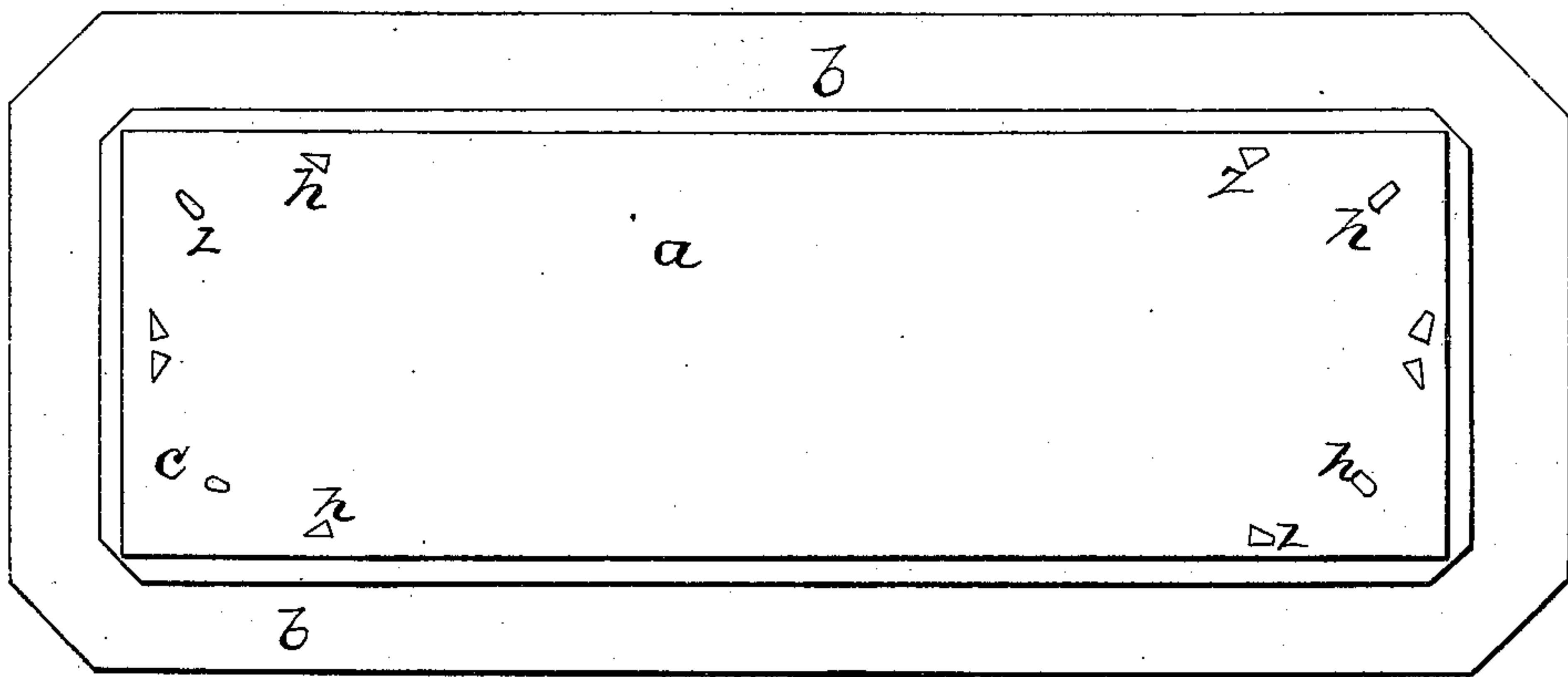
*Fig; 1.*



*Fig; 3.*



*Fig; 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CARPET-BAGS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 50,815, dated November 7, 1865.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, NICHOLAS GROEL, of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Traveling-Bags, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The rough handling to which traveling-bags and other similar articles used by persons in traveling from place to place are subjected, as much by their possessors or owners as by the employés of railroads and steam-boat companies, in throwing them into and out of the cars, &c., soon so injures the corners of the bottom pieces as to render the bags in a short time useless and unserviceable, thus necessitating the frequent purchase of a new one.

To prevent this destruction of the corners of traveling-bags, &c., is the object of the present invention and is secured thereby, it consisting in attaching to the same metallic corner-pieces made of such a form that they can be readily and with no trouble fastened upon the bags, increasing their expense or cost in no material degree.

In accompanying plate of drawings my improvement is illustrated, Figure 1 being an exterior view of the bottom piece of a traveling-bag having its corners protected by metallic plates; Fig. 2, a view of the interior face of the same, and Fig. 3 a sectional view of one of the corner-pieces detached from the bottom.

*a a* in the drawings represent the bottom piece of a traveling-bag made of any of the ordinary materials used therefor and of any

suitable size and shape, showing a portion, *b*, of the sides of the bag secured thereto in any proper manner.

*C* represents the corners of the bottom piece, each protected by a corner-piece, *d*, of the form represented in Fig. 3, which consists in making them with a flange, *f*, upon and around their edges that coincide with the corner edges of the bottom piece, equal in width to the thickness of the same, so as to fit closely around and cover its edges, and with a series of sharp prongs or pins, *h h*. These pins *h h*, when the corner-pieces are applied to the bottom piece of the bag, are driven through it and then nipped and bent over upon the inside, as represented at *l l* in Fig. 2, thus firmly and tightly holding them in position, the ordinary nails with heads, *m m*, being driven through the plates, as is now the case with bags not provided with corner-pieces.

The corner-pieces may be made of any desired but suitable kind of metal or other material—such as, for instance, sheet tin, iron, &c., and may have any desired form of periphery, but it is necessary and best that they should conform to the shape of the periphery of the corners.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The metallic corner-piece herein described, constructed with the flange *f* and prongs *h h*, and adapted for application to a traveling-bag in the manner and for the purposes specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 15th day of June, 1865.

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