

W. Wakenshaw's Travelling Bag.
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Fig. 1.

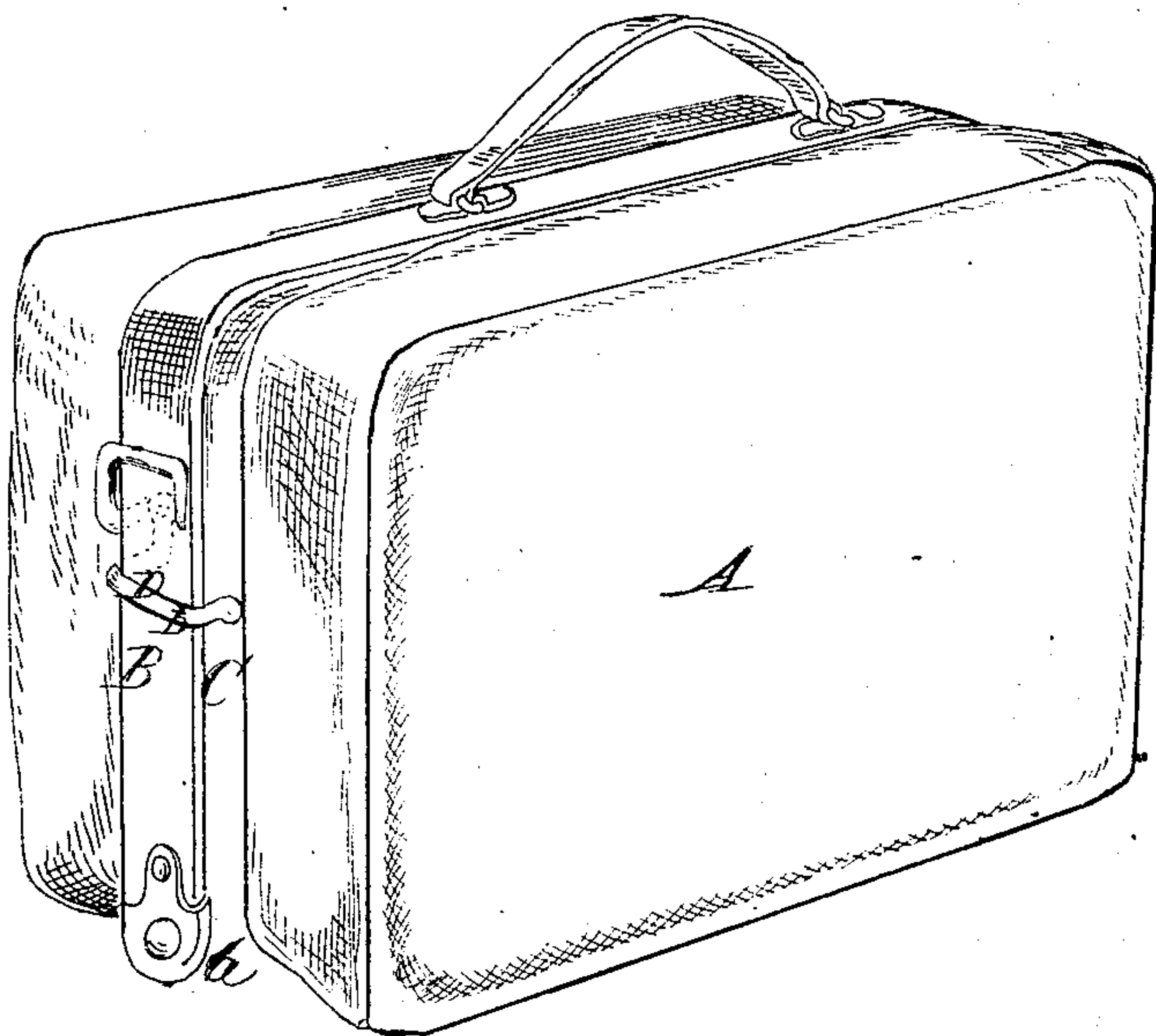
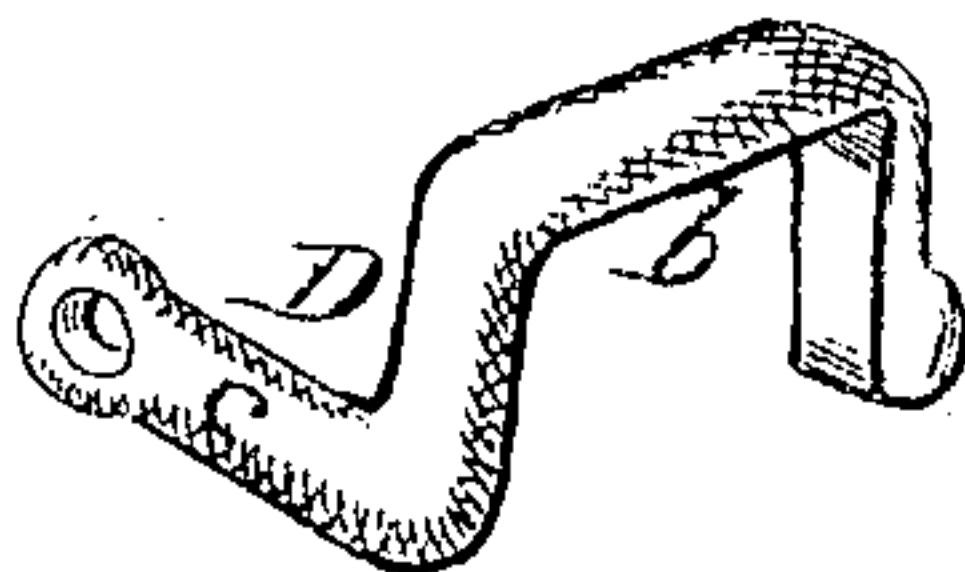


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TRAVELLING-BAGS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM WAKENSHAW, of Newark, in the county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and improved Fastening for Travelling-Bags; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

This invention relates to a new and improved fastening for the sides or ends of travelling-bags; and it consists of a hook-shaped jaw, pivoted to each end of the bag, or to the sides of one part of the frame of the bag, and so constructed and arranged that, by depressing or shoving down the jaws, they will clamp both parts of the frame at each side thereof, and hold the same firmly in contact, or in a closed state. In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a travelling-bag, having my invention applied to it.

Figure 2, a detached perspective view of one of the fastenings.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A represents a travelling-bag, constructed in the usual way, and provided with the ordinary frame, composed of two parts, B C, one part, C, fitting within the other part, B, and connected at their lower ends by a joint at the point *a*. These parts being all old and well known, do not require a special description.

To each side of the part B of the frame of the bag there is attached, by a pivot or screw, a fastening, D, the form of which is clearly shown in fig. 2. It has its main portion, *b*, composed of three sides of a quadrangle, and the other portion, *c*, consists of a straight shank or bar, extending about at right angles from one side of *b*, the screw or pivot passing through the outer end of *c*, into the part B of the bag-frame. When these fastenings are drawn or raised upward, as shown in red in fig. 1, the portion *b* of the same will not clamp the two parts B C of the bag-frame, and said parts may be opened and closed freely, if the central top catch or lock, if one be used, is unfastened or unlocked; but, by shoving down the fastenings D, the portions *b* will catch over and clamp the two parts B C, as shown in black in fig. 1, and firmly hold the parts B C of the bag-frame together, effectually preventing them from springing apart under the pressure of the contents of the bag.

The advantage of this invention consists in the facility with which the fastenings may be adjusted to clamp the two parts of the frame together, or to release them. It may be done with one hand, in a moment of time, and without any exertion or trouble. I design to have the fastenings constructed of brass, as that would be the preferable material; other metals, however, may be used.

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

The fastenings D D, constructed of the form and applied to the bag in the manner substantially as shown and described.

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