

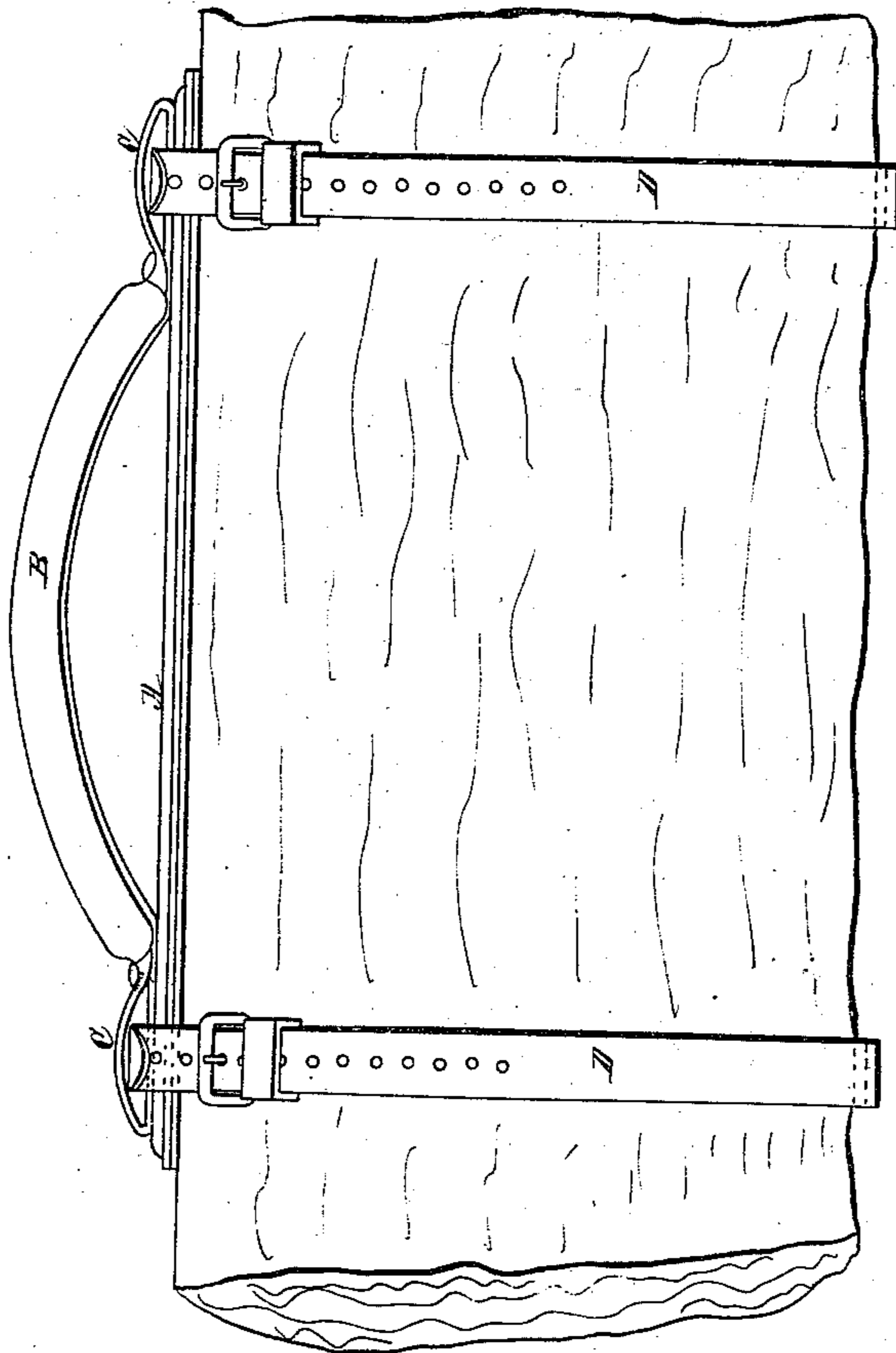
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*Shawl Strap*

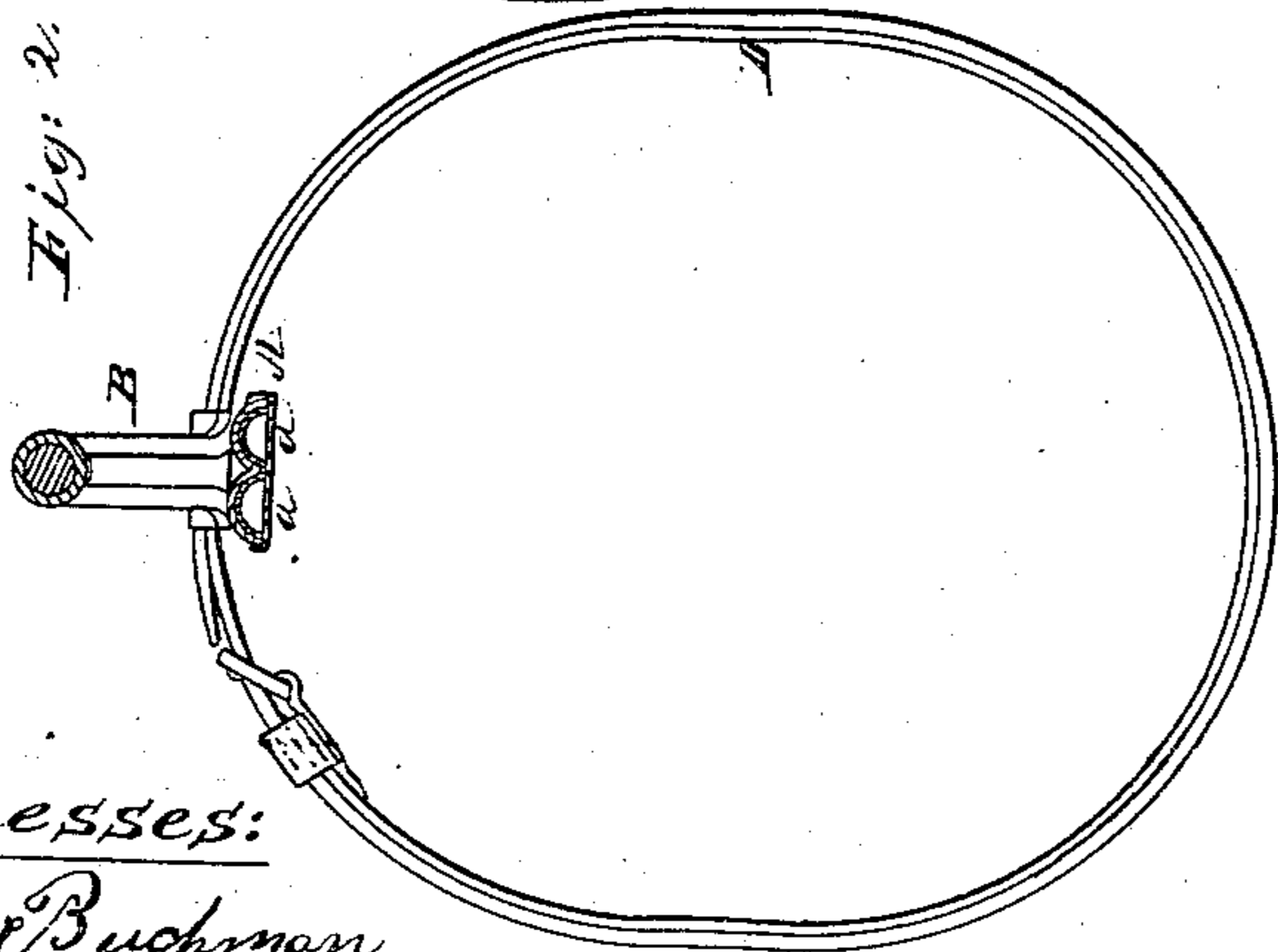
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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



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IMPROVED SHAWL-STRAP.

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, GEORGE CROUCH, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use, certain Improvements in the Construction and Operation of Shawl-Straps; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and correct description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved shawl-strap.

Figure 2 is a cut section of the same.

In the drawings, like parts of the invention are pointed out by the same letters of reference.

The nature of the present invention consists in certain improvements, as more fully hereinafter set forth, in the construction and operation of shawl-straps.

To enable those skilled in the arts to make and use my invention, I will describe the construction and operation of the same.

A shows the cross-piece of my improved shawl-strap, to which are attached the handle B and loops C, through which loops are passed the straps D, intended to receive and hold the shawl or other garment to be carried.

This cross-piece A has heretofore been composed entirely of leather, and when placed in position upon the upper side of the shawl or other garment, would not retain a horizontal position, owing to its being easily doubled up or bent out of position. To compel this cross-piece A to retain a horizontal position above the shawl or other garment held by the straps D, is the object of the present invention, and this is effected by combining with the cross-piece A the plates of corrugated metal, *a*, applied, as clearly shown in fig. 2 of the drawings, upon the upper side of the cross-piece A.

I prefer the use of corrugated metal, as it affords sufficient strength for the purpose intended, without materially increasing the weight of the strap.

These plates *a* it is intended shall extend entirely across the cross-piece A, and be protected by a covering of leather or other material.

Thus it will be seen that when the shawl or garment has been secured within the straps D, the piece A will necessarily retain its position, keeping the bundle in shape, and enabling its being more easily transported, from its compactness.

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

In combination with a rigid cross-piece, A, constructed substantially as described, the handle B and straps D, for the purposes indicated.

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