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Improved Metallic Loop for Straps and Handles of Bags &c.

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Fig. 1.

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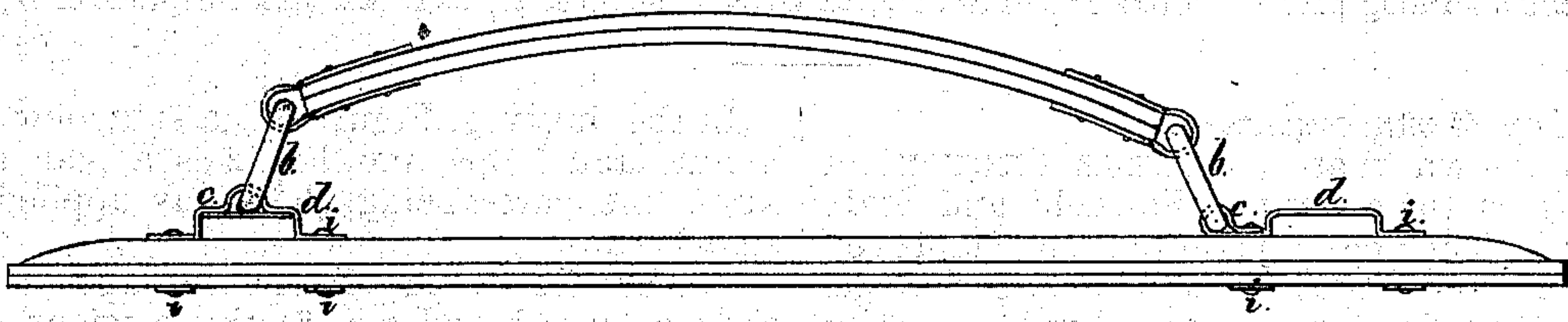
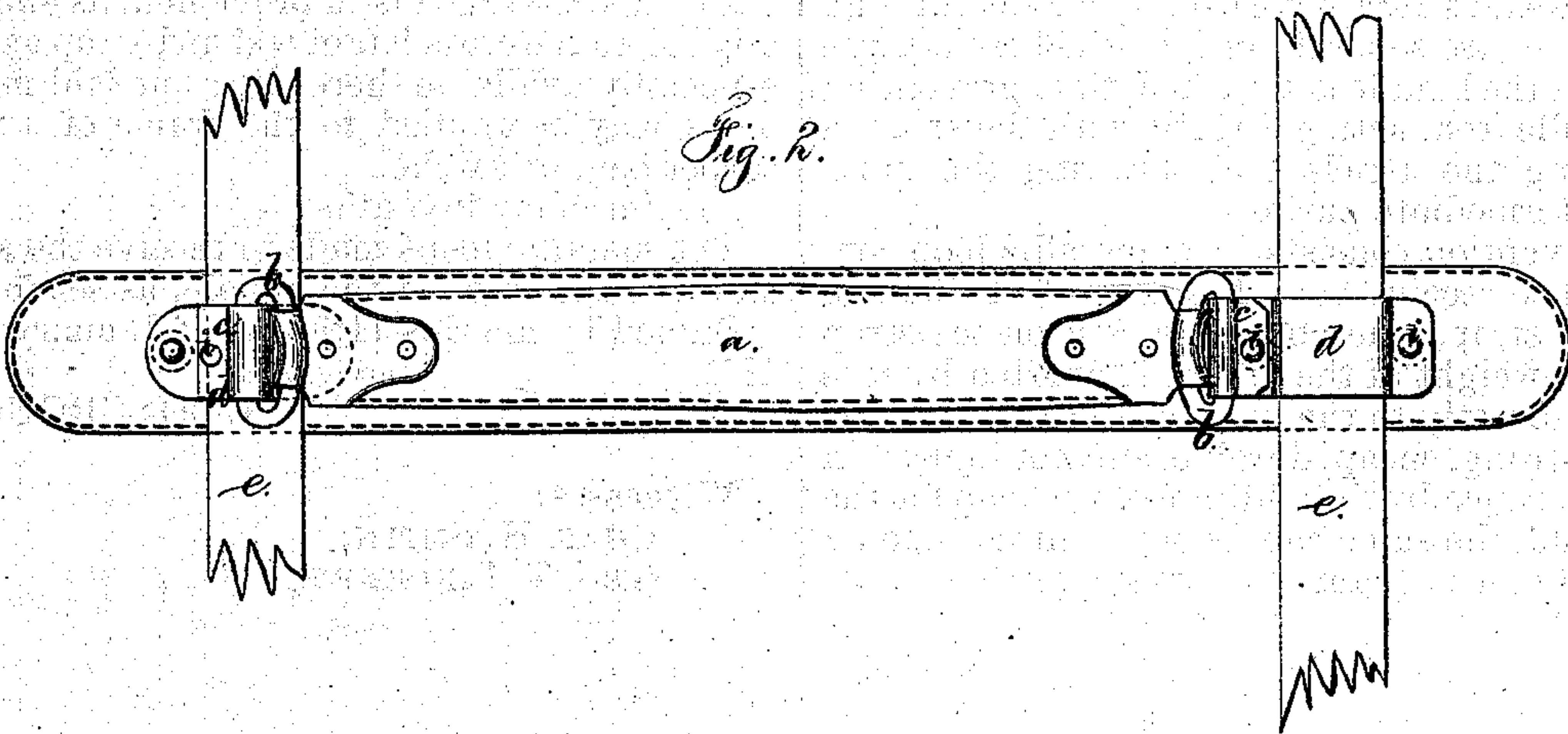


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SHAWL-STRAPS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE CROUCH, of Westport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented an Improved Metallic Loop for Straps and Handles of Bags, &c.; and the following is declared to be a correct description thereof.

In traveling-bags, valises, &c., it is customary to have a handle connected to the bag by a ring that passes through a metallic loop fastened to the bag. The same thing is used upon shawl-straps. It is often desired to make use of leather straps running across the bag, or around the shawl at right angles to the handle. In such cases the said straps have usually passed through loops that are separate and distinct from those to which the handle is attached, thus preventing the handle from acting directly with the strap in sustaining the article, and throwing the strain upon intermediate parts.

My invention consists in a metallic loop constructed to receive both the ring of the handle and the strap, whereby the strain on the strap from the weight of the article supported by it is applied directly to the handle, and this metallic loop is strong, cheap, durable, and not injured in its appearance by the addition of the loop for the strap, and the same can be used either upon a bag or a valise, or for a shawl-strap.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a side view of the handle and loops, and Fig. 2 is a plan of the same, the parts being shown as applied to a shawl-strap.

The handle *a* is provided with rings *b b* at the ends, as usual, and *c c* are the portions of the metallic loops that receive the said rings. *d d* are the portions of the metallic loops for the straps *e e* to pass through. These metallic loops, formed with the parts *c* and *d*, are to be connected to the valise or bag by rivets at *i i*, and it will be seen that the strain upon the straps comes directly to the metallic loops to which the handle is connected.

In the drawing this improvement is shown as applied to the cross-bar of a shawl-strap as being especially available therewith; but said metallic loops may be applied to the frame of a valise, carpet-bag, or satchel.

I claim as my invention—

The metallic loops made to receive the straps, and also the rings of the handle, as set forth.

Signed by me this 11th day of January, A. D. 1871.

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