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TRAVELING-BAG.

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Fig. 1.

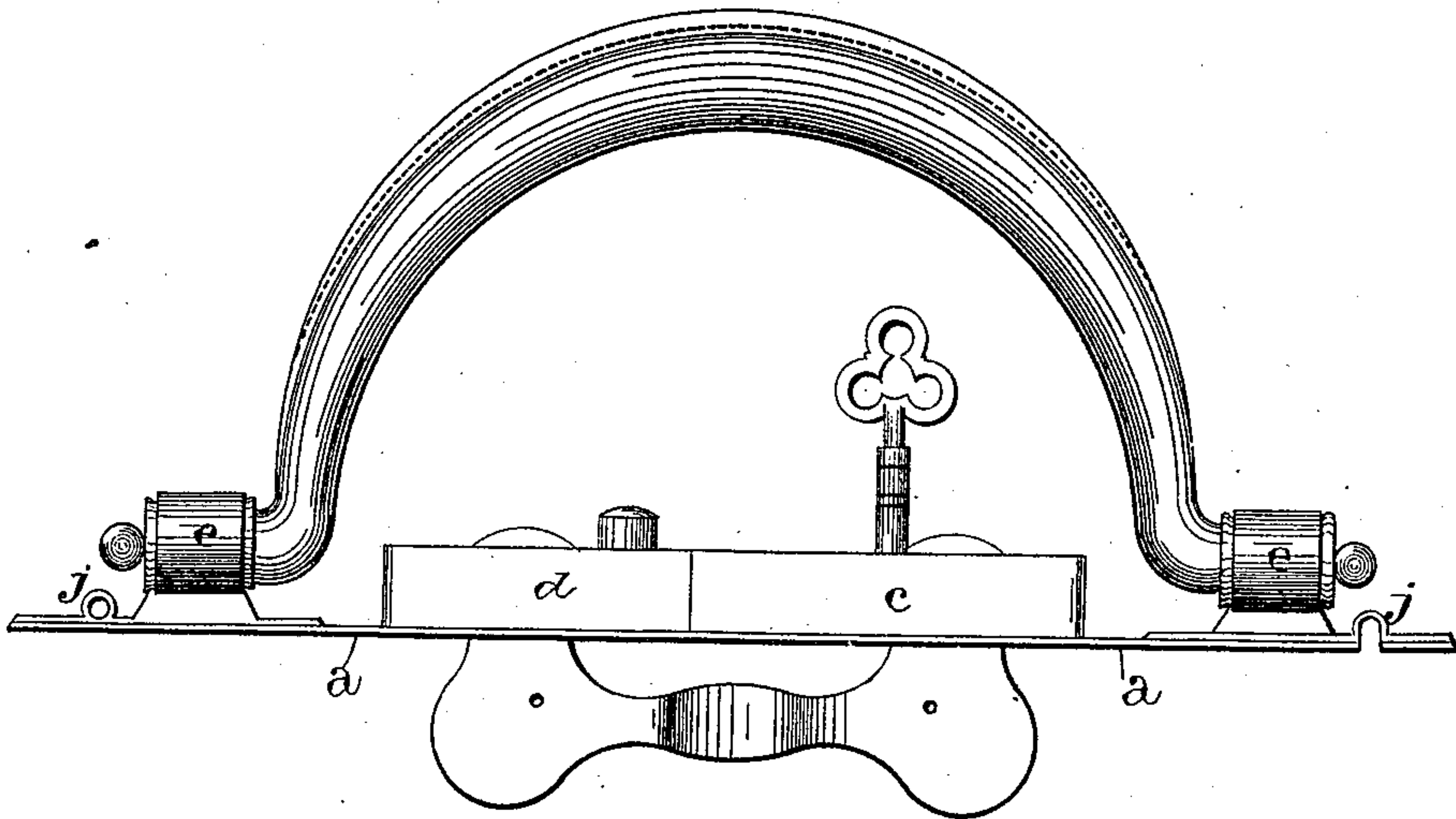
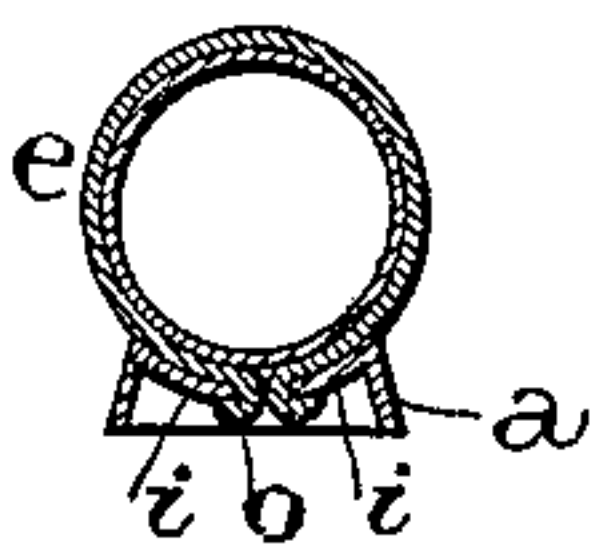


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN TRAVELING-BAGS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM SIMON, of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Traveling-Bag; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in traveling-bags and satchels; and it consists, first, in placing the lock, fastening, and ring-loops all upon a single plate, and thereby dispensing with so many different fastenings; second, in the manner of striking up the lock-plate, so as to form recesses to receive the ring-loops, whereby they are held more firmly and securely in position.

The accompanying drawings represent my invention.

*a* represents the lock-plate, which, instead of being made just long enough to receive the lock *c* alone, as is usual, is here made long enough to receive the lock, fastening *d*, and ring-loops *e* all together. By this means all these parts can be attached to the frame of the bag or satchel at once, thereby dispensing with a large number of rivets or other fastenings, and saving much time and labor.

The lock, fastening, and ring-loops may be of any construction desired, as they form no part of this invention.

Just beyond the ends of both the lock and fastening the lock-plate *a* is struck up from below, so as to form a concavity or recess, *i*, on

top of the plate, to receive the ring-loops. These rings, being thus braced in position against side motion, and prevented from moving by the clinches *o*, which pass down through slots in the plate *a*, are held more firmly and securely in position than they can be in any other manner.

It will be readily seen by the above-described construction that but two rivets at each end of the lock-plate will serve to securely fasten all four parts to the bag-frame, thereby serving to dispense with so much skilled labor, and to prevent the weakening of the frame.

Cross-creases *j* are also struck up in the plate *a*, to receive rings or other suitable devices for fastening the carrying-strap to.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. In traveling bags or satchels, a lock-plate having secured to it the lock-fastening and ring-loops, substantially as shown.

2. The lock-plate *a*, having the recesses *i* formed in or on its surface to receive the ring-loops, substantially as described.

3. In combination with the plate *a*, a lock and a fastening device, all secured together in the manner described, and adapted to be fastened to the bag-frame, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of April, 1876.

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