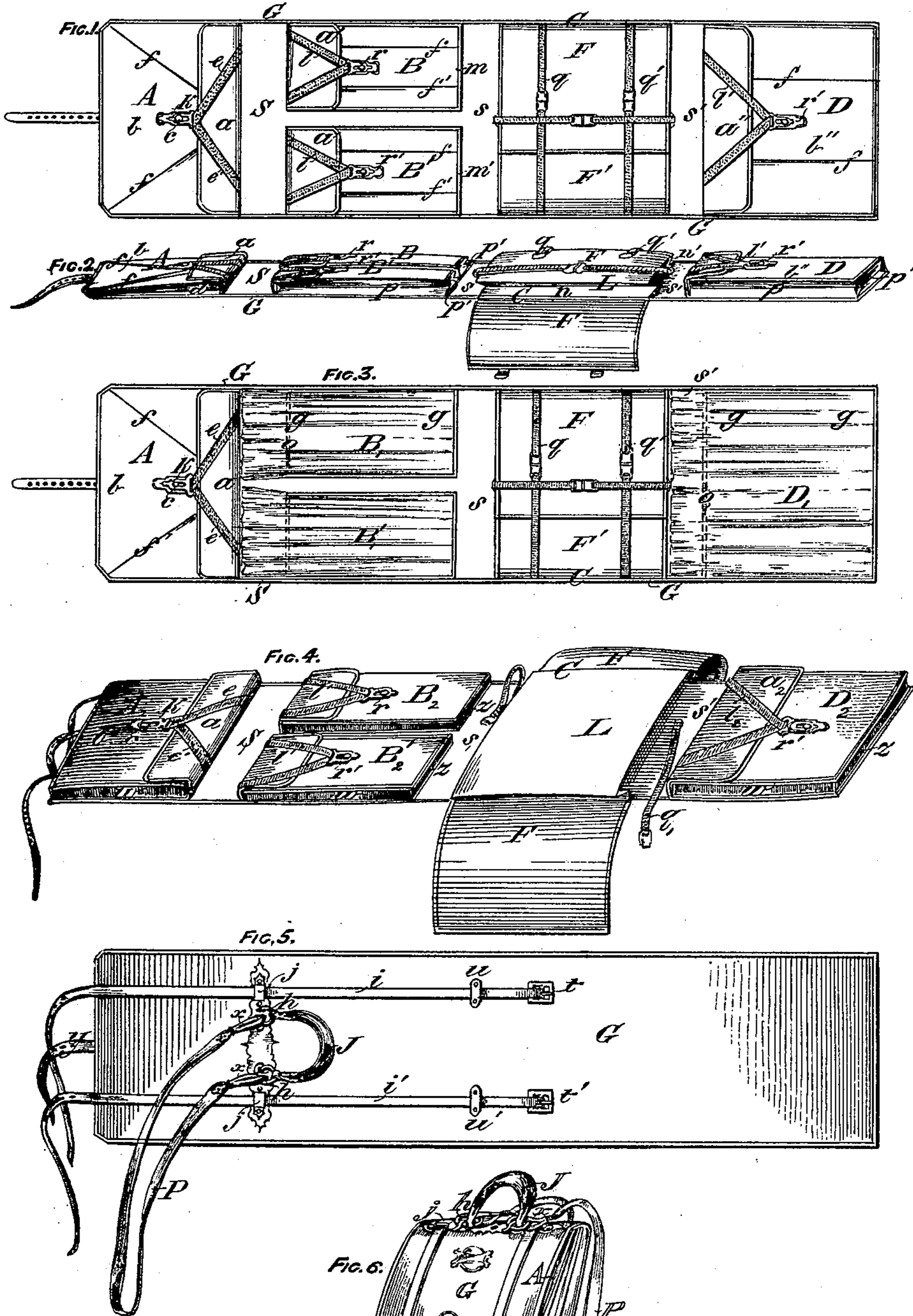


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FIG. 7.

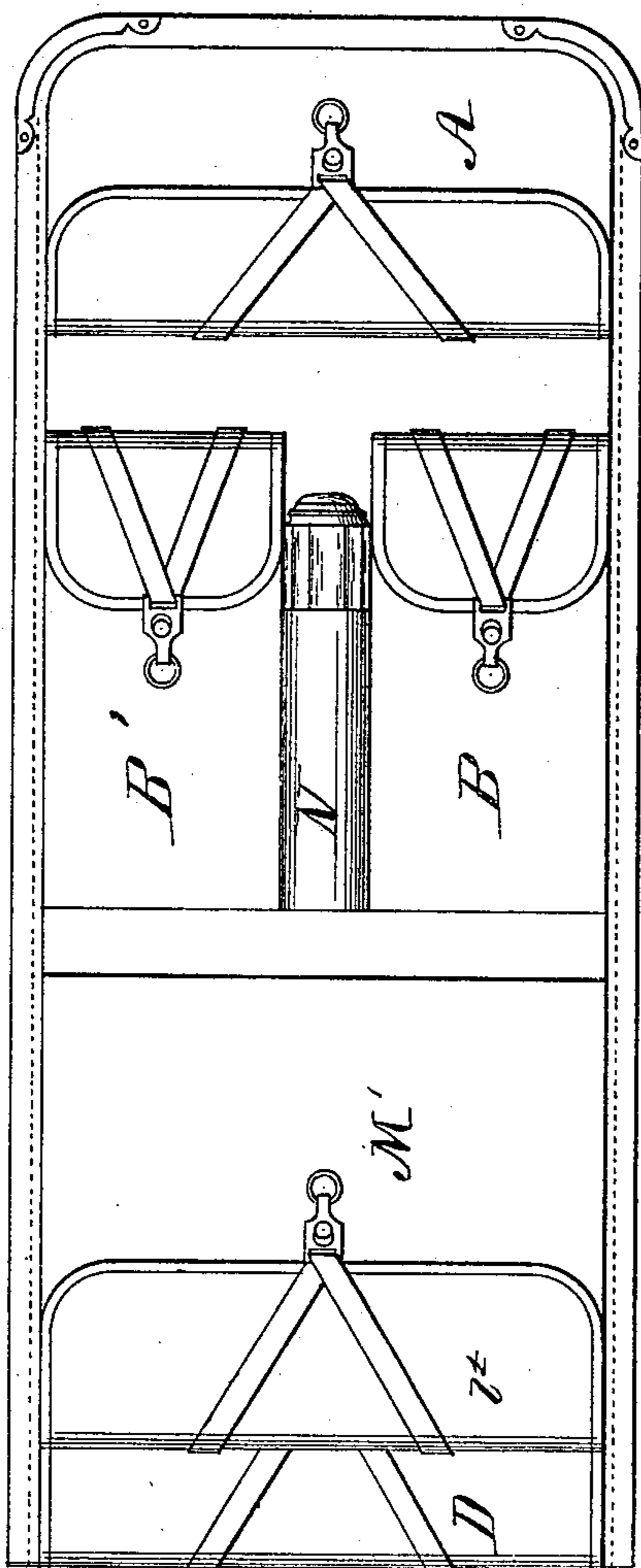
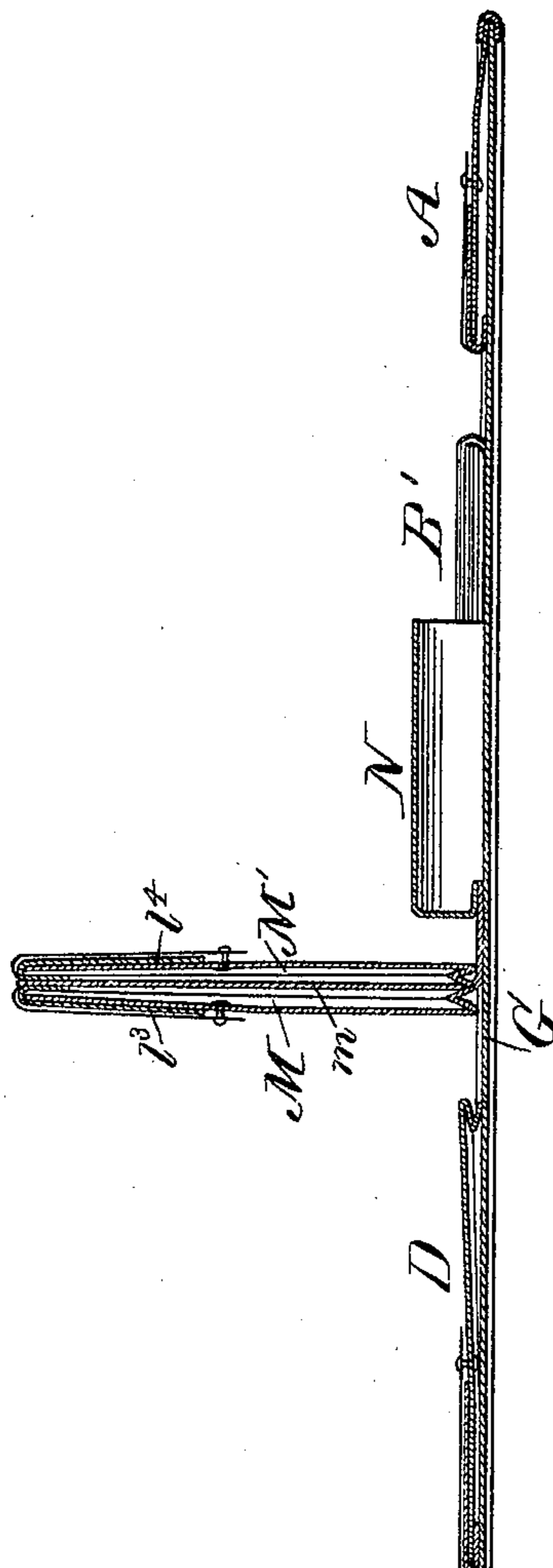


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IMPROVEMENT IN TRAVELING-SATCHELS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH W. P. KEENEY, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improved Traveling-Satchel, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates, essentially, to a folding receptacle or satchel for articles most needed in traveling, so divided into four or more distinct compartments that each class of wearing apparel or dressing requirements may readily come to hand without any disarrangement of the balance.

My invention consists, mainly, of a novel and compact arrangement of the various pockets or receptacles of the satchel.

Figure 1 is a plan of the traveling folding satchel embodying my invention, showing the interior unfolded. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same, showing the edge or side folding arrangements of the pockets, and their attachment to the backing or casing that covers the whole. Fig. 3 is a plan of this satchel, wherein two of the compartments are provided with pockets, secured by an elastic band, fitted within a frill or gathering of the pocket-flap in place of the double-plaiting and angular-edge folds to the casing shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of this satchel, wherein all the compartments, excepting the shirt-fold, are provided with raised stiffened edge-pieces, so as to make each pocket stand out in position ready for the reception of the various articles. Fig. 5 is a plan of this satchel, showing the exterior fitted with its fastening and shoulder straps. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of this satchel represented folded up and ready for adjustment. Fig. 7 is a plan view of this satchel, showing the compartment M'. Fig. 8 is a central vertical section, showing more clearly the arrangement of the two pockets M and M'.

With reference to the drawings, in Figs. 1, 2, 5, and 6, A is the pocket for writing material, &c.; B B', the pockets, respectively placed side by side, for brushes, combs, shaving apparatus, collars, &c. C is the shirt-compartment, provided with flaps for a shawl, vest, coat, &c., and D is the pocket for a vest, linen and such sundry articles as may chance to accumulate during a journey. Each of

these pockets, or sets of pockets, is separated by spaces S s s', stiffened so as to preserve their shape when the satchel is folded up by pieces of leather or other suitable material attached to the casing or backing G, and, as the pocket A, arranged for magazines, writing material, &c., is folded up last of all, the space S is made somewhat larger than either of the others s s'. This first pocket A consists of a cover, a, and flap b attached to one extremity of the general backing G, so as to form the bottom thereof, and is fastened to its edges so as to form its sides. These sides d d are arranged in tapering angular plaits or folds, portfolio-style, while the face of the flap is also provided with two plaits, f f', made in such manner as to diverge from its center to each corner of the casing. These edge and face-plaits allow of the pocket when empty of folding up quite flat to the casing; but when extended admit of considerable expansion for the articles named. For the fastening of this pocket, or the securing of this cover a well over the flap b, two elastic straps, e e', fixed at one end to the casing G, near each edge of the cover a, meet near the center thereof, and loop into a metallic clasp K. This clasp K is made readily adjustable to a fixed button, o, provided on this flap b. The pockets B B' are provided with similar covers a' a', elastic clasps, and buttons l r l' r', to those on the pocket A; but both the sides and bottom, are plaited portfolio-style p p p' p'; and the two face-plaits are arranged parallel to the sides, in place of diverging to the corners, and are secured in the beading m m', constructed around the flap-faces. These plaits also allow of the pockets assuming a flat position to the backing G when empty; but admit of their expansion, first, by the opening of the bottom and side folds; and, secondly, by the opening of the face-plaits. The shirt-receptacle C consists of a large loop, L, extending entirely across the breadth of the casing, with its sides or edges of contact folded, so as to have the same angular plaits n n', as in the pockets already described. At each edge of this loop L two elastic bands, provided with ordinary clasps q q', are fixed to the casing-edges, so that they may stretch across this shirt-pocket L, fasten at each end

to one another, and secure the contents of the compartment, as also the additional flaps F F', attached to the edges of the casing, arranged so as to cover over this shirt-fold with a shawl or vest in between, thus preserving by this arrangement an elastic medium of a shawl or similar article, to prevent any crumpling or disarrangement of the shirts within the fold L. The pocket D is similar in construction to each of the pockets B B', but in size occupies the entire breadth of the casing, which, in practice, is found by trials made to be about eighteen inches, while the length of the whole extended is not less than six feet, and folded up occupies a depth of only about sixteen inches.

For folding up this apparatus, the exterior is provided with two ordinary side or shawl straps and buckles, *i i t t'*, respectively, secured in position within loops *u u'*, attached to the casing, and a center-strap and buckle, *y y'*, respectively, for fastening the cover I. Just over the broad stiffened space S an ornamental leather plate is attached, provided with metallic loops *j j'*, which serves as guides for the straps *t t'*, and between these loops a leather handle, J, provided with metallic rings at the ends, is secured to other rings, *h h'*, fastened to this leather plate, so that the satchel may be carried in the hand whenever required; also, to these same rings *h h'* a shoulder-strap, P, is fitted by adjustable metallic spring-clasps *x x'*. This last arrangement admits of the satchel being slung across the shoulder, or the strap P may be detached whenever required by means of these clasps in order to make it more convenient to carry by the handle J.

With reference to Fig. 3, the pockets, B B', and D are provided with elastic bands *o*, and the flaps are gathered onto these elastic bands, so as to form both flaps and covers at the same time, *g g*, while the plaiting or gathering is allowed to project over each band, so as to cover the vacant spaces S s'.

In Fig. 4 the pockets A₂, B₂, B'₂, and D₂ differ, respectively, from A, B, B', and D in

having their edges and bottoms *w D* made rigid by stiff pieces of leather, or other suitable material, while the face-plaits are, also, not required, as the capacity of each such pocket is limited very nearly to the form assumed when in an empty condition.

In Figs. 7 and 8 I show the shirt-fold L removed, and the substitution therefor of a hinged or jointed section composed of the flap *m* attached to the casing G, having two compartments or pockets, M and M', arranged one upon each side of the flap. These pockets M and M' are each provided with the folding flaps, in order that they may be flat against the casing when empty, as do the pockets A, B, B', and D, and are also provided with the cover *l³ l⁴* respectively, which are fastened by the elastic clasp and button, as in the other compartments. The use of these pockets M and M', while they give an additional pocket, materially diminishes the size of the casing G, and the satchel occupies a much smaller space, when unfolded. The space between the pockets B and B' may also be filled by a small pocket for holding a cologne-bottle, or other similar article, as shown at N, Figs. 7 and 8. The backing and pockets may be constructed without any stiffening, in which case the satchel may be rolled up.

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

1. A folding satchel, provided with a series of pockets, arranged as shown, and a hinged or jointed section, provided with pockets upon each side, all substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, in a folding satchel, of a series of pockets rigidly attached to the inside of the satchel, with a hinged or jointed section, which may be raised to a vertical position, provided with a pocket or pockets, and adapted to fold upon either side, all substantially as shown and described.

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