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Handle for Trunks, Bags, &c.

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Fig. 1.

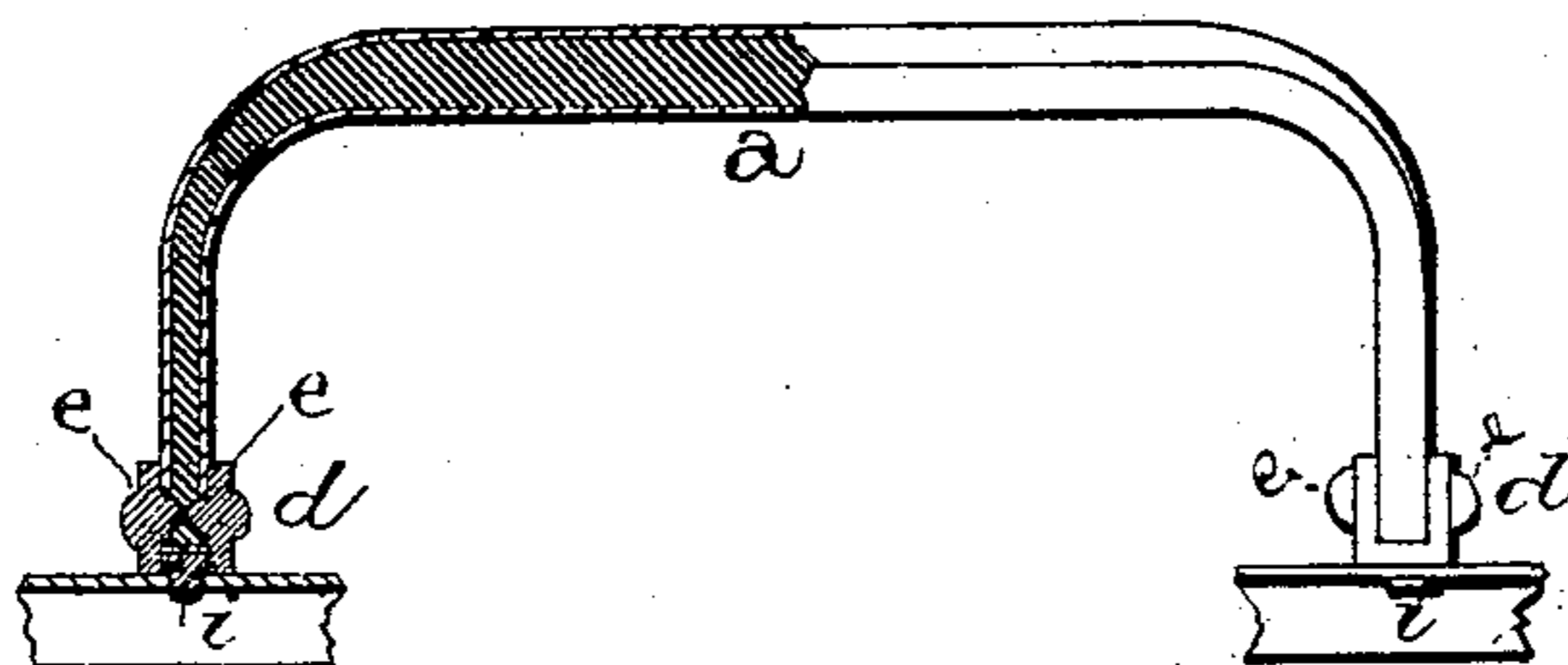


Fig. 2.

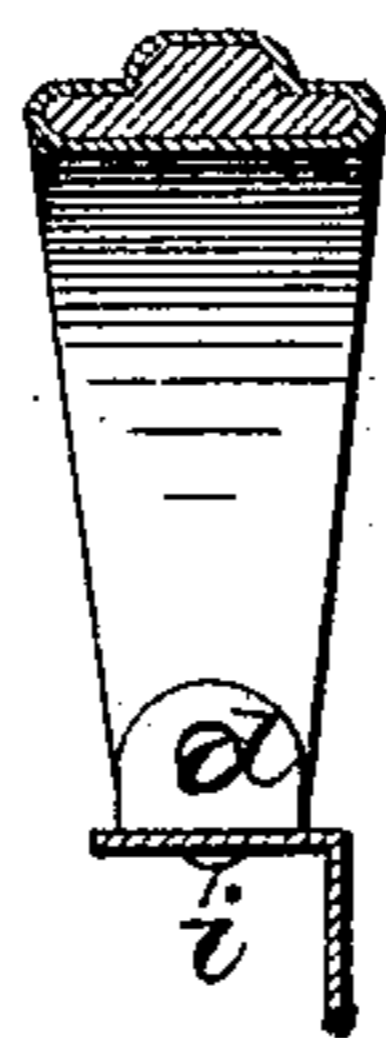


Fig. 3.



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HANDLE FOR TRUNKS, BAGS, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORRIS SCHWERIN, of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and
5 useful Improvements in Handles for Trunks and Bags; 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
10 and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in handles for trunks and bags; and it consists
15 in the fastening by means of which the handle is secured to the bag-frame, which fastening consists of a malleable-iron casting having two studs in its upper end, which pass through a hole in the lower end of the handle, and a
20 third stud, which passes through the frame of the bag and is clinched on its inner side, whereby the use of rivets and the caps which fit over the end of the handle is entirely done away
25 with, as will be more fully described herein-after.

The object of my invention is to produce handles for bags, trunks, and other such articles which shall be light, cheap, and so easily produced that they will require no skilled labor to make them.
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Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings represents a side elevation of my invention, partly in section. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section of the handle, and Fig. 3 is a perspective of the
35 fastening by which the end of the handle is secured to the bag-frame.

a represents the handle, which is made from a single piece of sheet metal of any suitable kind. This piece of sheet metal is first stamped
40 into the desired form and then it is filled with pasteboard, paper-pulp, or any other suitable material, which serves to give the sheet metal a sufficiently solid body to allow the handle to be bent into the curved form shown. The
45 sheet metal sinks into this pasteboard or other equivalent filling, allowing the handle to be finished up into a very neat, smooth, and light article. Through each of the ends of this handle is made a hole for the purpose of fastening
50 it to the bag-frame.

The fastenings used to secure the handle to

the frame or other suitable body consists of the malleable-iron castings *d*, which have the two studs *e* projecting inwardly from its two jaws, and a third stud, *i*, projecting down from
55 its bottom to pass through the bag-frame. After the end of the handle has been inserted between the two jaws of this fastening the jaws are closed sufficiently near together to have the two studs pass into the hole from opposite
60 sides in the end of the handle, and thus securely hold the handle between them. The third stud, *i*, is passed through the bag-frame or body of the trunk, and is then clinched on
65 the inner side.

This fastening does away with all caps or sockets which go over the end of the handle, and which are liable to give way or be broken at any time.

This fastening is very cheap, simple, and durable, and a great improvement over those fastenings heretofore used.
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I am aware that a part of a bridle has been filled with paper and then strengthened with a sheet of metal, and this I disclaim.
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I am aware that handles have been made for baskets out of sheet metal and filled with rope, and this I disclaim.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—
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1. A fastening for handles, consisting of the casting *d*, having the two studs on its inner side to pass into the end of the handle, and a stud, *i*, to pass through the bag or trunk, substantially as described.
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2. The combination of a handle for bags and trunks, made from a single piece of sheet metal and provided with a filling of pasteboard or other suitable material, with the fastening *d*, having the studs to pass into the ends of the
90 handle, and a stud to pass through the frame, whereby all rivets and caps for the ends of the handles are dispensed with, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I
95 have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of February, 1880.

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