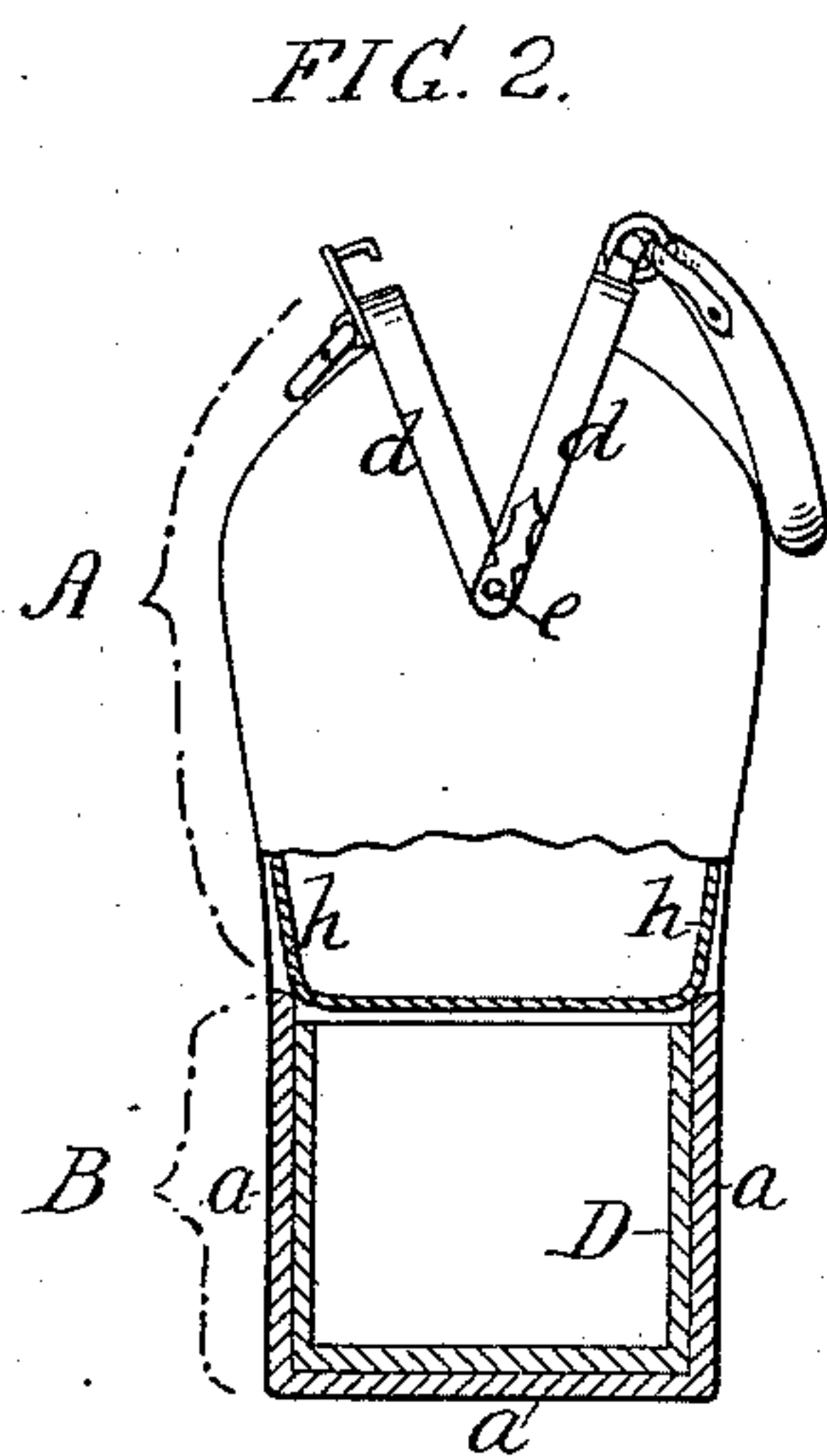
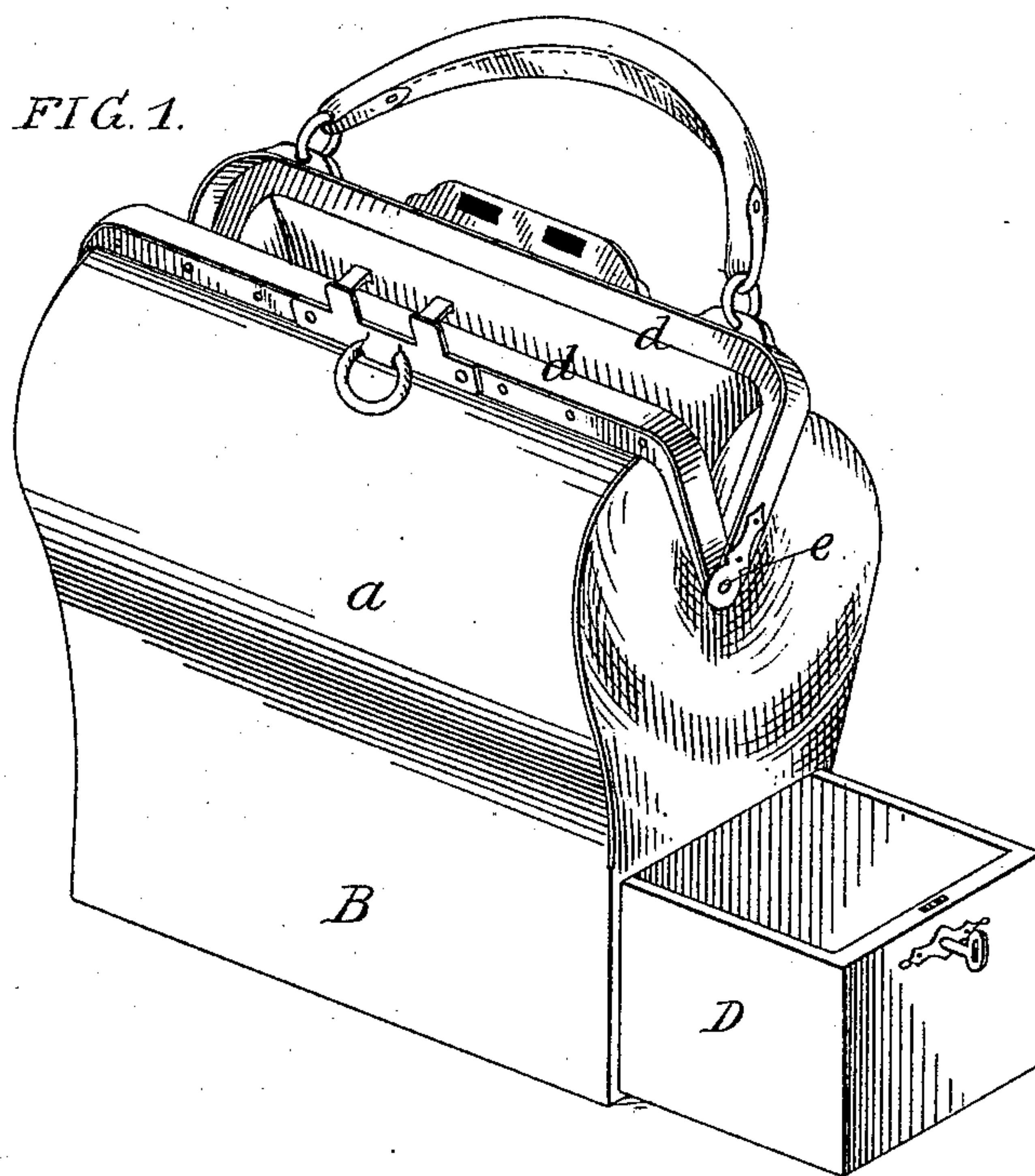


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## TRAVELING-SATCHEL.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN W. PEIRSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Traveling-Satchels or Valises, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in that class of satchels or valises in which a rigid box having a door or drawer is secured to an ordinary satchel for convenience in carrying articles which it is not desired to pack with miscellaneous clothing, &c., in the valise, my improvement consisting in a convenient, practicable, and economical method of constructing a valise of this character.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved valise; and Fig. 2, an end view, partly in section.

The improved valise consists of three main parts—namely, first, the upper portion, A, having opposite flexible sides and ends; second, the quadrangular box B, open at one end, and, third, the drawer D, adapted to slide in and out of the box.

The upper portion, A, of the valise is constructed to be opened and closed in the same manner as an ordinary valise, the edges of the mouth having the usual metal frames, *d d*, hinged together at *e*, and these frames being provided with the ordinary clasping and locking devices.

I make the quadrangular box B of tough wood, and unite it to the portion A of the valise by carrying the leather or fabric *a*, forming the exterior of this upper portion, down the opposite sides of the box, down the closed end of the same, and as far down the opposite end as the opening for the drawer will permit, the leather or fabric by preference extending a short distance beneath the box, and being cemented or otherwise secured to the bottom of the same.

If desired, the leather or fabric may extend so far only down the sides and ends of the box as to afford an opportunity for securing the latter; but a neater finish is made by enveloping the box in a continuation of the leather or

fabric which forms the exterior of the upper portion of the valise.

In the present instance the upper portion of the valise has a lining, *h*, the bottom of which forms the top of the quadrangular box; but a permanent top may be secured to the box, and the lining, if there be any, attached thereto.

Many articles which are commonly packed at random with miscellaneous clothing in ordinary yielding valises can be better disposed of in a separate drawer, where they are protected from injury, and where they are more readily accessible than in the main body of the valise.

The use of the box for forming the lower portion of the valise enables me to dispense with the heavy sole-leather bottom with which valises are usually furnished, so that my improvement does not add materially to the cost of the valise.

Instead of a single drawer two or more drawers may be combined with the box B; or, if desired, a hinged door at one or both ends of the box may be used in place of the drawer or drawers.

I am aware that satchels have been combined with rigid boxes having doors or drawers; but, so far as I know, in none of these cases has there been such a simple, convenient, and economical plan of connecting the box and satchel as that which I have adopted; hence, without claiming, broadly, a satchel having a rigid box with doors or drawers,

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, the satchel A, having the usual hinged frames, *d*, around the mouth, with the box B, secured to the lower portion of the satchel, and having the end door or drawer, D, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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