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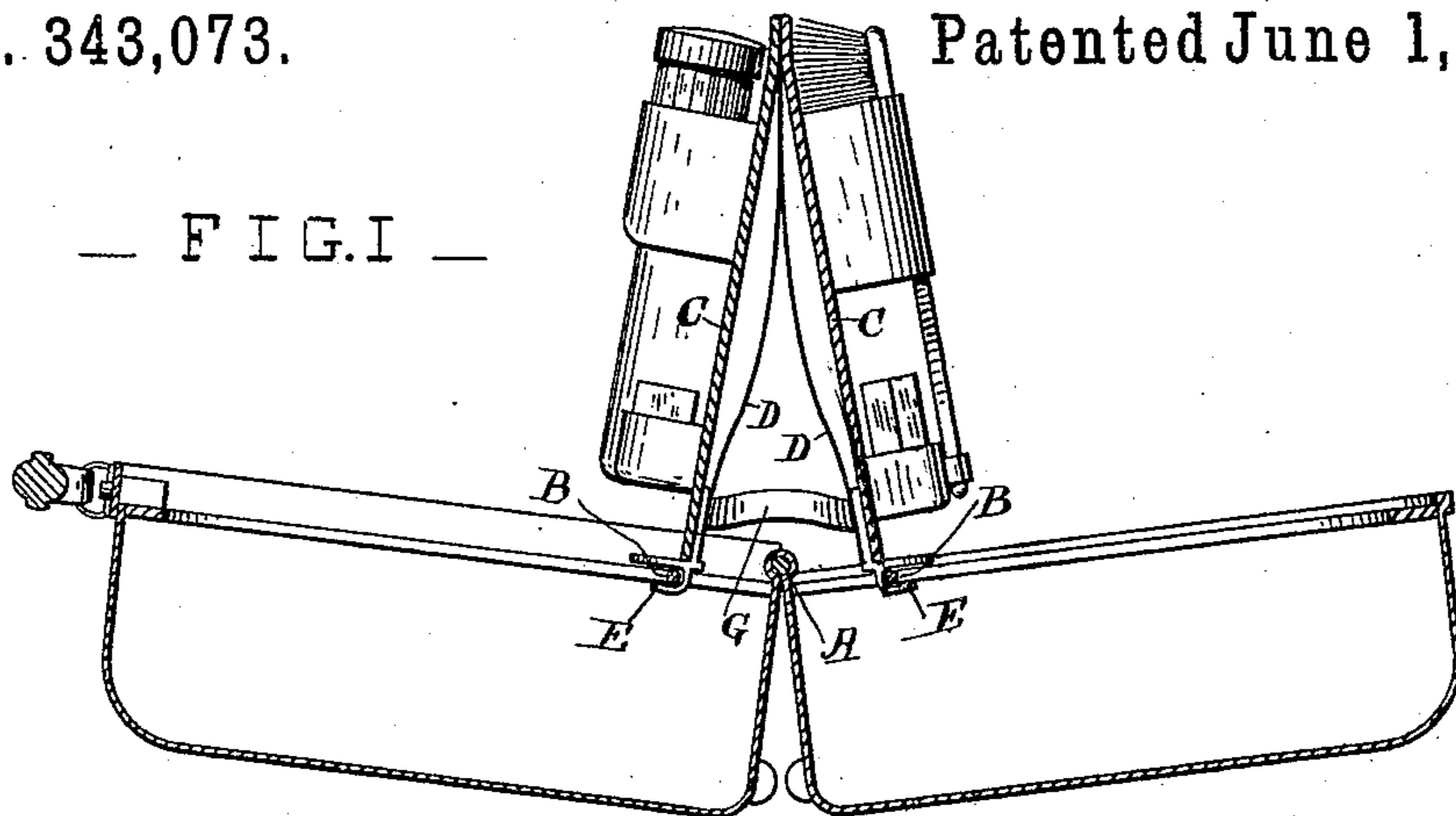
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BAG OR PORTMANTEAU.

No. 343,073.

Patented June 1, 1886.

— FIG. I —



\_ FIG. 2 \_

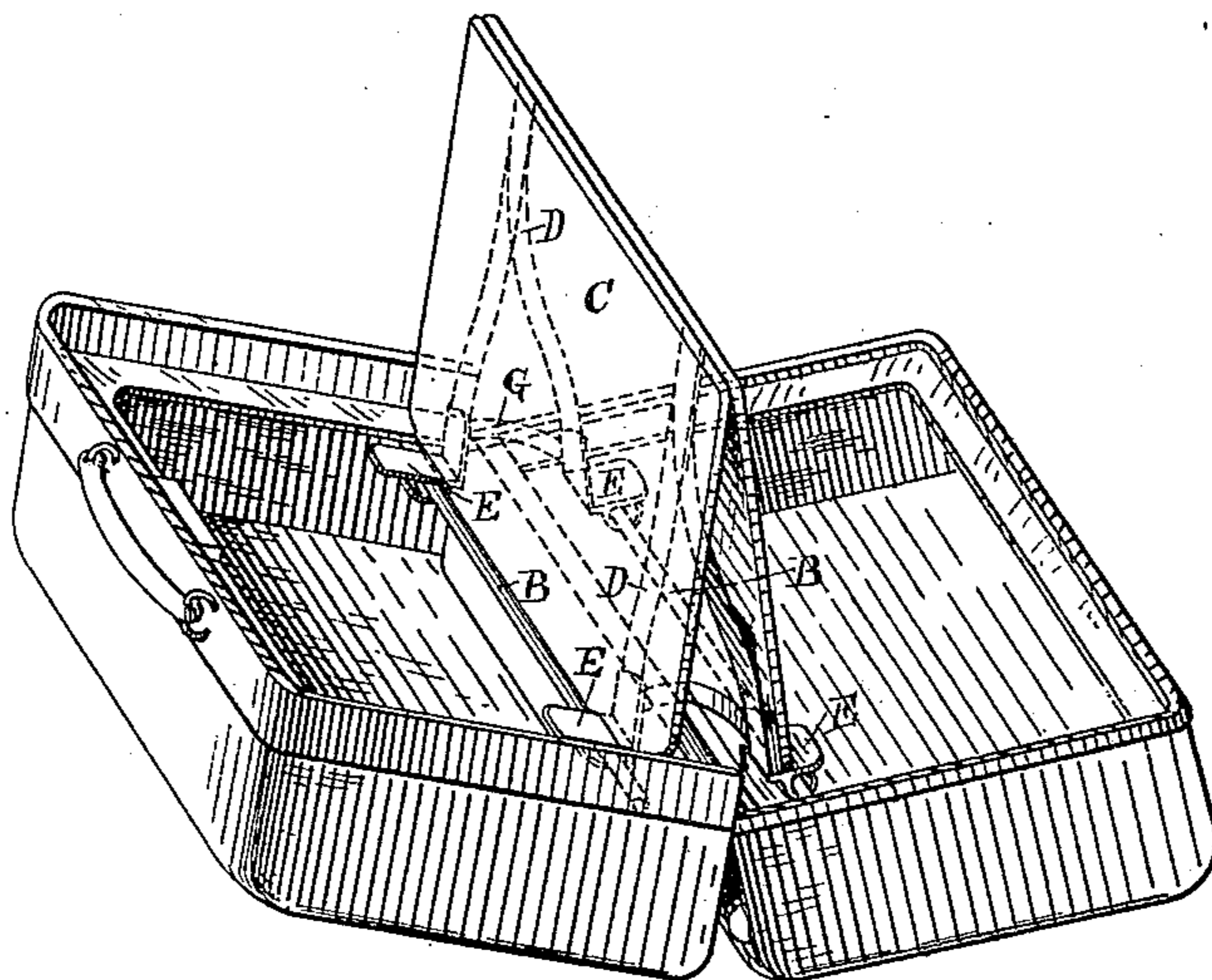
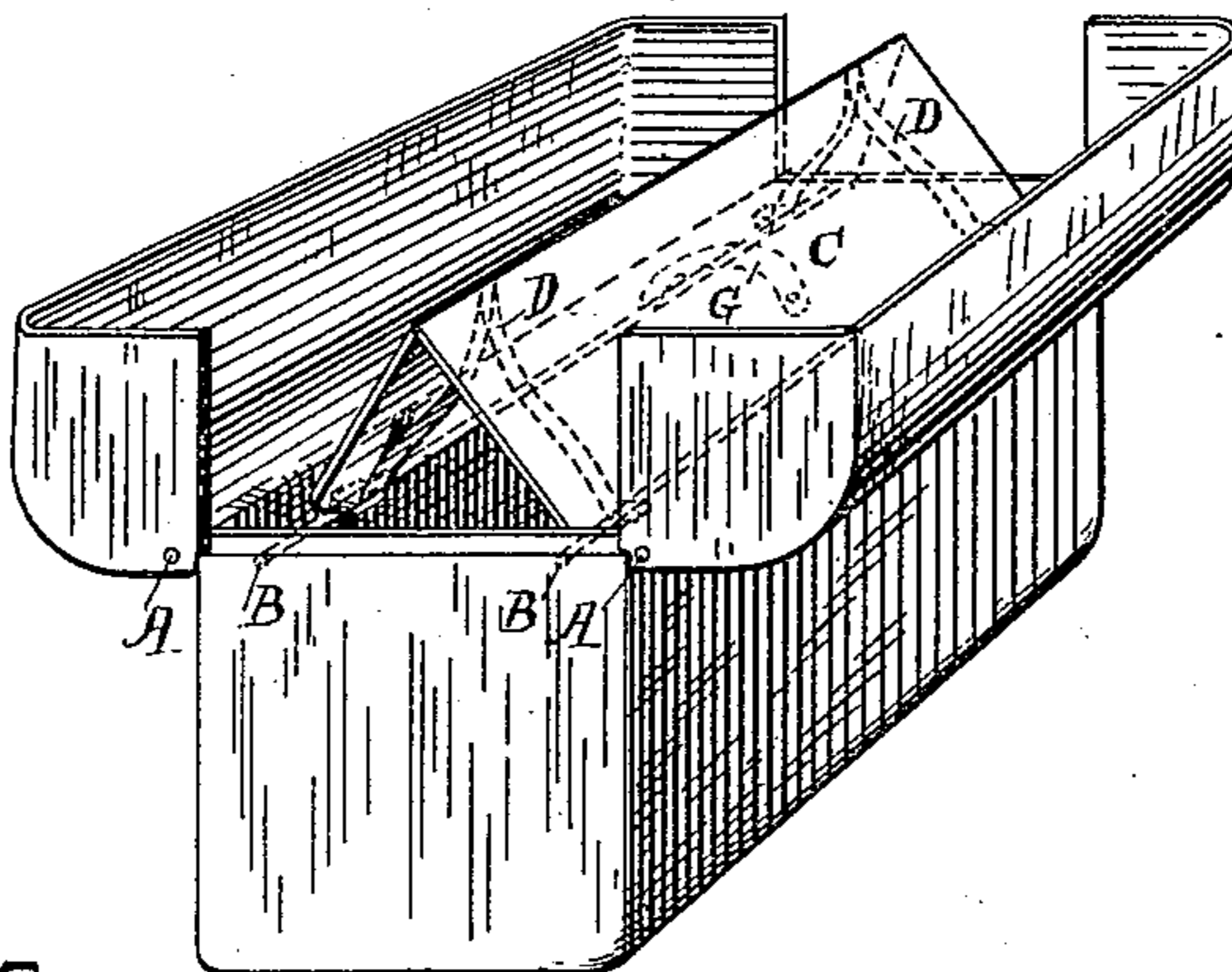


FIG.3



\_\_ WITNESSES. \_\_

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## BAG OR PORTMANTEAU.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 343,073, dated June 1, 1886.

Application filed March 8, 1886. Serial No. 194,473. (No model.) Patented in England January 31, 1884, No. 2,486.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OTTO SEEFELS, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, residing at the Barbican, in the city of London, England, have  
5 invented a new and useful Improvement in Bags or Portmanteaus, (for which I have obtained a Patent in Great Britain, No. 2,486, bearing date January 31, 1884,) of which the following is a specification.

10 This invention relates to that class of traveling or other bags or portmanteaus the compartments of which are divided by a partition which is adapted to hold or carry toilet bottles, brushes, &c.

15 The invention consists in the arrangement and combination of parts whereby such partition is so formed and attached to the bag or portmanteau frame that when the bag is opened the partition remains in an upright  
20 position, where it may be left or from whence it may be readily removed and stood upon a table or other article.

To clearly explain my invention, reference is made to the accompanying drawings, which  
25 form part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents in sectional elevation an opened bag fitted in accordance with my invention. Figs. 2 and 3 are perspective  
30 views of opened bags with my invention applied thereto, the bottles and other fillings being omitted for the sake of clearness.

In all the views like letters are used to designate like parts.

35 At a short distance from the hinge A of the frame I attach cross-bars B, running parallel therewith, while the separable partition C is mounted or carried on springs D, the tendency of which is always to keep the bottom of the partition open. Said springs are attached to  
40 or terminate in U-shaped hook-plates E, adapted to receive the cross-bars B, against which they are securely held by the action of the springs D. When the bag is open, and the

bottom of the partition is closed together, the latter may be lifted out and stood upon a  
45 table or other support, the connecting-strap G preventing the partition from opening too widely.

In the construction represented in Figs. 1 and 2 as the bag is closed the partition is also  
50 closed, while in the form shown in Fig. 3 it remains permanently open. It is evident that this partition may be fitted in any convenient manner either for carrying toilet or other articles.

I am aware that it is not new to provide a trunk-tray with a recess in its bottom adapted to receive a board, and having springs interposed between said board and the tray-  
60 bottom, and I do not claim such as my invention.

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

1. In combination, a bag or portmanteau  
65 consisting of the ordinary frame or covering, supplemental bars B, and partitions supported thereupon, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with a bag or portmanteau frame, of the supplementary bars B  
70 B, separable partitions C C, springs D D, and hooked plates E E, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. The combination, with a bag or portmanteau frame, of a separable partition  
75 mounted on springs, with means, substantially as described, for attaching said partition to said frame, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
80 hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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