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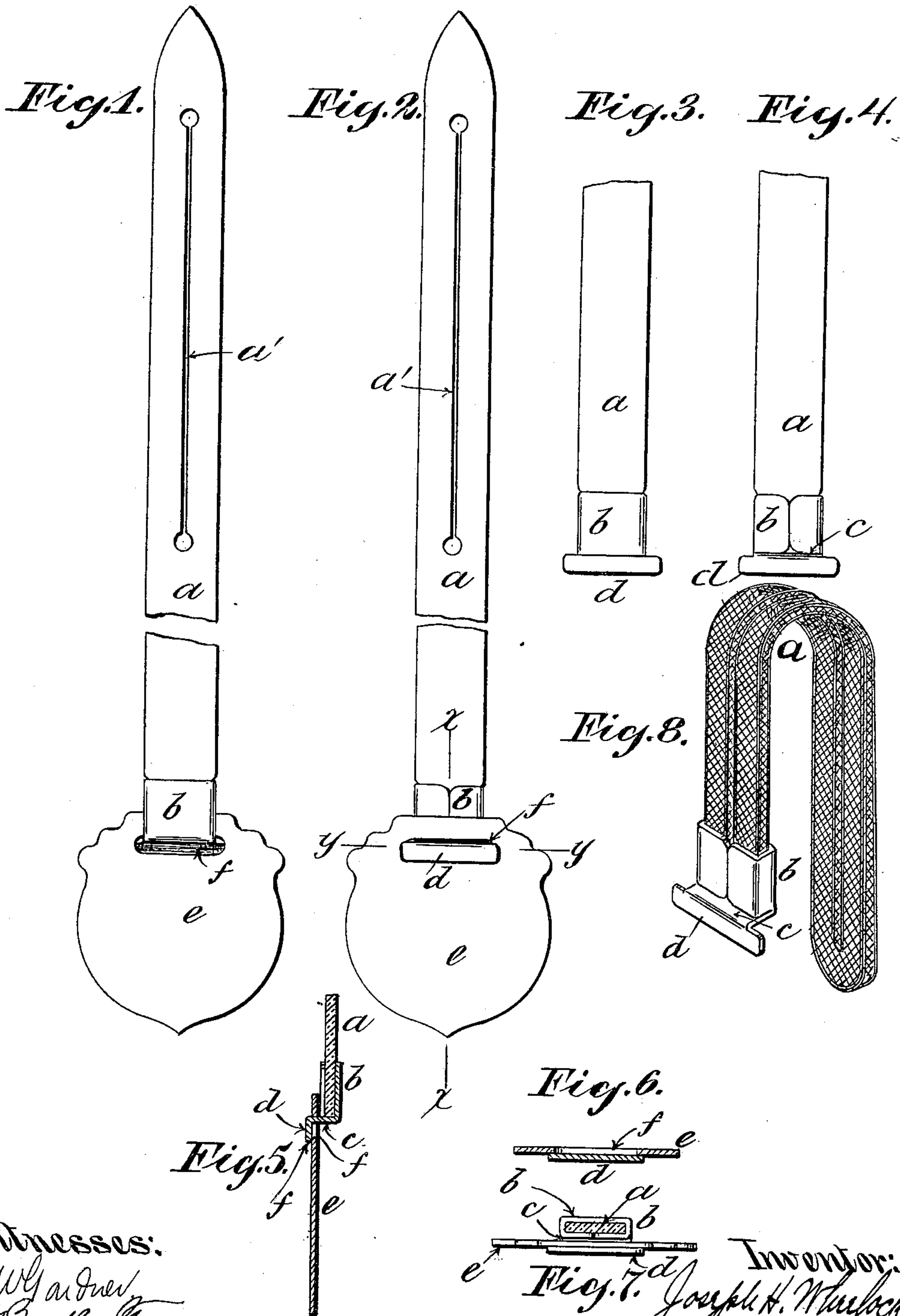
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Fig. 6.

Fig. 7.

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BAGGAGE-CHECK STRAP OR HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH H. WHEELOCK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, (Brooklyn,) in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baggage-Check Straps or Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in baggage-check straps or holders, and particularly to that class in which the check is detachably suspended from the flexible strip or strap by which it is temporarily secured to the luggage. As heretofore usually made these devices comprise a leather strap longitudinally slotted near its upper end and having an enlargement with a transverse slot at the opposite end. The check is provided with a transverse slot through which and through the slot in its enlarged end the strap is passed, thus detachably confining the check in a small loop near the lower end of the strap. In practice this loop and the enlarged lower end of the strap, which projects at an angle above the check, are unsightly. The completed articles take up more than the necessary room, and the transverse slot in the strap is frequently torn through, rendering the device worthless and sometimes losing the check. Again, in cutting the straps it is usual, for the sake of economy of material, to reverse the blank after each strap is cut, so that the enlarged portions of alternate straps will lie in opposite directions, thus entailing loss of time and adding materially to the cost.

It is therefore the object of my invention to obviate these objections and disadvantages and to produce a baggage-check strap or holder which will be stronger and more durable than those heretofore commonly in use and which will be neater in finish and appearance and cheaper in construction.

To these ends my said invention consists in a strip of flexible material having firmly secured to its lower end a metal collar provided with a shoulder and a depending elongated and offset portion, all as hereinafter more fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, in the several figures of which like parts are similarly designated, Figures 1 and 2 are respectively front and rear views of my invention, showing the check in position. Figs. 3 and 4 are similar views with the check omitted. Fig. 5 is a vertical section on the line *xx*, Fig. 2. Fig. 6 is a transverse section on the line *yy*, Fig. 2. Fig. 7 is a top plan view showing the strap in section, and Fig. 8 is a fragmentary perspective view of a modification.

a is a preferably straight strap or strip of flexible material—such as leather, canvas, webbing, &c.—having the usual longitudinal slot or opening *a'* and having tightly clenched and fastened about its lower end a metal cap or collar. Said cap comprises the collar *b*, adapted to partially or wholly surround the end of the strap and be firmly stamped or set thereon, the rearwardly-projecting shoulder or offset *c*, and the lower rearward and elongated strip or portion *d*. If desired, the inner faces of the collar *b* may be roughened or excoriated to give it a better hold on the strap and obviate any danger, however slight, of its being pulled off in use. The check *e* may be of any ordinary construction and provided with the upper transverse slot or opening *f*.

When in use, the strap *a* is passed through the slot in the check until the latter reaches the shoulder *c* of the cap, when the check will assume a position parallel to the strap, resting upon the shoulder *c* and held in position against displacement by the elongated rearward strip *d*, as illustrated.

In Fig. 8 I have shown a modification on which a single piece of webbing is substituted for the strap or strip of flexible material. In this construction the webbing is doubled or looped, its ends being confined in the collar *b*, as shown, and the opening of said loop may be more or less closed, as by sewing, &c., as desired.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a baggage-check strap or holder comprising a strip of flexible material; a metal collar secured

thereto and provided with a rearward shoulder or offset and a narrow transversely-elongated strip projecting laterally beyond the sides of said collar and at an angle to said shoulder, substantially as described for the purpose set forth.

2. In a baggage check strap or holder, a metal collar having a rearwardly-projecting shoulder and a narrow downwardly-extending transversely-elongated strip extending laterally beyond the sides of said collar, and a strip of flexible material having its opposite ends secured in said collar, substantially as described.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a baggage-check strap or holder comprising a strip of flexible material, a metal collar secured thereto and provided with a rearward shoulder or offset and a narrow transversely-elongated projection at an angle to said shoulder;

in combination with a check having a transverse slot of less length than said transversely-elongated projection, substantially as described.

4. In a baggage-check strap or holder, a metal collar having a rearwardly-projecting shoulder and a downwardly-extending transversely-elongated strip, and a strip of flexible material having the opposite ends secured in said collar; in combination with a baggage-check having a transverse slot of less length than said elongated strip, substantially as described.

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