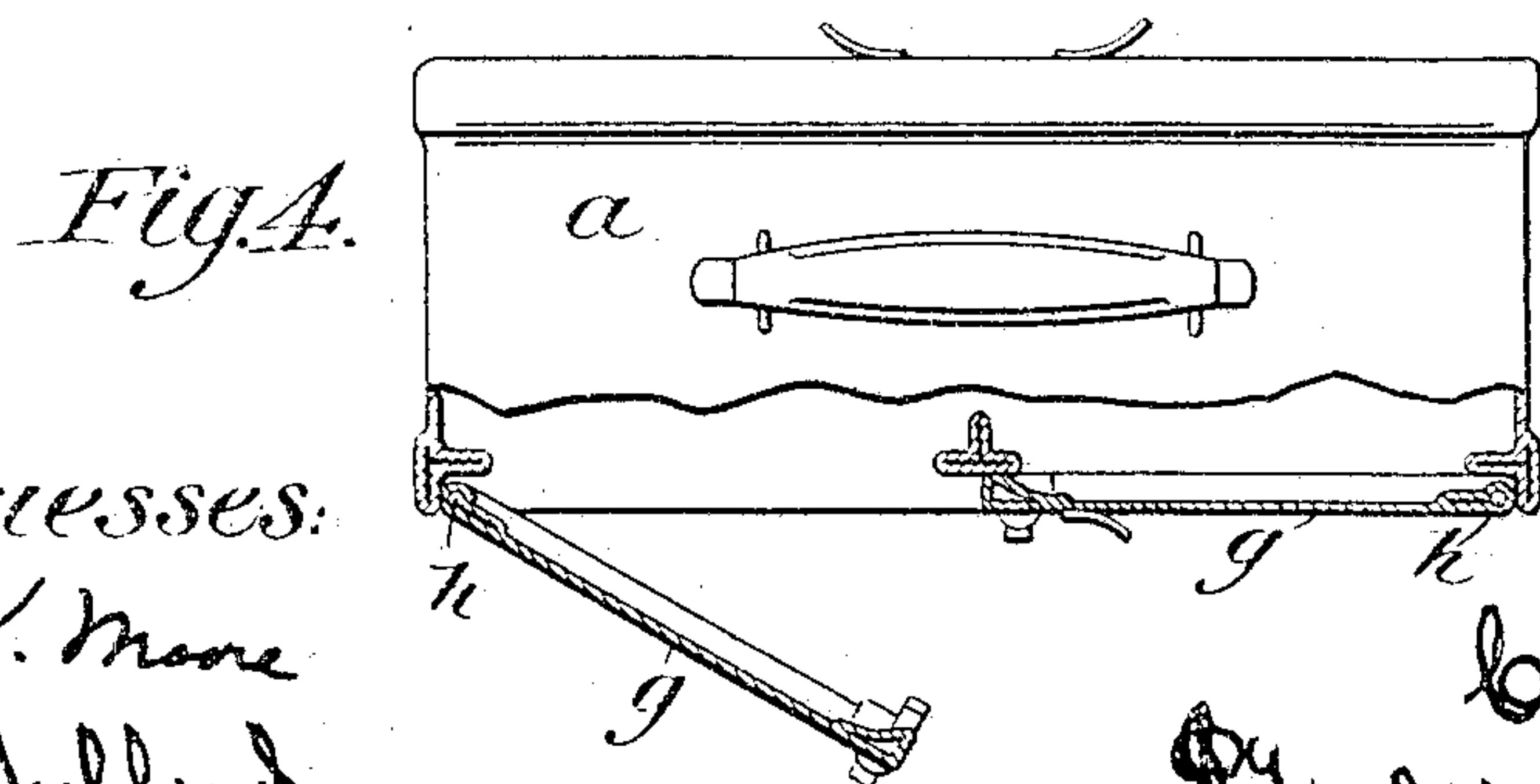
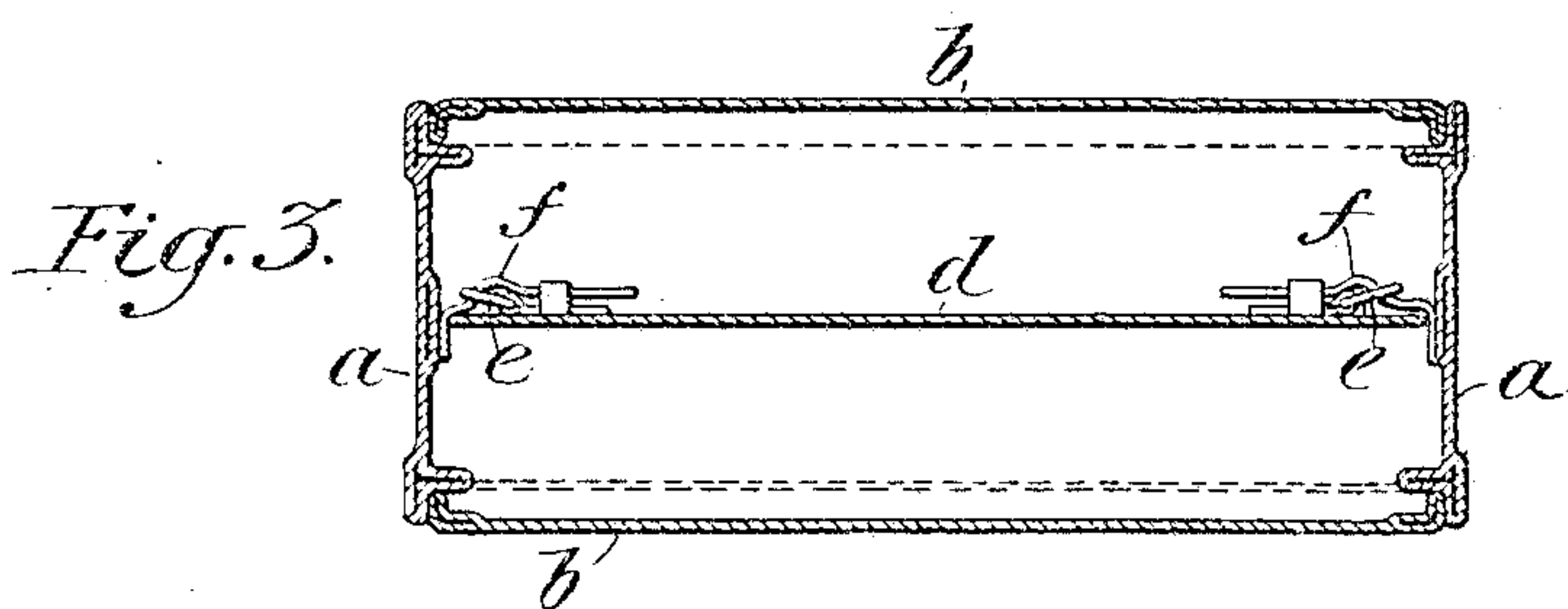
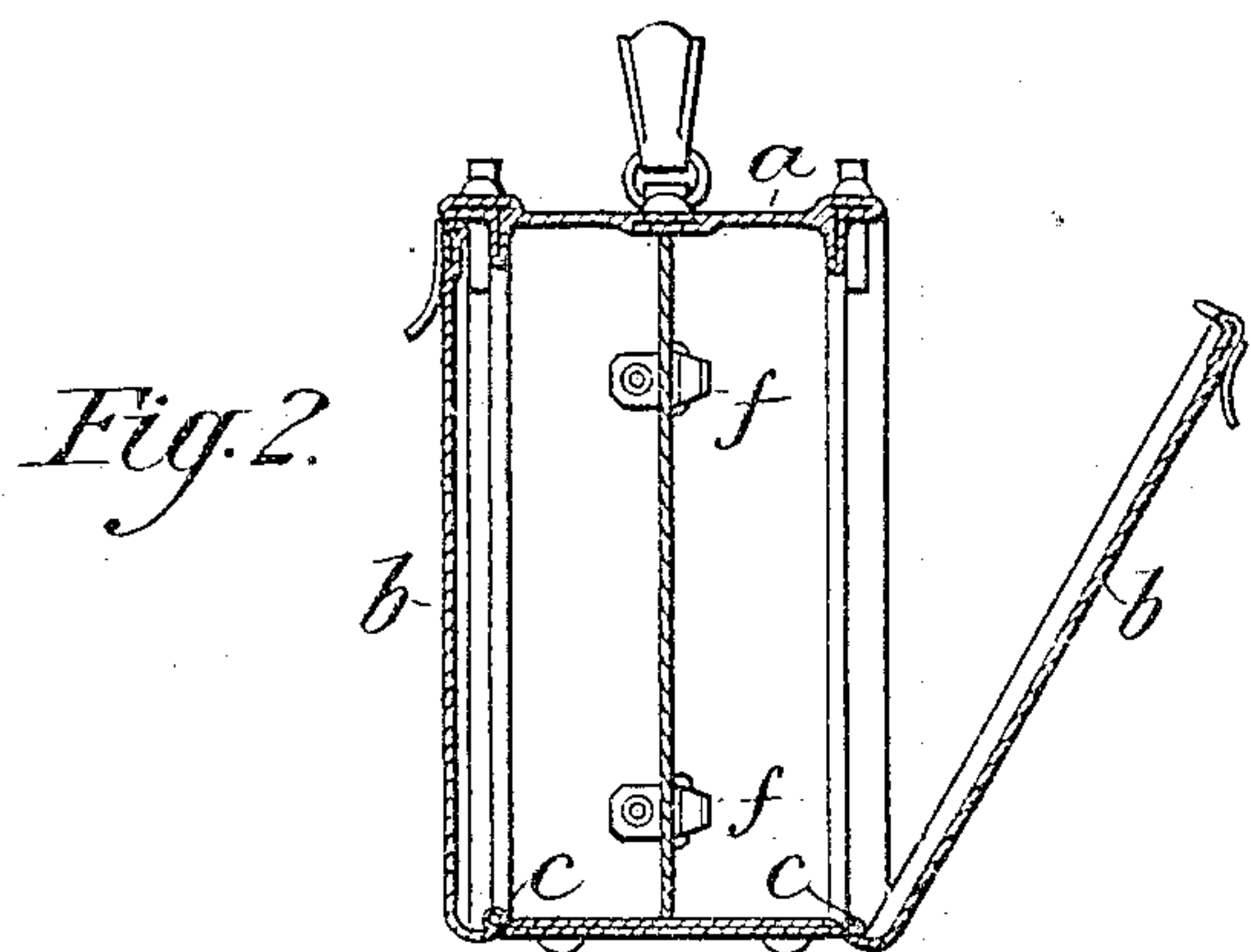
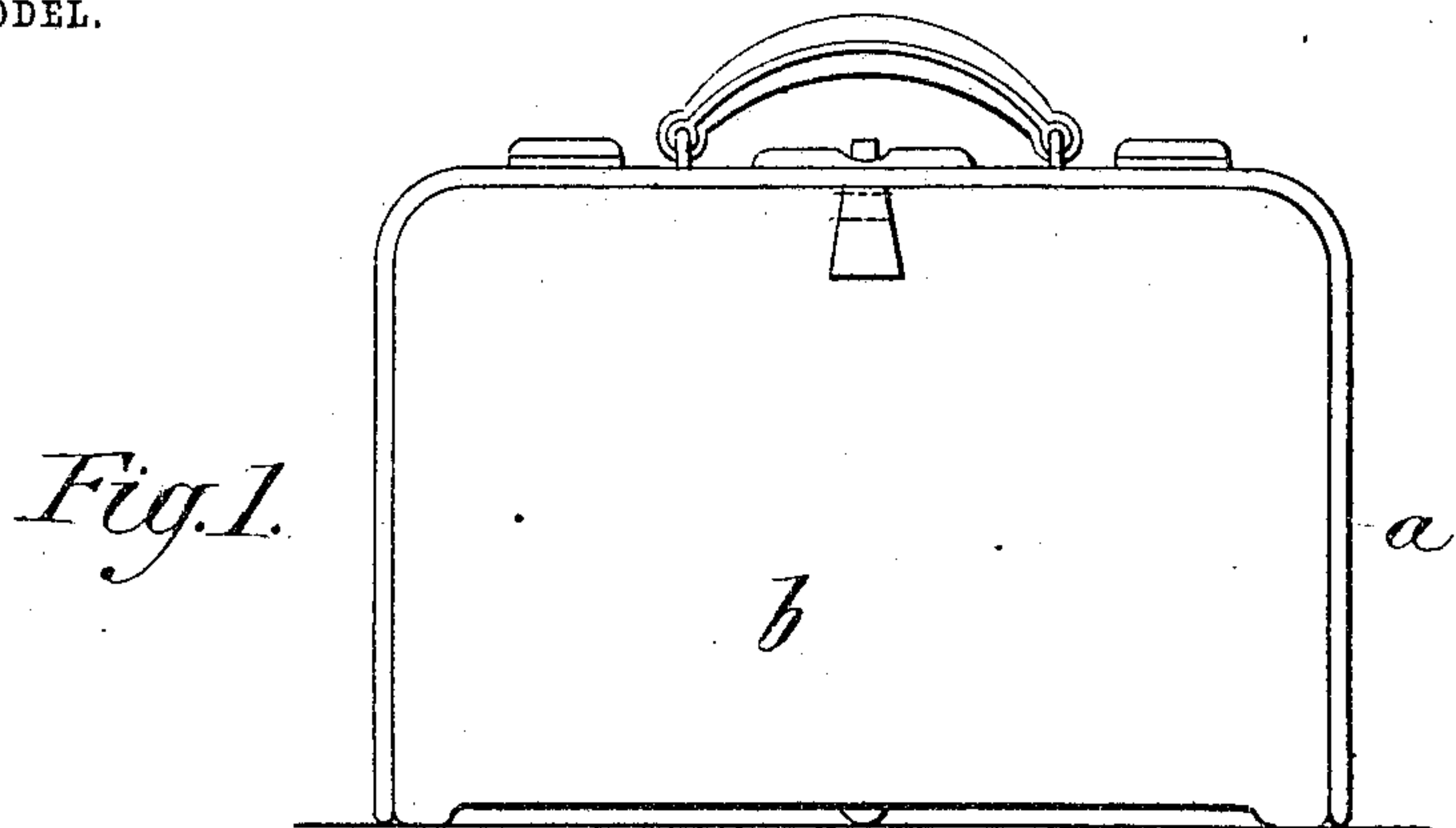


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES HALL ANDERSON, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at 83 Bishopthorpe road, York, in the county of York, England, have invented new and useful Improvements in Traveling Bags, Cases, or the Like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to bags, cases, or the like chiefly designed for use by commercial travelers for carrying samples, but also applicable for use by other persons and for other purposes, the object of the said invention being to provide a bag, case, or the like wherein access can be readily had to any part of the contents without disturbing or exposing other parts.

A bag, case, or the like constructed according to my invention is of the ordinary shape, but instead of opening at the center or on one side, as is usual, is adapted to open at both sides—that is to say, each side of the bag is in the form of a lid capable of being independently opened. The inside of the bag or case is provided with a partition which is substantially parallel with the lids, but which is made adjustable relatively with the said lids, so that the relative depths of the two compartments can be varied.

A suitable form of partition consists of a stiff frame covered with canvas or other material fastened inside the bag with buckles and straps or by other suitable means, so as to permit of adjustment, pockets being formed upon one or both sides of this partition, if required, for carrying small articles.

I sometimes make one or both sides or lids in two or more parts or sections, each of which is separately hinged and provided with an independent lock, so that access can be obtained to any one portion of the bag without exposing the contents of other portions.

To enable the invention to be fully understood, I will describe it by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of a traveling-bag made according to the invention. Fig. 2 is

a transverse section of the bag, showing one side opened. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the bag, and Fig. 4 is a sectional plan view illustrating a modified construction of the bag.

Referring first to Figs. 1 to 3, *a* is the body of the bag, and *b b* are the two sides, each of which is, as shown, hinged at *c* at its lower end, so as to form a lid capable of being independently opened, as indicated in Fig. 2. *d* is the partition which is provided in the bag and which is arranged parallel with the sides *b b*. This partition is preferably made of a stiff frame covered with a suitable material, such as canvas, and it is fastened in position in the bag *a* by means of the buckles *e e*, attached to its end, and which buckles are adapted to be secured to straps *f f*, attached to the ends of the bag. With this construction it will be clear that the position of the partition inside the bag can be adjusted, thus enabling the two compartments of which it forms the bottom to have their relative capacities altered to suit requirements.

In the arrangement illustrated in Fig. 4 the lids are shown made in two parts or sections *g g*, each of which is separately hinged at *h* and provided with an independent lock, so that access can be obtained to any one portion of the bag without exposing the contents of other portions.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is—

In a traveling-bag, the combination with the main body open at both sides, of the parallel sides hinged to the main body and arranged to close the open portions thereof, a partition arranged within said main body parallel to said sides, and adjusting-straps connecting said partition to the main body, substantially as described.

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