

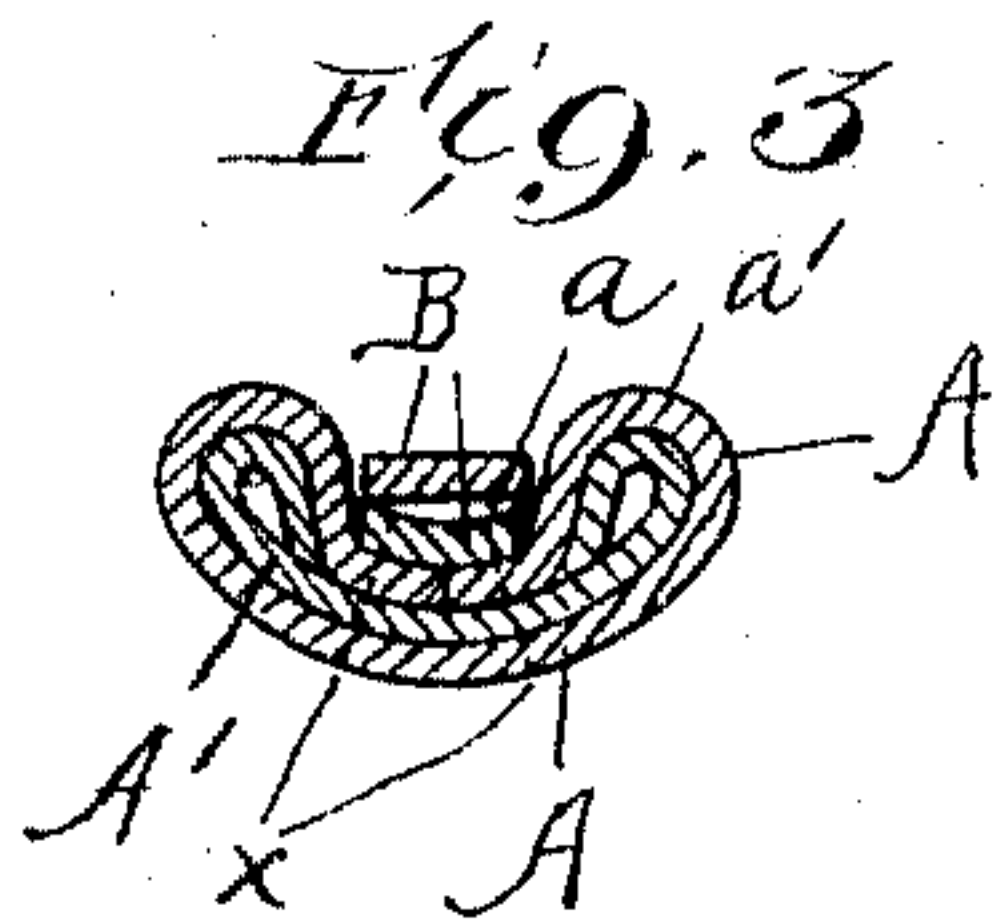
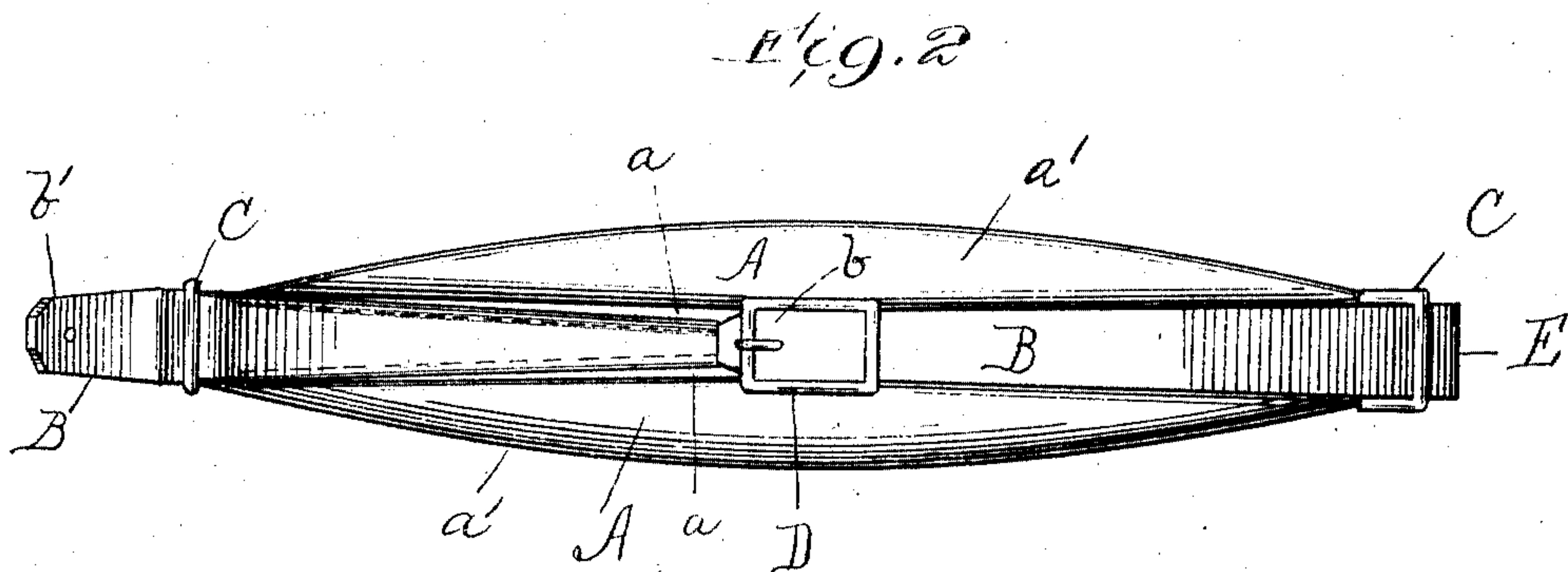
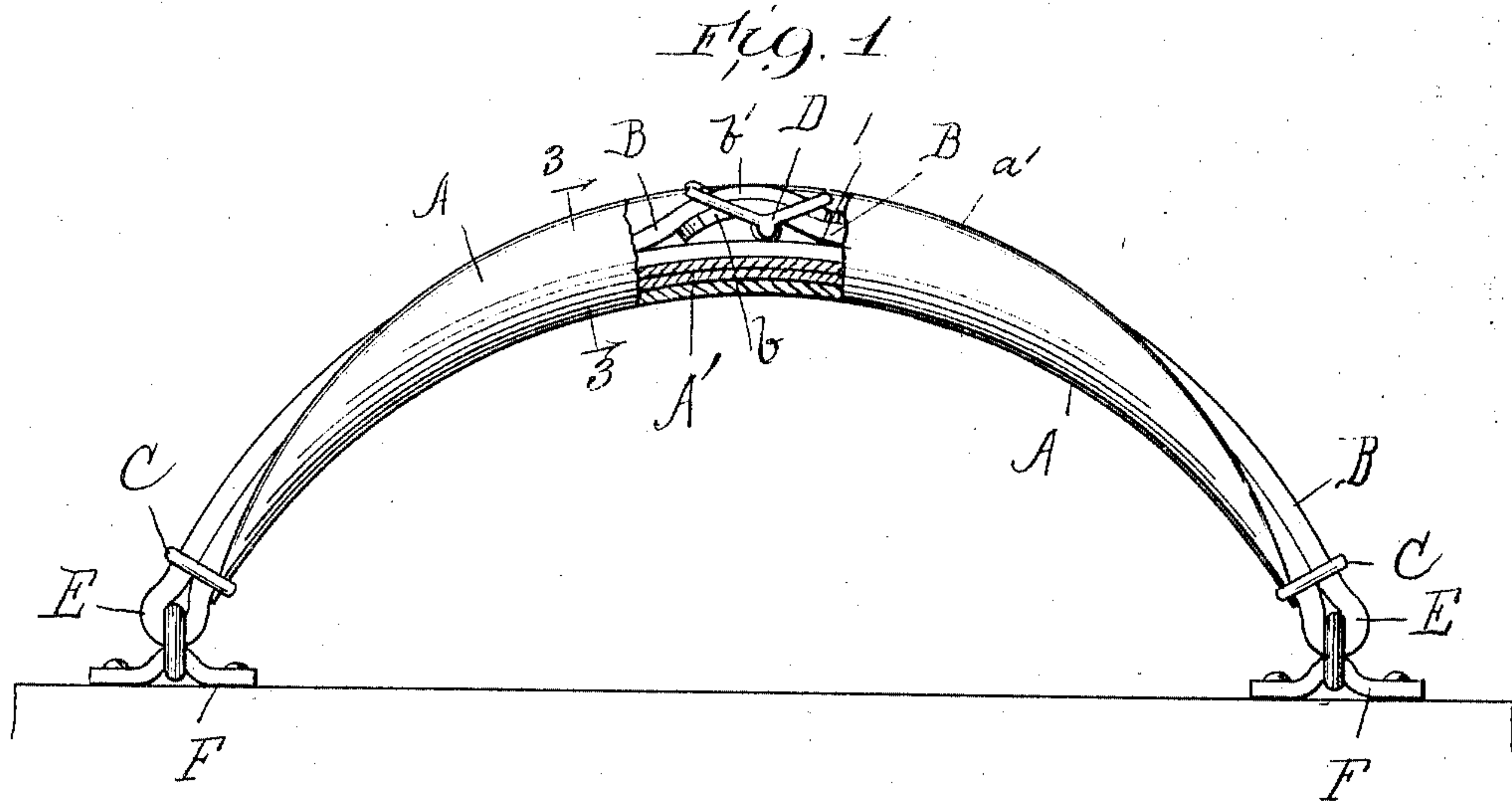
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KARL SALZBERG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Galesburg, in the county of Knox and State of Illinois, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Detachable Handles for Valises, &c., of which the following is a specification.

It is a well-known fact that the handles of valises, bags, and like articles from long and
10 continued use or from rough treatment become worn out or broken, requiring in time the replacement thereof by a substitute therefor, and it is especially desirable that the substitute be such that it may be readily and
15 quickly attached to the valise by an unskilled person and that no tools be required to attach it.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a device of the kind which is cheap of
20 construction, economic of manufacture, durable, and which may without loss of time and without any tool whatever be secured to the D or ring, which is itself loosely attached to the frame of the valise or other luggage-
25 carrier.

A further object is to provide a handle which, while being very strong and adapted to carry heavy packages, will be so constructed that the weight thereof will not cut, bruise, or cause
30 pain or injury to the hand of the user.

The invention consists in the features of novelty herein shown, described, and claimed.

In order that the invention may be fully understood, I will describe it with reference
35 to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of my invention in its most approved form and a valise-frame, both partly broken away. Fig. 2 is a top
40 plan showing the ends of the billet disengaged. Fig. 3 is a section in the line 3 3 in Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings by letters, the same letter indicating the same part in the
45 different figures thereof, A represents the hand part or piece, which is preferably made from a shaped piece of soft pliant leather. Another piece or filling of leather, A', of a similar shape, but of much smaller dimensions,
50 is laid on the unfinished side of the handpiece

and afterward treated as will be hereinafter described. B is a billet of strong leather narrowed and thinned at its ends and mid-length and enlarged and thickened intermediate said portions.

CC are tuck-loops, substantially rectangular in form, and D is a buckle or other fastening device secured in the usual manner to one end, b, of the billet B. In the drawings I have shown a buckle of the most common form; but I desire it understood that any preferred form thereof may be used with equal efficiency.

I may here state that I do not confine myself to any particular form or mode of fastening the ends of the billet together. An intermediate strap may be also used, if preferred.

The handpiece A and filler being cut into the desired shape, the edges thereof are turned upward, over, and downward to a common meeting-point, forming a groove or recess a longitudinally thereof and upwardly-projecting sides or protecting parts a', forming what is known to the trade as a "fold." The mid-length portion of the billet is laid in the groove a. A channel (not shown) is preferably cut in the lower part of the handpiece for each row of stitches and the billet then stitched to and through the handpiece and filler, as shown at x at Fig. 3. The free ends b b' of the billet are loosely run through the tuck-loops C C, doubled back upon themselves to form ring-loops E, and the end b' is engaged with the buckle, which has already been secured to the end b. Thus assembled and constructed the enlarged thickened parts of the billet, or, in other words, the ring-loop, together with the handpiece, (by reason of the tuck-loop resting on the narrowest parts thereof,) will prevent the tuck-loop from slipping therefrom. The billet being stitched tightly and neatly to the hand part or piece will lie snugly within the groove a, and the stitches lying within the channels aforesaid will permit only the soft folded portions of the handle to come in contact with the hand of the user.

To attach the device to a valise or like article, it is only necessary to loosen the end b' of the billet from the buckle, then remove the buckle, then draw the ends of the billet out

through the tuck-loops, insert them through the rings or **D**'s on valise-frame **F**, pass them back through the tuck-loop, and buckle them together. It will be observed that my device is equally useful and applicable to new valises. It will be observed also that no sewing or riveting becomes necessary in applying my device to either new or old valises and that both time and expense are saved thereby.

Should the ring or **D** on the valise-frame **F** be affixed thereto longitudinally thereof by simply interposing another ring, the parts will come into proper alinement.

I desire it understood that I do not limit my claims to the precise and exact construction which I have herein shown and described, as various changes may be made in the details thereof without departing materially from the general idea of the invention. For instance, the leather filler may, if preferred, be dispensed with, and one of hair, cotton, wool, sand, or any other suitable material be substituted therefor, and other methods of securing the billet to the handpiece may be used; but

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

1. In a detachable handle for valises and the like, a handpiece formed with a groove in its upper surface and upwardly and outwardly extending members at the sides thereof, a billet secured to the handpiece within said groove and its ends extended outwardly longitudinally thereof, tuck-loops, and means for securing the ends of the billet together, substantially as described.

2. In a device of the character described, and in combination, a folded handpiece having a longitudinal groove extending throughout its length, tuck-loops about the ends thereof, a billet lying within said groove and secured to the handpiece at the lower part or bottom of the groove, the billet having extended ends adapted to be passed outwardly and thence backwardly through the tuck-loop to form an

attaching-loop, and means for securing them together, substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. A device of the character described, comprising in its construction, a handpiece having a filler and formed with a longitudinal groove in its upper surface and having upwardly-projecting sides or hand-protectors, tuck-loops, a billet within said grooves suitably secured to the handpiece, its ends passed outwardly, thence backwardly upon themselves through the tuck-loops to form an attaching-loop, and means for adjustably securing the ends of the billet together, substantially as shown and for the purpose specified.

4. In a device of the character described, a handpiece formed with a longitudinal groove in its upper surface and having upwardly-extending folded members at the sides thereof, a billet suitably secured to the handpiece within said groove and its ends extended outwardly, longitudinally thereof, said billet lying in a horizontal plane below that of the upper parts of the folded members, tuck-loops on said billet through which the ends of the billet are adapted to pass outwardly, thence backwardly, and means for securing the ends of the billet together, substantially as described and for the purpose specified.

5. In a detachable handle for valises and the like, a handpiece formed with a longitudinal groove in its upper surface and upwardly-extending folded members or hand-protectors at the sides thereof, a billet secured to the handpiece within said groove and its ends extended longitudinally thereof, a filler within said handpiece and secured to the said groove and said handpiece in any suitable manner, and means for securing the ends of the billet together, substantially as described.

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