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Fig. 1.

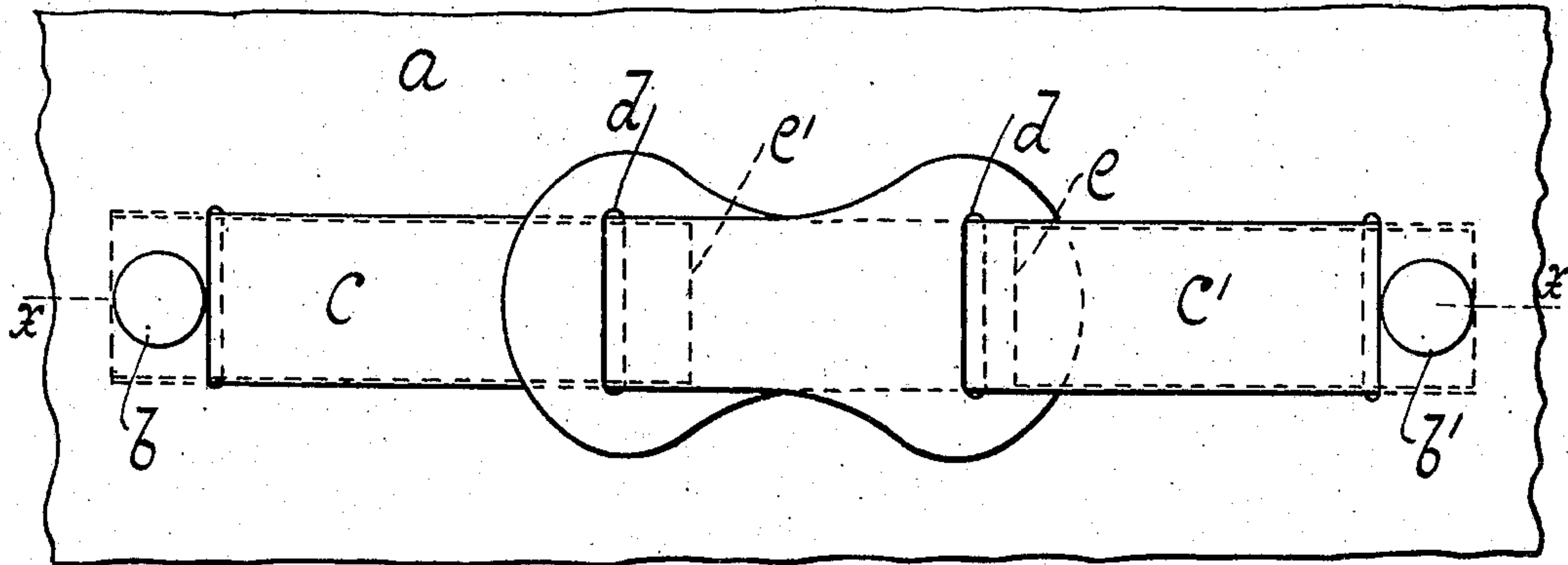


Fig. 2.

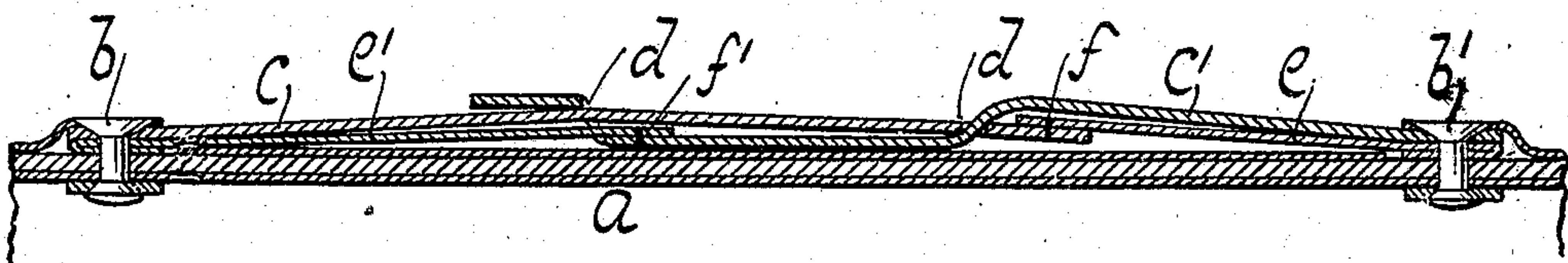
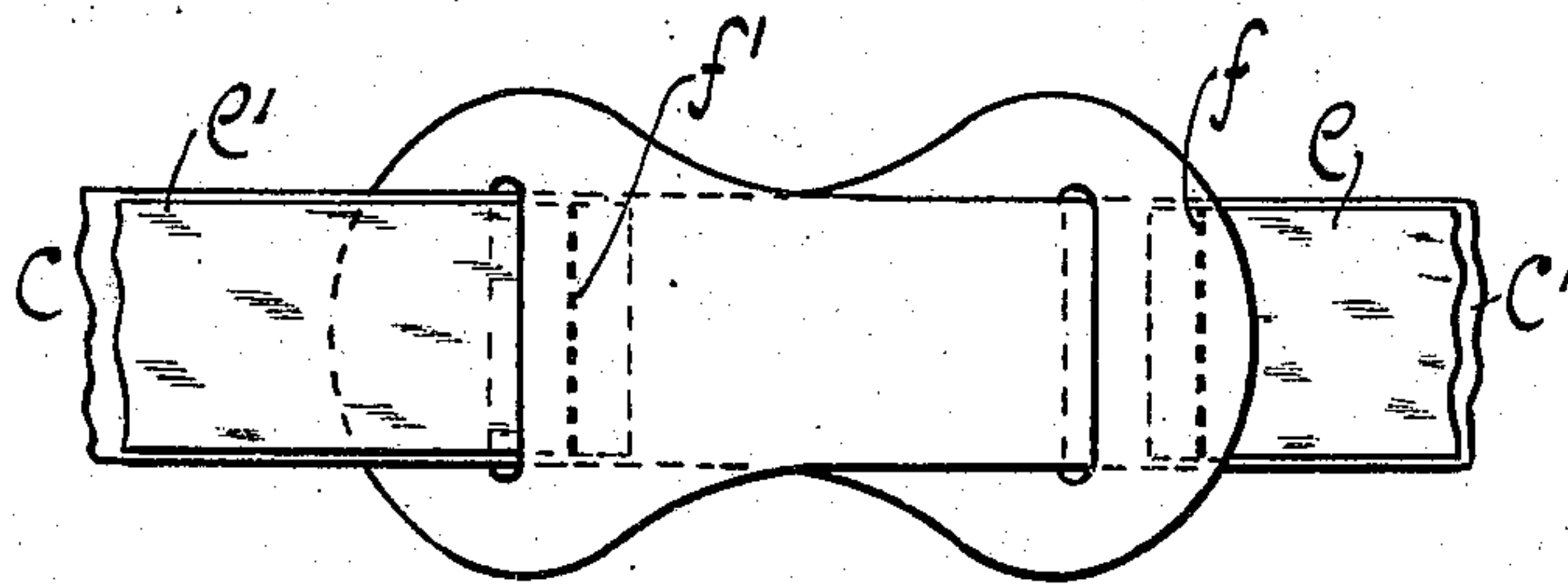


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT RAFALSKY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Stapleton, Staten Island, in the county of Richmond and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Suit-Case Handles, of which the following is a specification.

Such articles as dress-suit cases when taken into railroad-cars or confined spaces cause more or less annoyance if carried lengthwise, and to enable said article to be carried in an upright position or with the longest dimension held vertically a handle is applied to a shorter side of the article.

The object of this invention is to provide such a handle of such construction that it will lie flat to the body of the suit case or bag and which can at the same time be made to serve as an efficient handle.

This invention is set forth in the following specification and claims and illustrated in the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan or top view of the case. Fig. 2 is a vertical section along line *x x* of the same. Fig. 3 is an inverted plan view of the handle.

This handle comprises two members which are slidably connected together, each member having an elastic strap connected to one end of a member and fastened to an opposite bolt or fastening.

By means of the elastic straps the handle members normally assume a flat position; but when the handle is grasped the members slide to extend the handle and stretch the straps.

In the drawing the letter *a* designates a case to which is fastened, by means of bolts *b* and *b'*, the ends of the handle members *c* and *c'*. These handle members have slots or eyes *d d* to slidably engage each member. Each bolt has fastened to it an elastic strap *e* and *e'*, respectively. The strap *e*, as stated, is fastened at one end to the bolt *b'*, while its other end is fastened at *f* to the handle member *c*. The other strap *e'* is fastened at one end to the bolt *b*, while its other end is fastened at *f'* to the handle member *c'*. These elastics *e e'* cause the handle or sections *c c'* to normally assume a flat or contracted position. The tendency of the elastics is to normally hold or move the handle sections or

members to alinement, so that the handle lies flat or is contracted close to the body of the article.

The members and the elastics being preferably in the form of flat straps and not more than two thicknesses being superposed a snug construction is obtained. The eye or loop part *d* of each member slidably engaging or telescoping along the other member can be made of any suitable contour or design.

The ordinary handle on dress-suit cases can be retained, and the handle of this invention when added to the suit-case will not prevent such suit-case from standing upright on the face to which the handle of this invention is applied.

What I claim is—

1. A handle of the class described comprising sections slidably engaging one another and elastics for moving the handle-sections to flat or contracted position.

2. A handle comprising sections made to engage one another, each section having one end secured or fixed and its other end connected to an elastic.

3. A handle comprising a section and elastic both secured to a fixed point, another section and elastic secured to another fixed point, the free ends of the sections slidably engaged to one another, and the free end of each elastic connected to the oppositely-lying section.

4. A handle comprising sections each section having an attaching-point and an eye, elastics respectively secured at the attaching-point of each section and each elastic connected to the oppositely or non-adjacent section, said sections passed through the eye of each opposite section.

5. A handle comprising two flat extensibly-engaged members or sections, and two flat elastics engaging the members respectively so as to normally hold the handle to flat or alined position.

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

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