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Fig 1

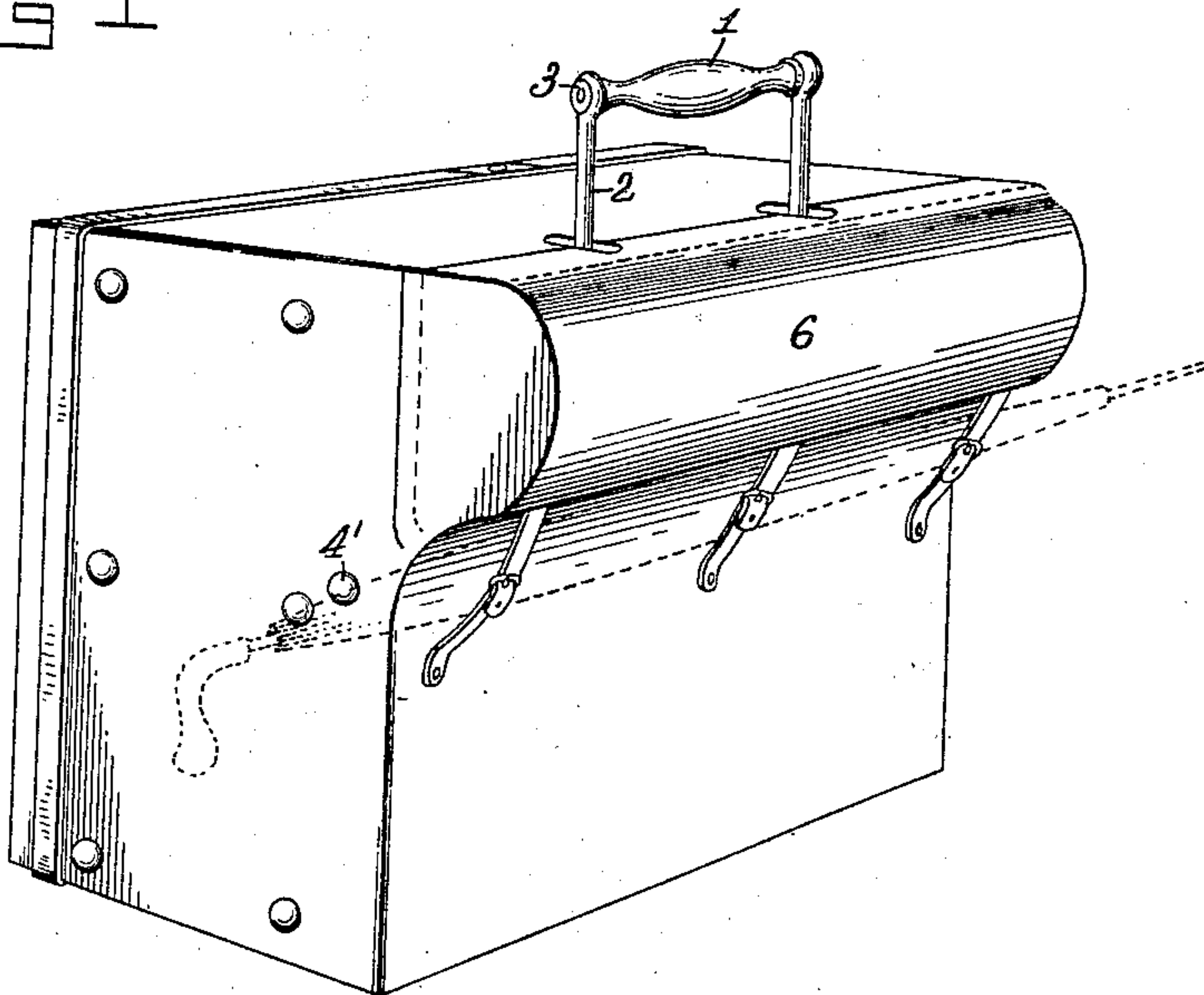
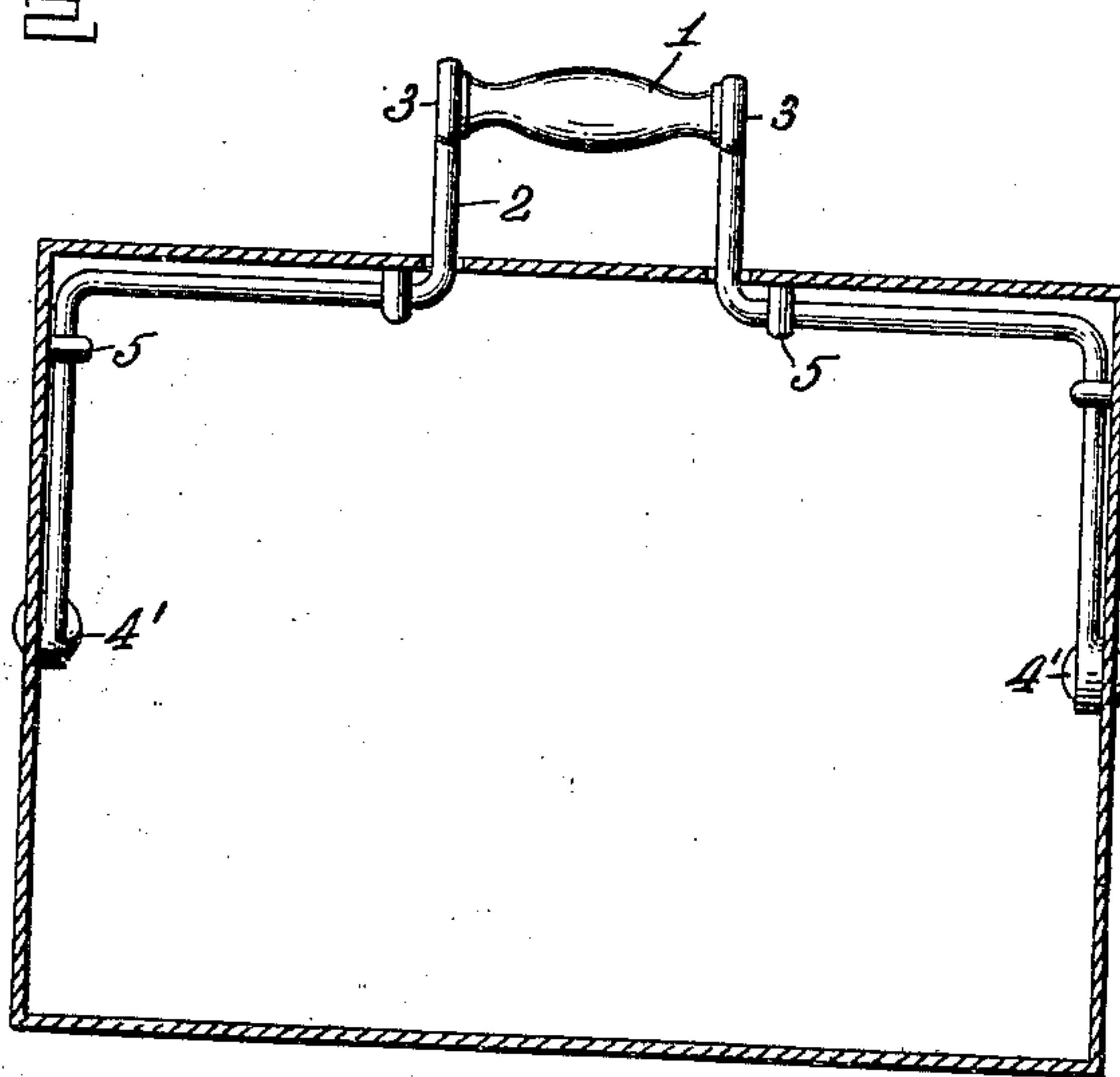


Fig 2



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT PONICKAU, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Traveling-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved traveling bag, in which the handle is so constructed that the bag can be carried with great facility without interfering with the legs of the person carrying it, as the center of gravity of the bag is nearer to the body, thus assuring a steadier support and giving greater ease in carrying the same. The present invention is an improvement over Letters Patent Number 504,850 granted to me the 12th day of September 1893.

In the drawing Figure 1, is a perspective view of a bag or suitcase showing the handle attached, Fig. 2 is a sectional view.

In carrying out my invention I do not limit the use of the same to traveling bags as it may be used with great advantage upon carpenters' tool boxes or in fact upon any box, bag or suit case.

The present invention consists not only in placing the handle of the bag off center in order that the same can be carried closer to the body so that the interference of the bag with the leg, which forms an annoying feature of the bags now in use is dispensed with, but it consists also in attaching the handle to the bag in such a manner as to permit of a slight side-wise movement of said handle.

The handle is secured to the bag in the following manner; the handle proper, 1, is secured at either end to the ends of the rods 2, at the points 3, said rods 2, extend downward from the point 3, to the box or bag, and are then bent at right angles and allowed to extend to the end of said box where they are again bent and their ends pivotally secured to the sides of said box at the points 4, 4, thus allowing the handle to swing. To limit the movement allowed said rods they are passed through the loops 5, which are secured to the box.

The ends of the rods being pivoted at a point near the edge of the box the same result is accomplished as in my former patent above mentioned.

In Fig. 1, of the drawing the addition 6, to the case or bag proper will be noticed. Various articles may be packed in the enlargement and the weight of said articles will serve to distribute the entire weight of said bag. Straps to hold an umbrella or cane are placed under the said enlargement.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the device showing the manner of attaching the handle supports within the bag. This is accomplished by forming slots in the top of the bag to allow the handle to swing and passing the rods 2, through said slots and pivoting the ends of the same at the point 4'. In carrying out this form of my invention the loops which limit the swing of the handle are secured inside of the bag surrounding the rods.

Not only are all of the advantages of my former patent incorporated in this present invention but it will be seen from the foregoing description that the structure described will accomplish better results in a more convenient manner. The fact that the handle is not rigidly secured to the bag will take a great amount of strain off the arm of the carrier and as the brace arms "D" shown in my former patent are not necessary the device will have a much neater appearance.

It will be noticed that the free ends of the rods 2, form loops through which are inserted the ends of the cross bail or handle 1.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. In a traveling bag, rods passing through elongated slots formed in the top of said bag at points near one edge thereof, the ends of said rods being pivoted to both ends of the said bag at points near one of its edges, elongated loops formed upon the inside of the bag and surrounding the said rods to limit their pivot motion, a cross bail connected to each of said rods, an enlargement formed upon the same side of the bag as the handle,



said enlargement being adapted to keep the lower edge of the bag in proper alinement when the same is being carried.

2. In a traveling bag, rods passing through  
5 elongated slots formed in the top of said bag at points near one edge thereof, the ends of said rods being pivoted to both ends of the said bag at points near one of its edges, elongated loops formed upon the inside of the  
10 bag and surrounding the said rods to limit

their pivot motion, and a cross bail connected to each of said rods by which the said bag may be carried.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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