

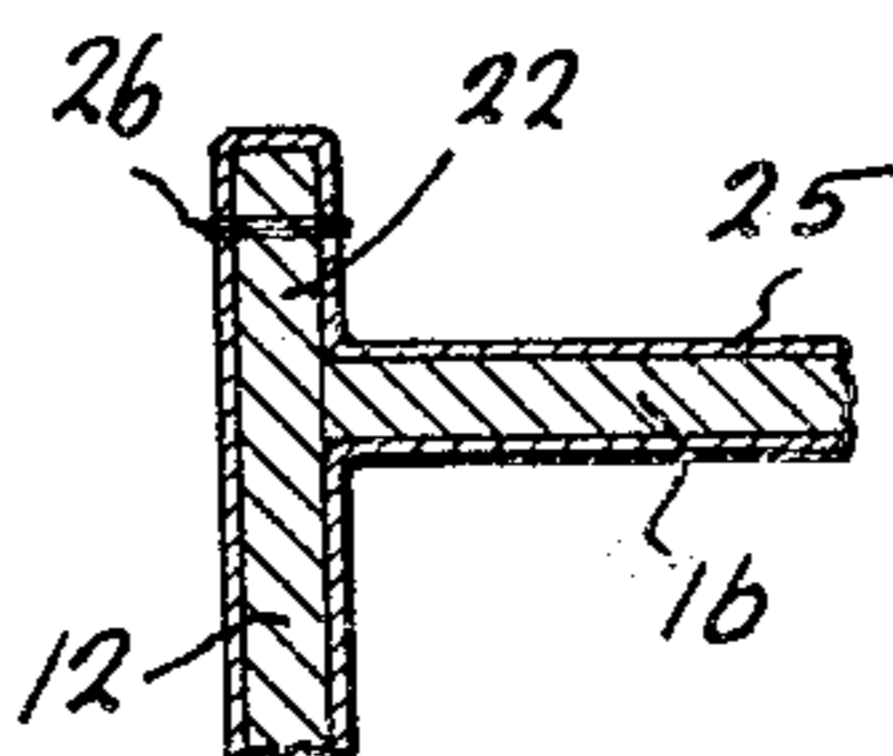
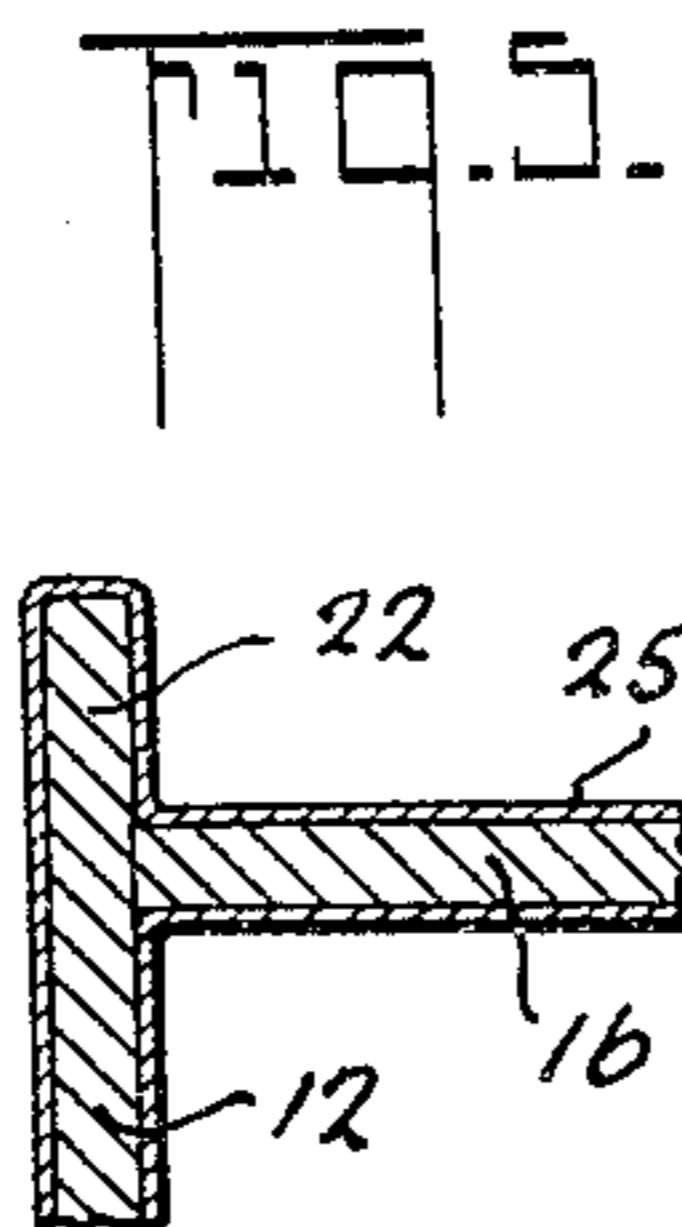
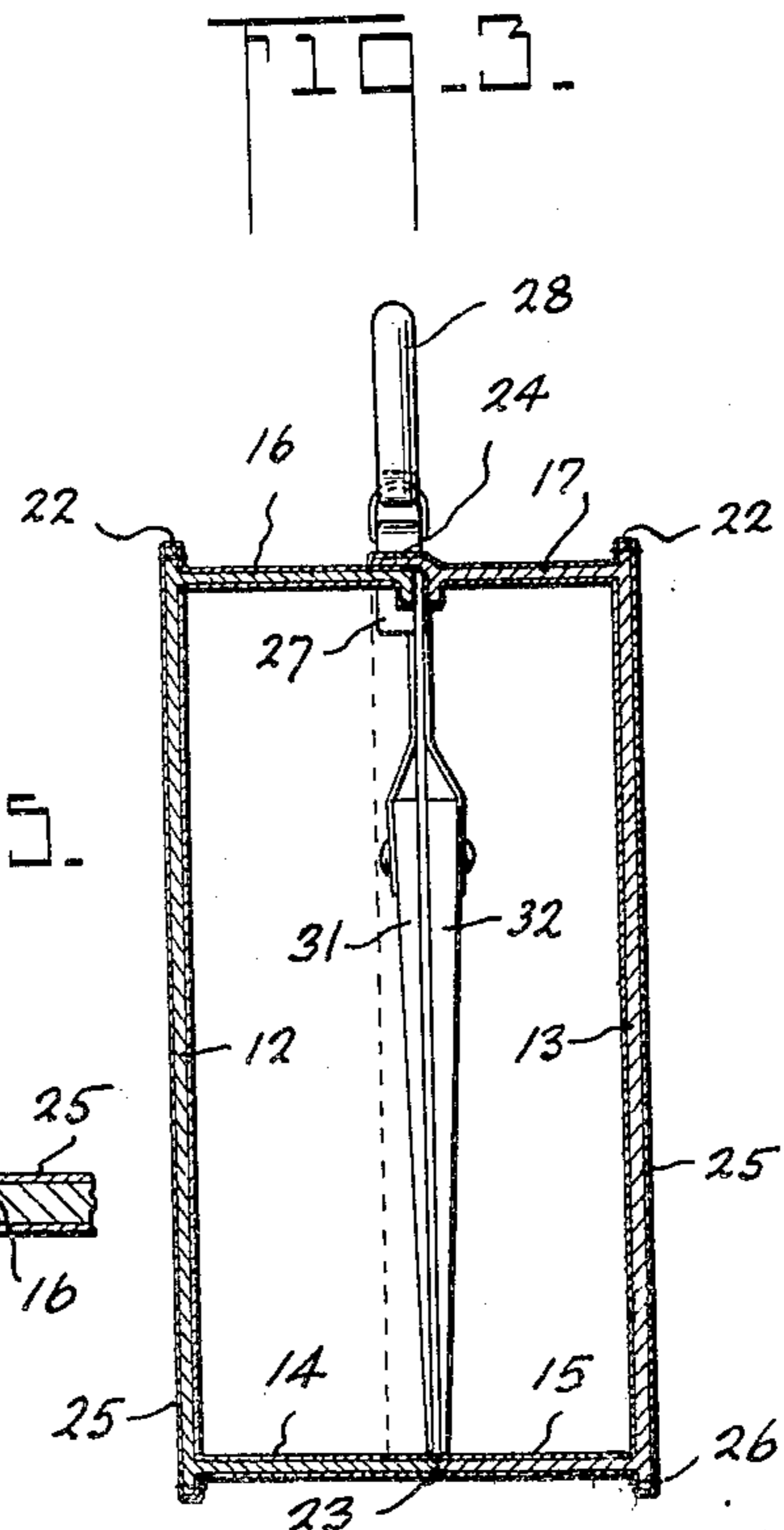
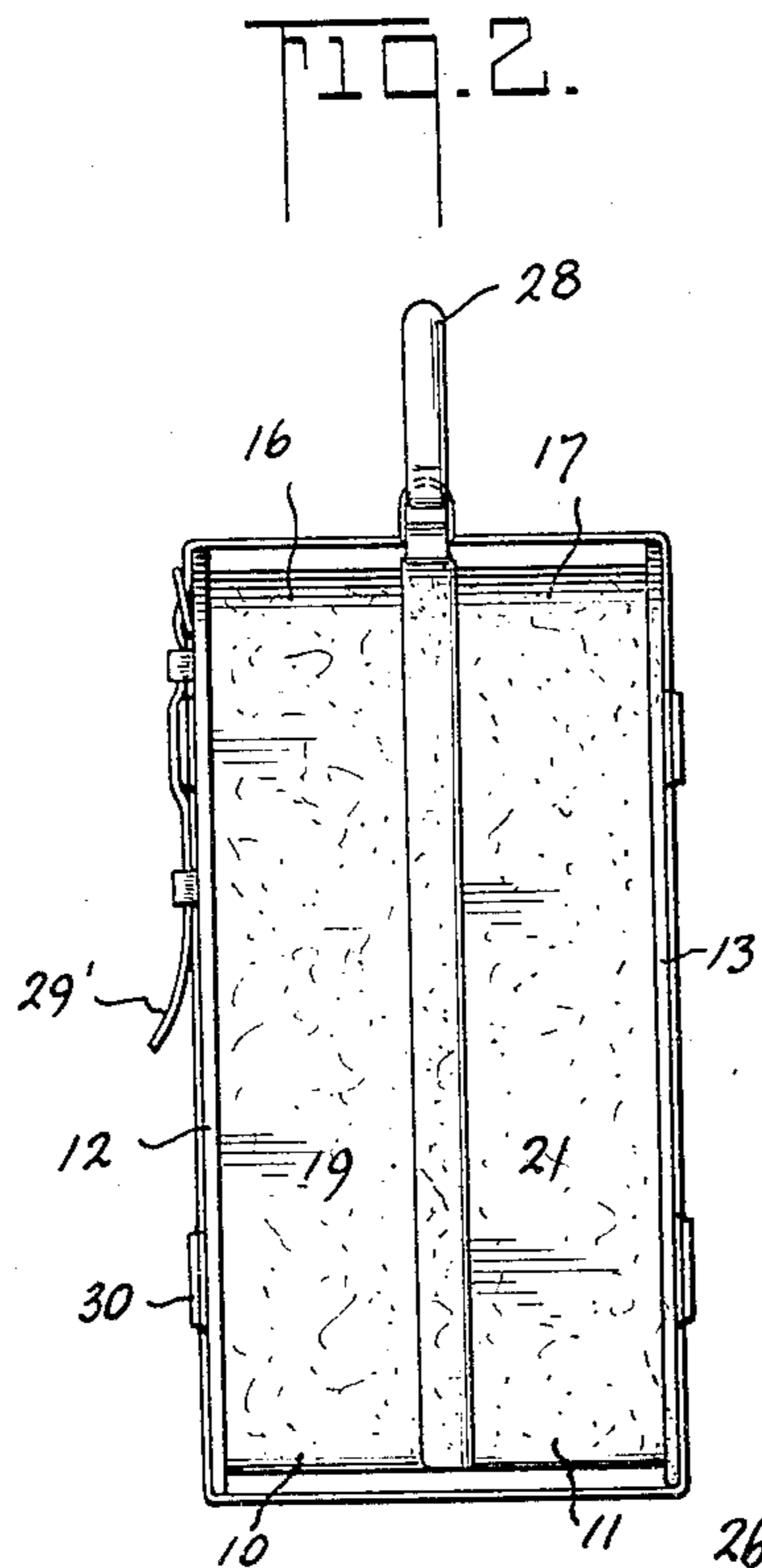
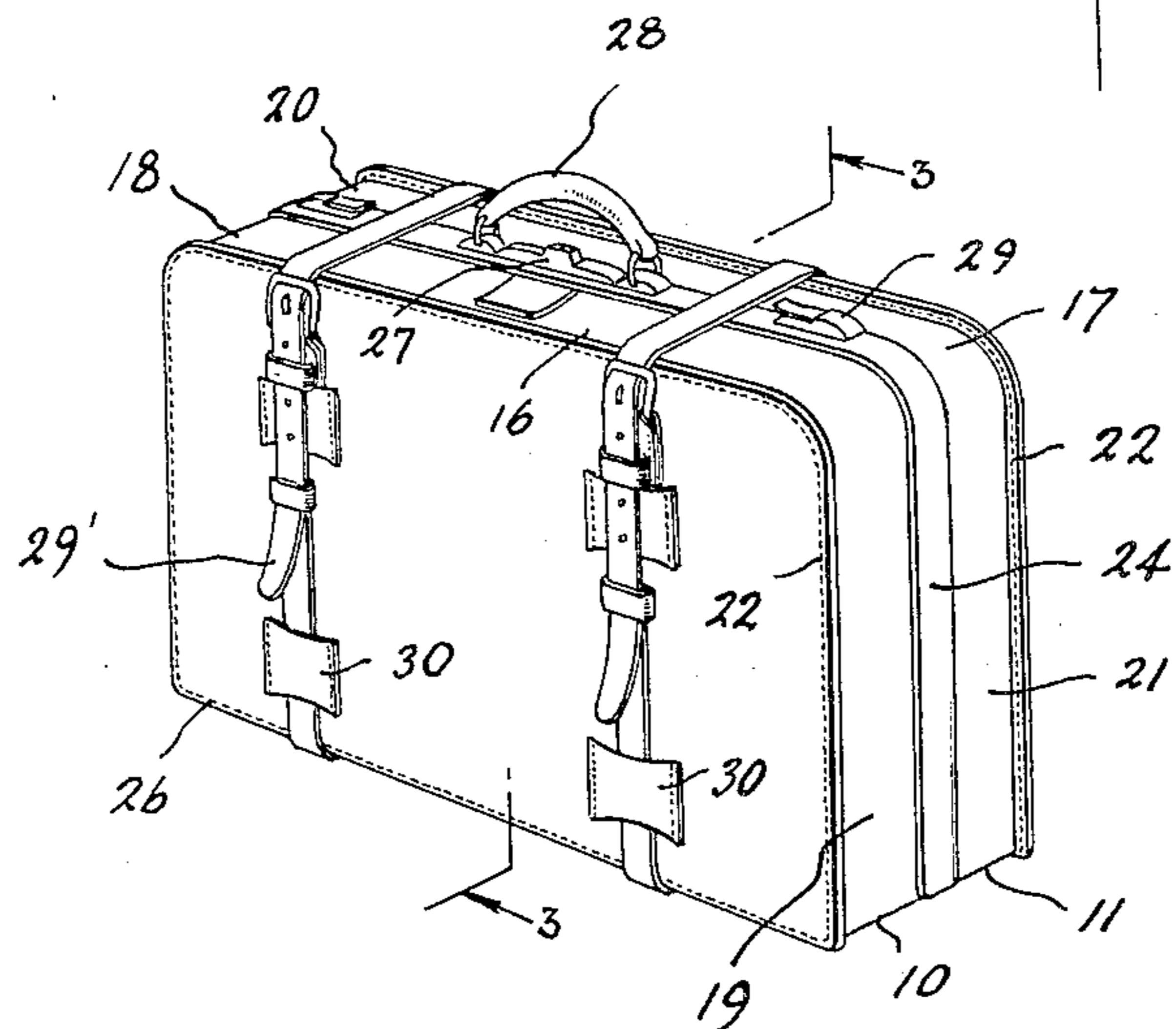
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This invention relates to luggage, and more particularly to an article of luggage of the type known as a Gladstone bag, which has no steel frame and is seamless.

5 Gladstone bags have long been recognized as a desirable article of luggage. However, as heretofore constructed, such bags have been relatively expensive to manufacture. Also, as heretofore made, such bags have cer-
10 tain limitations, particularly as to size, due to the heavy weight of the iron U-frames employed therein, so that in bags of this type constructed in large sizes, the bag itself is frequently of greater weight than the con-
15 tents, thus making it extremely cumbersome to carry.

The primary object of the present inven-
20 tion is to provide a Gladstone bag without metal frames so that the entire bag will be light in weight, and yet sufficiently strong and durable.

Another object of the invention is to con-
25 struct a Gladstone bag the hinged halves of which may include a foundation formed of wood, ply wood, or the like, suitably covered with leather, imitation leather, or other material whereby the bag may be economically manufactured.

30 Still another object of the invention is to construct a Gladstone bag which will be seamless throughout, although artificial sewing may be applied to simulate the stitching in a conventional type of Gladstone bag.

35 Yet another object of the invention is to construct the bag so that the panels forming the sides of the bag will project slightly beyond the top and end portions of the bag frame, in simulation of the stitched panels of genuine or conventional types of Glad-
40 stone bags.

A still further object of the invention is to construct a Gladstone bag which may be con-
45 structed practically without limitation as to size and which will be light in weight, strong and durable, which will be possessed of great utility and which includes all the desirable qualities and features of Gladstone bags as heretofore made.

50 Other objects and advantages of the in-
vention will be hereinafter specifically point-

ed out or will become apparent as the speci-
fication proceeds.

With the above indicated objects in view, the invention resides in certain novel con-
55 structions and combinations and arrange-
ment of parts, clearly described in the fol-
lowing specification and fully illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which latter
60 show embodiments of the invention as at present preferred.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the present Gladstone bag;

Fig. 2 is an end view of the bag;

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view taken
65 substantially on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a slightly enlarged detail view
70 illustrating the stitched panel construction at the sides of the bag frame; and

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 illus-
75 trating the seamless arrangement, without stitching.

The Gladstone bag in this instance in-
80 cludes a pair of side frame members 10 and 11 which include panel portions 12 and 13
85 respectively. Each side frame portion 10 and 11 has a bottom portion 14 and 15 re-
spectively and top portions 16 and 17 re-
80 spectively, these top portions 16 and 17 merg-
ing into opposite end portions 18, 19 and 20, 21 respectively, these portions 18, 19, 20, 21
extending downwardly and the ends thereof
being suitably secured to the bottom mem-
bers 14 and 15.

85 In this instance, the panel portions, bot-
tom portions and end portions are formed
of relatively thin but strong ply wood, suit-
ably secured together at the meeting por-
90 tions, though wood, fibre-board or other com-
position may be employed. Also, if desired,
each half 10 and 11 of the bag, including
the panel portion, bottom portion and top
and end portions may be formed as a one-
95 piece foundation structure. The panel por-
tions 12 and 13 preferably extend slightly
beyond the top and end portions as indi-
cated at 22. The halves 10 and 11 of the
bag foundation or frame are suitably hinged
together as indicated at 23. As seen in Fig. 100

- 3, one of the top portions as for instance the top portion 17 with its end portions 20 and 21 are formed with an end portion 24 which extends slightly above the plane of the portions 17, 20 and 21 so as to overlap the end of the opposite top portion 16 and end portions 18 and 19 respectively, thus simulating the U-shaped frame portions of a Gladstone bag having metal U-frames.
- 10 The outer sides of the panel portions 12 and 13, bottom portions 14 and 15, top portions 16 and 17, including the portion 24, and end portions 18, 19, 20 and 21, are preferably covered with leather, imitation leather, paper, or any other suitable material, as indicated at 25. This material 25 joins the halves 10 and 11 and acts as a hinge 23.
- 15 The Gladstone bag constructed as described closely simulates a genuine or conventional type of Gladstone bag, and can be manufactured at much lower cost than other types of Gladstone bags. The distinctive feature of Gladstone bags, viz., the stitching around the panel portions, is in this instance represented by the up-raised and covered panel portions 22. If desired, suitable false stitching 26 may be applied along these extension portions 22 in further simulation of the stitched panels or sides of former types of Gladstone bags, such false stitching being sewed directly into the wood or other material.
- 20 The bag may be equipped with the customary lock 27, handle 28 and clasps 29, these being in this instance secured to the up-raised top portion 24 after the same has been covered by the material 25. Suitable straps 29' may also be applied in substantially the conventional way, the strap loops 30 being stitched directly into the wood or other foundation of the panel portions. Suitable inner covers 31 and 32 for the halves 10 and 11 of the bag may be provided, these covers being secured to the inner meeting portions of the tops 16, 17 and bottom portions 14, 15 in any conventional or desirable way.
- 25 The hereinabove described construction admits of considerable modification without departing from the invention; therefore, it is the wish not to be limited to the precise arrangements shown and described, which are as aforesaid, by way of illustration merely. In other words, the scope of protection contemplated is to be taken solely from the appended claims, interpreted as broadly as is consistent with the prior art.
- 30 What is claimed is:
1. A luggage container comprising a top, a bottom, ends and sides, the sides extending beyond the top, the bottom and the ends.
 2. A luggage container comprising a top, a bottom, ends and sides, the sides extending beyond the top, the bottom and the ends and a seamless covering for said container
- on the outer surfaces of the top, the bottom, the ends and the sides thereof.
- In testimony whereof I hereby affix my signature.
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