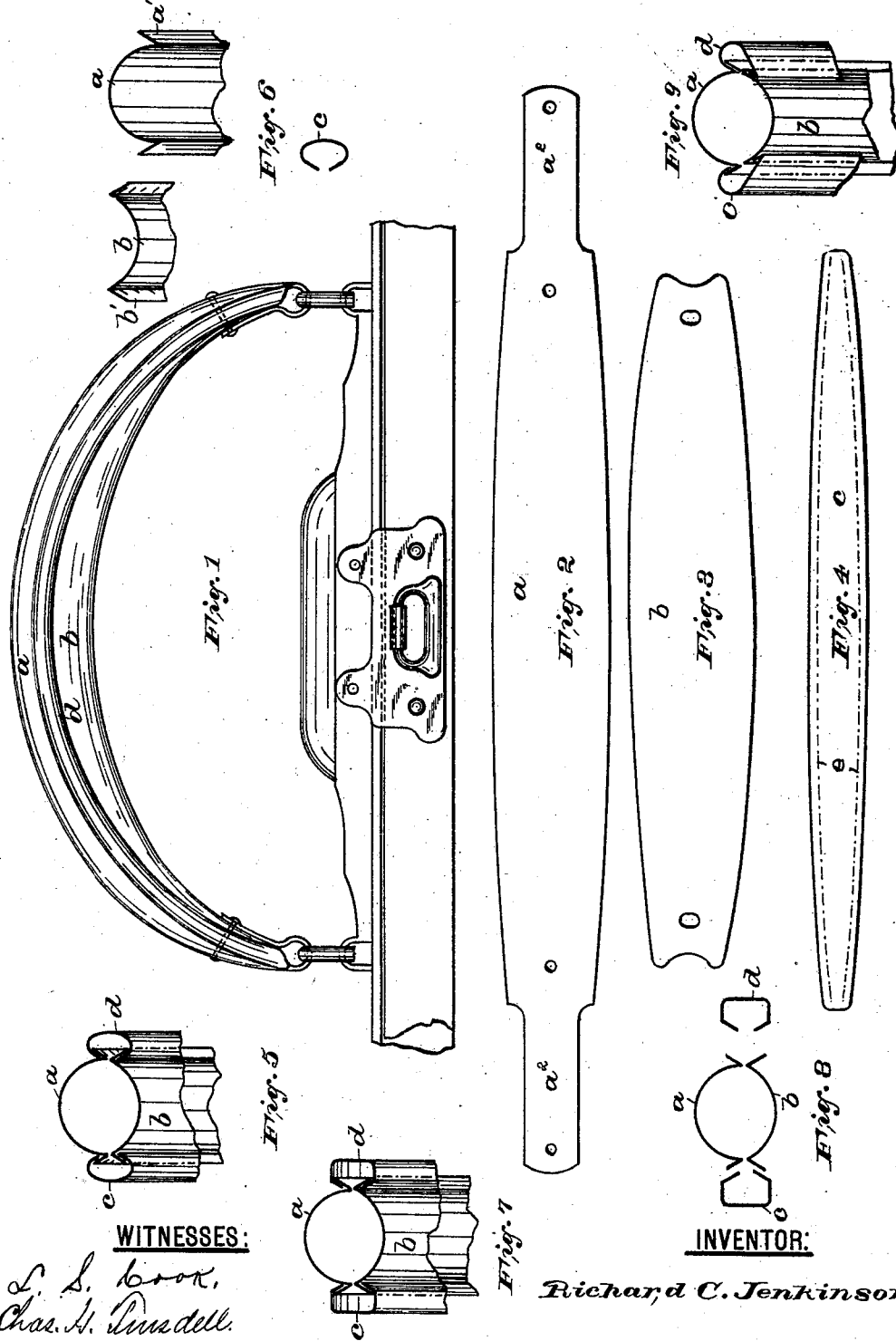


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SHEET METAL BAG HANDLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD C. JENKINSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sheet-Metal Bag-Handles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The purpose of this invention is to provide a sheet-metal bag-handle which, because of its peculiar construction, can be made to resemble more nearly certain forms of leather handles now on the market, and which also can be made more economically, inasmuch as metallic scraps can be used in the manufacture of the same.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each of the views, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a portion of a bag-frame to which is attached my improved handle. Figs. 2, 3, and 4 represent blanks from which the handle shown in Fig. 1 is struck up. Fig. 5 is a section taken transversely and centrally through the handle shown in Fig. 1, and Fig. 6 is a view indicating the separated portions of the handle shown in said last-named figure. Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 5, showing a slightly-modified form of handle. Fig. 8 is a view of the separated parts of the handle shown in Fig. 7, and Fig. 9 is a view of still another form of handle.

The handle shown in said figures consists of four (4) portions—the upper and lower portions, *a* and *b*, which form the main body of the handle, and the side portions, *c* *d*, by which said portions *a* and *b* are held together, and which form a projecting bead extending the entire length and on opposite sides of the handle. The said side portions, *c* and *d*, may be struck up in various shapes, according to the style of leather handle which it is desired to imitate in the sheet metal. In Fig. 5 the said side portions are oval or rounded in section. In Fig. 7 the said portions are angular in section, while in Fig. 9 the said portions are somewhat pear or wedge shaped.

In making the handle thus described the blanks or the portions *a* and *b* are struck up in a curved outline to represent the rounded upper and lower sides of the handle, and the opposite edges, *a'* and *b'*, of said blanks are bent or turned upward, so as to form a groove, into which the edges of the bead-like portions project, as indicated in Fig. 5. The bead-like portions *c* and *d* are struck up into the various forms shown in section in the drawings, and the edges thereof are bent together, so as to project into the grooves formed in the body portions *a* and *b* of the handle, thereby locking the parts firmly together. When thus constructed and finished, the handle presents outwardly the appearance similar to the ordinary leather handle, having longitudinal depressions similar to those formed by the stitching in the leather handle.

The construction shown in Fig. 7 represents a handle which is now in extensive use, in which the beading is angular in section. This form of handle is advantageous, inasmuch as it permits of the formation in the blank of stitches *e*, as indicated in Fig. 4, which, when bent so as to form the bead, as indicated in Figs. 7 and 8, is to all outward appearance identical with a handle similar to this form, but made of leather.

The handle shown in Fig. 9 is so formed as to have a continuously-curved under side, which renders the same comfortable for the hand. The handle as thus constructed may be attached to the bag-frame by loops formed integrally with the body portions *a* and *b*, as shown in Fig. 1; or handle-caps may be used, or any other suitable construction for this purpose.

I am aware of patent numbered 208,793 to R. W. Chapman, and hereby disclaim anything herein anticipated by said patent.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A sheet-metal bag-handle composed of four pieces—viz., the body portions *a* *b* and bead portions *c* *d*, each of said portions *a* *b* *c* *d* consisting of separate metallic pieces, constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In a sheet-metal bag-handle, the combination of the upper and lower body portions or sections, *a* *b*, the opposite edges of which are turned up, forming grooves longitudi-

nally therein, and the side portions or sections, *c d*, the edges of which are bent down into the grooves in the body portions, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

5 3. In a sheet-metal bag-handle, the combination of the upper and lower body portions or sections, *a b*, curved in cross-section, the opposite edges of which are turned up, forming grooves longitudinally therein, and the side
10 portions or sections, *c d*, angular in cross sec-

tion, the edges of which are bent down into the grooves in the body portions, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the invention set forth above I have hereunto set my hand this 15
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