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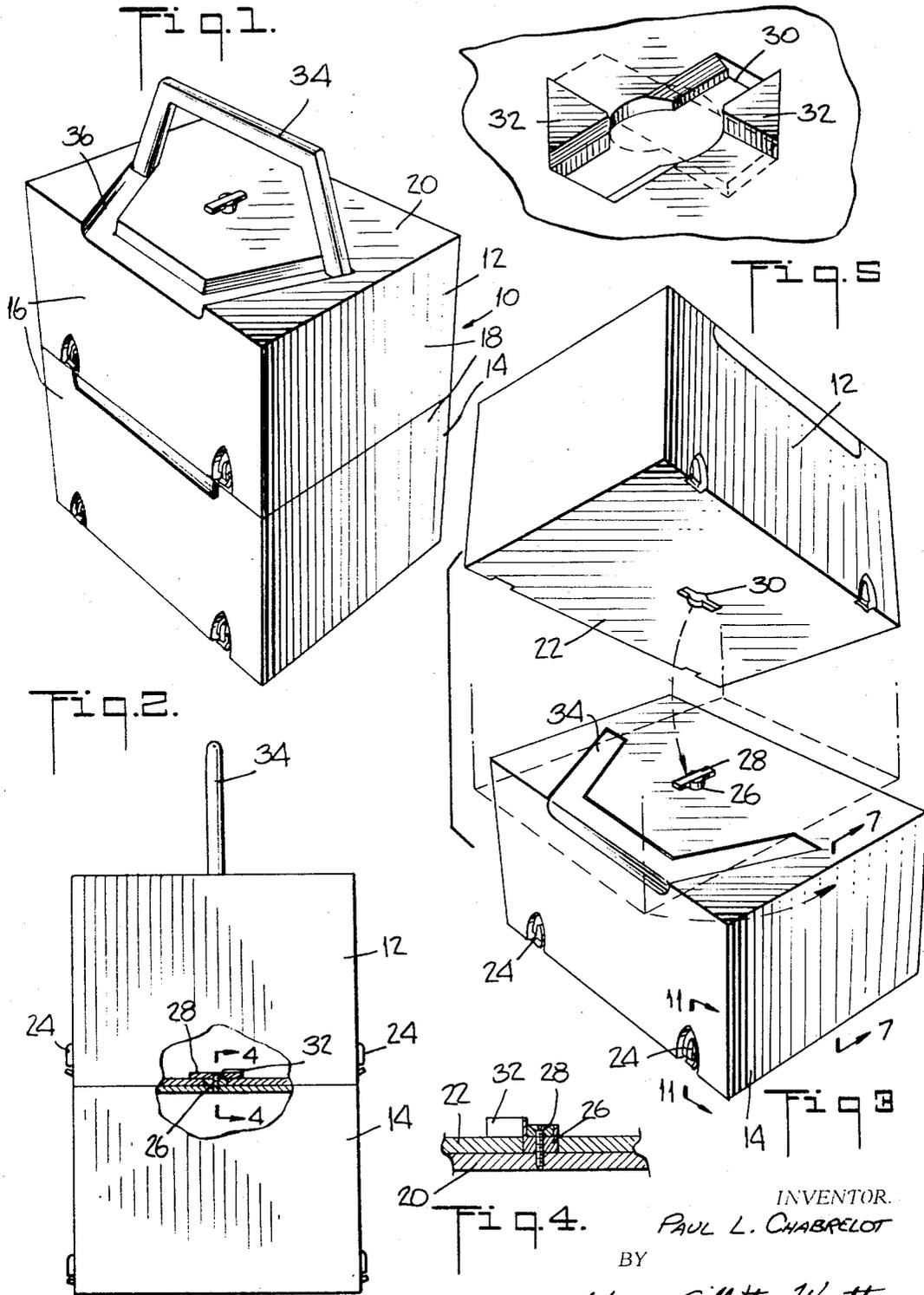
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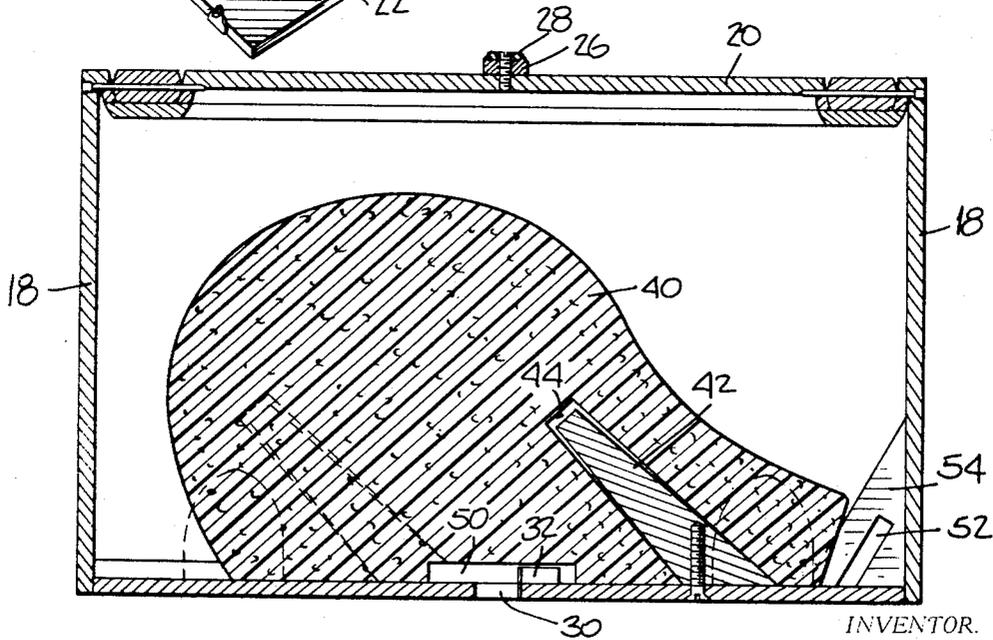
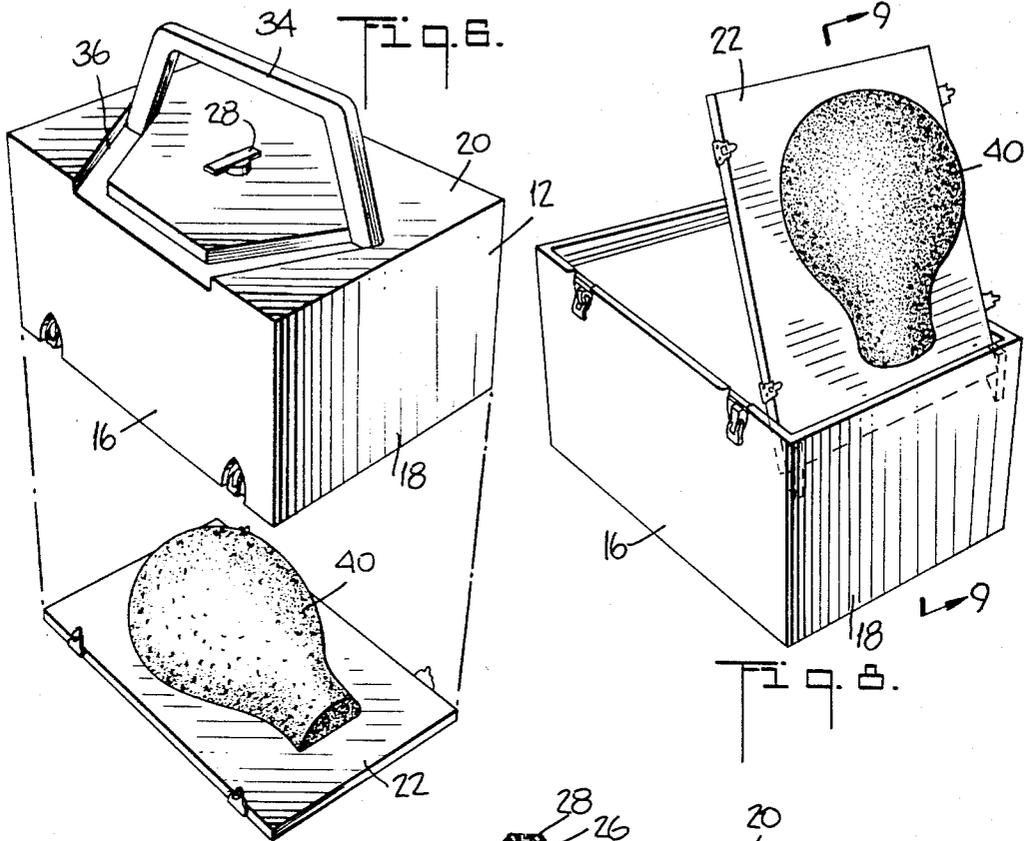


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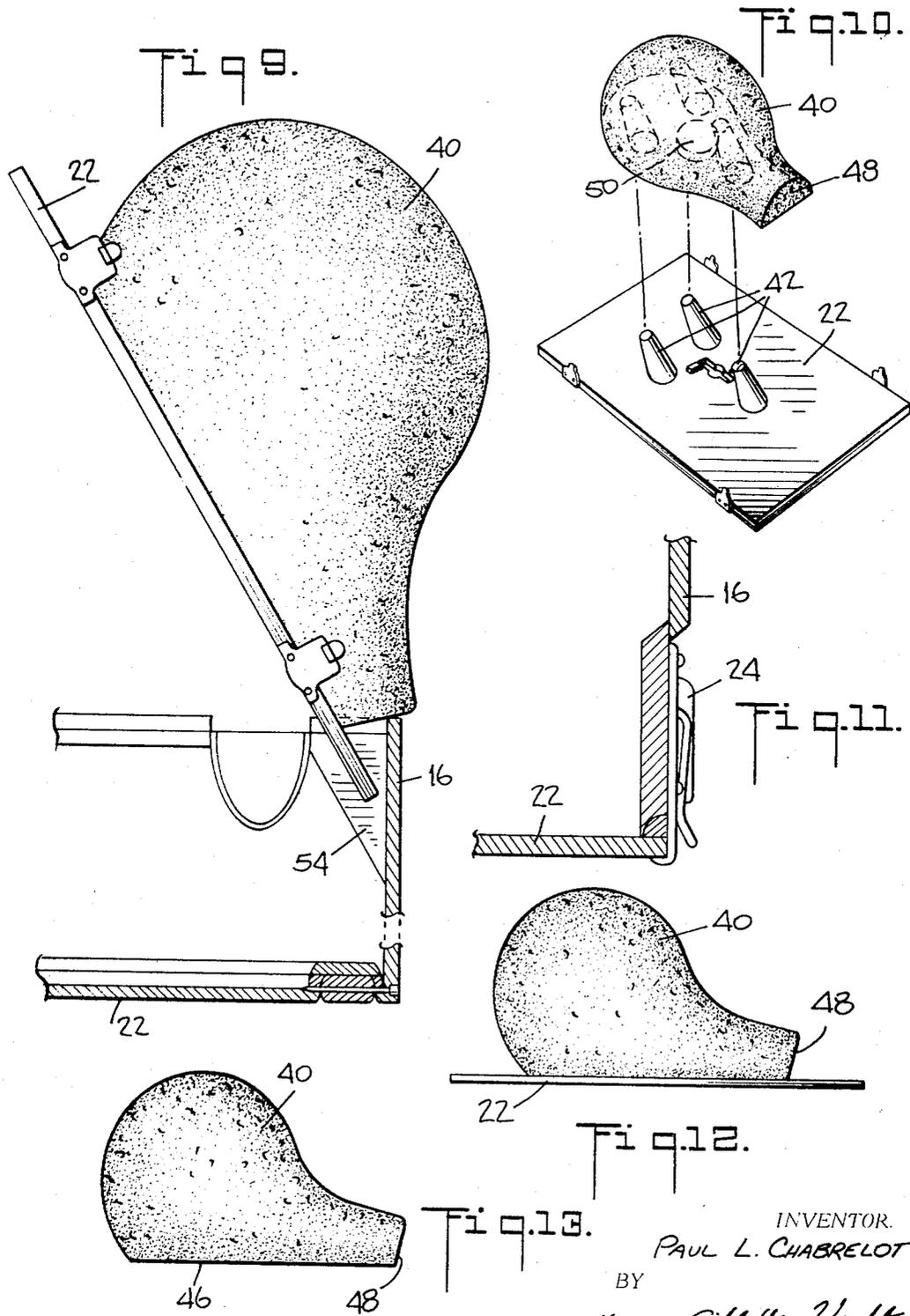
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A wig carrying case in the form of an open end container that has a top wall and side walls extending from the top wall. A detachable bottom wall is disposed on the container to close the open end thereof and fastening means are provided releasably attaching the bottom wall to the container. Advantageously a wing shaped attaching member is mounted on the top wall for engaging the wig carrying case with another case. A slot is provided in the bottom wall for receiving a wing shaped attaching member for engaging the wig carrying case with another case. A manikin head is mounted in the carrying case on the bottom wall and a pair of supporting members are mounted on the side walls of the carrying case. The supporting members have obliquely formed slots therein for receiving end portions of the bottom wall for mounting the bottom wall and the manikin head in a convenient position for dressing a wig.

The present invention relates to carrying cases and more particularly to a novel wig carrying case which is particularly adapted for carrying a wig under a passenger seat of commercial airplanes.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a novel wig carrying case which allows for convenient portage of a wig in a relatively small container without damaging or distorting the shape of the wig.

The other object of this invention is to provide such a wig case utilizing a portion of a manikin head to mount the wig within the case.

It is a further object of this invention to provide such a wig carrying case adapted to be connected to other similar wig carrying cases for portage of a number of wigs which may be readily stored under the passenger seat of a commercial airliner.

It is a further object of this invention to provide such a wig carrying case which acts as a stand for mounting the manikin head in a convenient position for dressing a wig thereon.

It is another object of this invention to provide such a wig carrying case that is relatively economical to manufacture and simple to use.

Other objects and advantages will be readily apparent from the following detailed specification, claims and the drawings appended hereto wherein:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of the wig carrying case of this invention illustrated attached to a second identical wig carrying case.

FIGURE 2 is an end view of the two wig carrying cases of FIGURE 1 with a portion broken away to illustrate the attaching means.

FIGURE 3 is a perspective view illustrating the method of attaching the two cases illustrated in FIGURE 1.

FIGURE 4 is a fragmentary cross sectional view of the attaching means of the carrying cases of FIGURE 2 taken on line 4-4 thereof.

FIGURE 5 is a fragmentary perspective view of the attaching means of FIGURE 4.

FIGURE 6 is a perspective view of the wig carrying case of this invention with the bottom wall and the manikin head detached from the case.

FIGURE 7 is a cross sectional view taken on line 7-7 of FIGURE 3 of the carrying case of this invention.

FIGURE 8 is a perspective view of the carrying case of this invention with the bottom wall and manikin head mounted on the case for the dressing of a wig by the user.

FIGURE 9 is a fragmentary cross sectional view taken on line 9-9 of FIGURE 8 illustrating the bottom wall and the manikin head mounted on the carrying case.

FIGURE 10 is a perspective view illustrating how the manikin head is detachable from the bottom wall.

FIGURE 11 is a fragmentary view of the fastening means for attaching the bottom wall to the carrying case.

FIGURE 12 is a side view of the bottom wall and the manikin head.

FIGURE 13 is a side view of the manikin head.

It has now been found that the foregoing and related objects can be readily attained in a wig carrying case comprising an open end container having a top wall and side walls extending from the top wall. A detachable bottom wall is disposed on the container to close the open end thereof and fastening means releasably attached the bottom wall to the container.

Advantageously a wing shaped attaching member is mounted on the top wall for engaging the wig carrying case with another case. A slot is provided in the bottom wall for receiving a wing shaped attaching member for engaging the wig carrying case with another case. Thus the wig carrying case of this invention may be readily attached to a plurality of other similarly constructed cases for facile portage of a plurality of wigs.

A manikin head is mounted in the carrying case on the bottom wall and advantageously the manikin head is a portion of a normal manikin head to conserve space in the case. This construction is provided by a manikin head that has a flat bottom portion abutting against the bottom wall of the carrying case and a flat end portion adjacent the neck section of the manikin head. By so constructing the manikin head a wig may be mounted thereon and placed within the wig carrying case without destroying or distorting the shape of the wig.

A pair of supporting members are mounted on the side walls of the supporting case and have obliquely formed slots therein for receiving end portions of the bottom wall thereby mounting the bottom wall and the manikin head in a convenient position for dressing a wig.

The top wall has a handle pivotally mounted thereon and has a groove to receive the handle when the handle is in the inoperative position so that another case may be attached to the wing shaped attaching member and fitted flush against the top wall whereby more than one case may be conveniently carried in compact containers.

Cylindrical apertures are provided in the manikin head adjacent the slot in the bottom wall to provide a space for a wing shape attaching member. In addition, stops are provided in the bottom wall adjacent the slot to limit the rotation of a wing shape attaching member to 90 degrees. Thus a second carrying case may be attached to a first wig carrying case by inserting the wing shaped attaching member on the top wall of one of the cases into a slot the bottom wall of another case and then rotating the top case 90 degrees so that both cases form a compact package that is convenient for portage and easy storage.

The manikin head has three obliquely extending cavities therein which are adapted to cooperate with 3 spikes obliquely mounted on the bottom wall and positioned to be snugly disposed in the cavities to releasably mount the manikin head thereon.

Referring now to the drawings there is illustrated a wig carrying case, generally designated by the reference numeral 10. In FIGURES 1-3 there is shown an upper case 12 and lower case 14 which are identical in construction

and are advantageously adapted to be connected to each other for convenient portage. The wig case 10 may be used either as a single unit or with one or more cases attached thereto as desired. The wig case 10 used as a single unit or with other cases attached is adapted to efficiently utilize space so that the wig case 10 may readily fit under the seat of a commercial airliner.

The case 12 has a pair of spaced longitudinal side walls 16 having their opposite ends connected by transverse sidewalls 18 thereby forming a rectangular shaped box. A top wall 20 is fixedly attached to the side walls 16 and 18 and to completely enclose the wig case 10 a detachable bottom wall 22 is provided which is releasably engaged with the sidewalls 18 by means of pairs of conventional snap fastening members 24 positioned at opposite sides of the bottom wall 22.

In order to releasably engage the upper case 12 with the lower case 14, the top wall 20 is provided with a knob 26 having a wing member 28 spaced from the top wall 20 and extending outwardly on both sides of the knob 26. Conveniently the wing member 28 and the upper portion of the knob 26 are adapted to be inserted in a generally keyhole shaped aperture 30 in the releasable bottom wall 22. As illustrated in FIGURE 3 the aperture 30 is configured to receive the wing 28 and the upper portion of the knob 26. After this procedure has been accomplished, the upper case 12 is rotated 90 degrees so that the wing portion 28 engages the upper surface of the bottom wall 22. Further rotation of the wing portion 28 is prevented by stops 32 suitably positioned on the upper surface of the bottom wall 22 as illustrated in FIGURE 5.

A handle 34 is rotatably attached to the upper wall 20 which has a suitable groove 36 adapted to receive the handle when it is in the inoperative position so that the handle is flush with the upper surface of the top wall 20 when not in use. Thus the releasable bottom wall 22 fits snugly against the top wall 20 and may be rotated 90 degrees to conveniently attach the upper case 12 to the lower case 14 by means of the wing 28 and aperture 30.

The wig case 10 is advantageously adapted to carry a manikin head 40 which is mounted on the bottom wall 22 by means of three spikes 42 which extend obliquely from the surface of the bottom wall 22. Complementary apertures 44 are provided in the manikin head 40 to receive the spikes 42 therein. The apertures 44 as illustrated in FIGURE 7 are tapered so that the spikes 42 fit snugly therein to releasably secure the manikin head 40 on the bottom wall 22.

Advantageously in order to utilize the space in the wig case 10 in the most efficient manner, the manikin head 40 has been configured with a flat bottom surface 46 and flat end surface 48 as illustrated in FIGURES 12 and 13. In effect the manikin head 40 is only a portion of a manikin head and as illustrated in FIGURE 7 a large portion of the interior of the wig case 10 may be devoted to receive a wig therein without undesirable compression and distortion of the wig.

To accommodate the knob 26 and the wing 28 when a second case is attached, a cylindrically shaped aperture 50 is provided in the flat bottom surface 46 of the manikin head 40.

As illustrated in FIGURES 8 and 9 the bottom wall 22 with the manikin head 40 disposed thereon may be readily mounted in an oblique position on the wig case 10 so that the user may conveniently dress up a wig mounted on the manikin head. For this purpose there is provided a slot 52 in each of a two triangular shaped support members 54 which are mounted on a corner of the longitudinal side walls 16 adjacent the transverse side

walls 18 and the bottom wall 22. End portions of the bottom wall 22 are disposed in the slots 52 so that the bottom wall 22 supports the manikin head mounted thereon in a convenient position so that the user may dress up a wig mounted thereon.

This invention thus provides a wig case which may be attached to one or more wig cases in a simple and convenient manner for easy portage. The wig case is designed for maximum utilization of space so that it may easily fit under the passenger seat of a commercial airplane. The manikin head disposed in the wig case is advantageously designed to give a maximum amount of free space within the case for disposal of a wig without distorting the appearance of the wig. In addition the wig case of this invention has a provision for mounting the manikin head in an oblique position so that the user may readily work on the wig by using the case as a mounting stand.

Having thus described my invention I claim:

1. A wig carrying case comprising an open end container having a top wall and side walls extending from said top wall, a detachable bottom wall disposed on said container to close the open end thereof, fastening means releasably attaching said bottom wall to said container, a wing shaped attaching member mounted on said top wall for engaging said wig carrying case with another case, a slot in said bottom wall for receiving a wing shaped attaching member for engaging said wig carrying case with another case, a manikin head mounted in said carrying case on said bottom wall, a pair of supporting members mounted on the side walls of said carrying case, said supporting members having obliquely formed slots therein for receiving end portions of said bottom wall for mounting said bottom wall and said manikin head in a convenient position for dressing a wig.

2. The wig carrying case of claim 1 wherein said manikin head is a portion of a normal manikin head to conserve space in said case and has a flat bottom portion abutting against said bottom wall and a flat end portion adjacent the neck section of said manikin head.

3. The wig carrying case of claim 2 wherein said top wall has a handle pivotally mounted thereon and wherein a groove is provided on said top wall to receive said handle when said handle is in the inoperative position so that another case may be attached to said wing shaped attaching member and fitted flush against said top wall.

4. The wig carrying case of claim 3 wherein a cylindrical aperture is provided in said manikin head adjacent said slot in said bottom wall to provide space for a wing shaped attaching member and wherein stops are provided on said bottom wall adjacent said slot to limit the rotation of a wing shaped attaching member to 90 degrees.

5. The wig carrying case of claim 4 wherein said manikin head has three obliquely extending tapered cavities therein, and wherein said bottom wall has three obliquely mounted spikes positioned to be snugly disposed in said cavities to releasably mount said manikin head thereon.

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