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SHOCK PROOF GUN CASE

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FIG. 1.

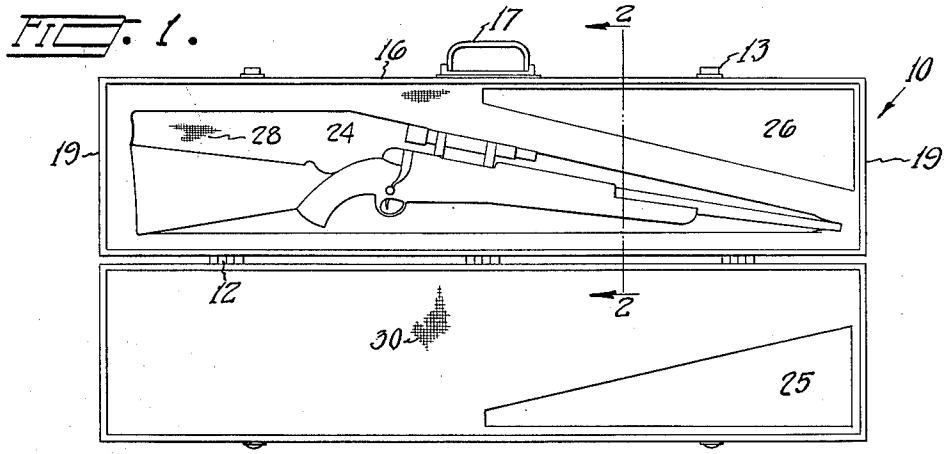


FIG. 2.

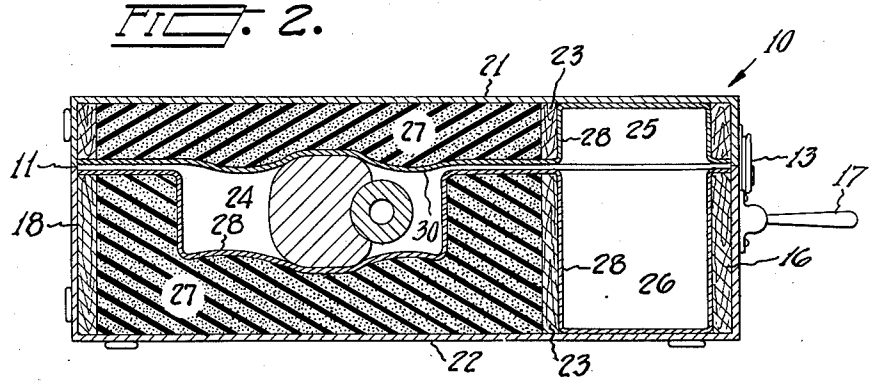
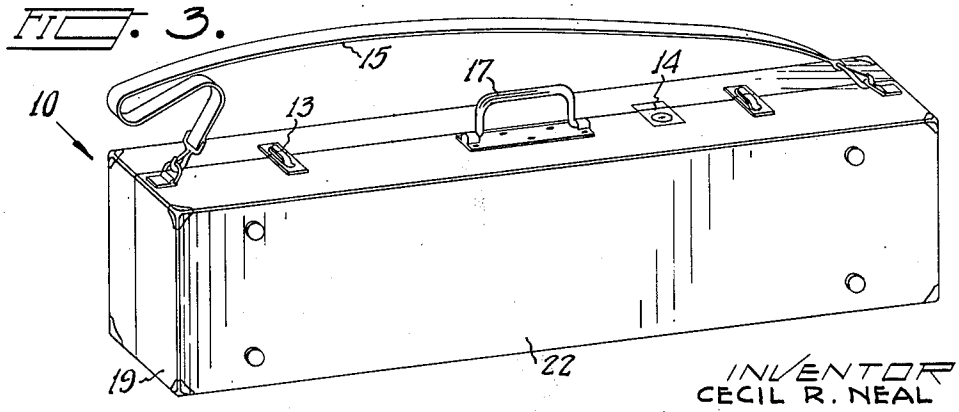


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This invention relates generally to firearms and particularly to a shock proof gun case.

The main object of this invention is to provide a gun case especially adapted for guns equipped with telescopic sights or other mechanism easily rendered inoperative if the gun is subjected to severe jars or strains.

The second object is to make it possible to completely shield and protect a firearm and its accessories from injury with a minimum amount of effort or expenditure of time.

I accomplish these and other objects in the manner set forth in the following specifications as illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a plan of the opened case, showing a gun in position therein.

Fig. 2 is a section taken along the line 2—2 in Fig. 1, the case being closed.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the case when closed.

Like numbers of reference refer to the same or similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring in detail to the drawing, there is shown an elongated case **10** which is divided along the line **11** and joined by the hinges **12** and clamps **13** and a lock **14**. A carrying strap **15** is attached to the top side **16**. There is also provided a handle **17** which is positioned on the side **16** above the center of balance of the loaded case **10**.

The sides **18** and ends **19** of the case **10** are of wood which is overlaid with a composition board **21** and **22**. The wooden frame is sub-divided by cross members **23** which divides the case into a gun compartment **24** and a compartment **25** in the cover and the compartment **26** in the body of the case.

The purpose of the members **23** is not merely to form a compartment but to form a diagonal brace across the strong wooden frame, which takes all of the shocks. The sides **21** and **22** are of thin composition board and would not serve as shock braces.

All around the gun compartment **24** is a cushion of

foam rubber **27** having a gun-shaped recess therein. The compartment **24** is lined with fabric **28** as are the compartments **25** and **26**.

It can be seen that the gun in the compartment **24** is surrounded on all sides by a heavy padding of foam rubber or its equivalent, thereby protecting the gun and its accessories from injury or being thrown out of adjustment by the rubber cushion. As shown in the drawing, the cushioning is not visible since it is all faced with a fabric **30** which may be of any desired type. The cushion should be thick enough that some pressure is required to close the case, thereby causing the gun to be partially imbedded in the cushion when at rest.

I am aware that many types of gun cases have been constructed in the past in which attempts are made to shield the relatively delicate telescopic sights. It is, therefore, not my intention to cover such devices broadly but I do intend to cover all such forms and modifications thereof as fall fairly within the appended claim.

I claim:

A shock proof gun case comprising a body portion and a cover portion, each of said portions comprising a rectangular frame having top and bottom sides and two ends, said body frame being of greater thickness than said cover frame, hinges connecting the bottom sides of said frames, a handle on the top side of said body frame above the center of balance of the loaded case, diagonal braces in said frames extending from one end near the bottom corner to said top sides near the mid points thereof, said braces being disposed in a common plane when the cover is closed dividing said case into two compartments, one of said compartments being adapted to hold a gun such as a rifle with the barrel extending along said braces to position the muzzle in said bottom corner and the butt at the other end of the case with the top of the barrel uppermost, side panels on said frames enclosing said compartments, a cushion filler in the body portion of said gun compartment having a gun-shaped recess, and a cushion filler in the cover portion of said gun compartment having sufficient thickness to be compressed against a gun in said recess when the cover is closed.

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