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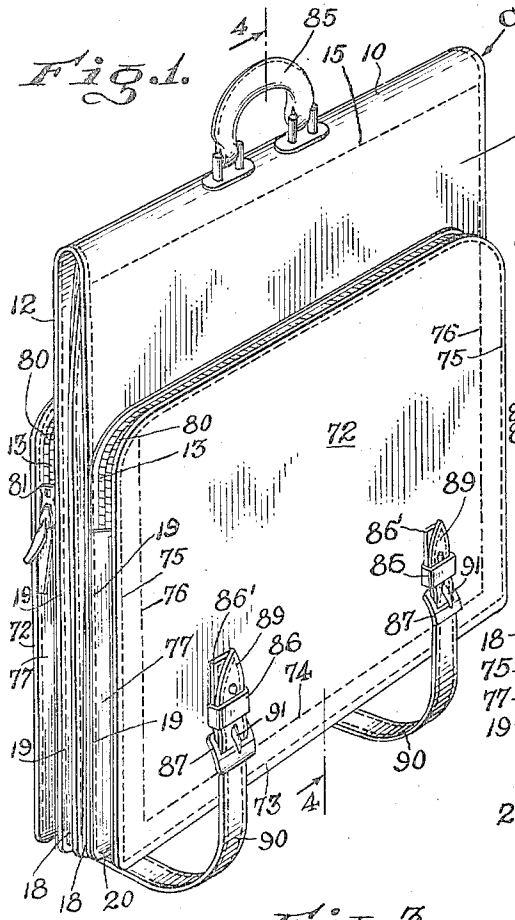

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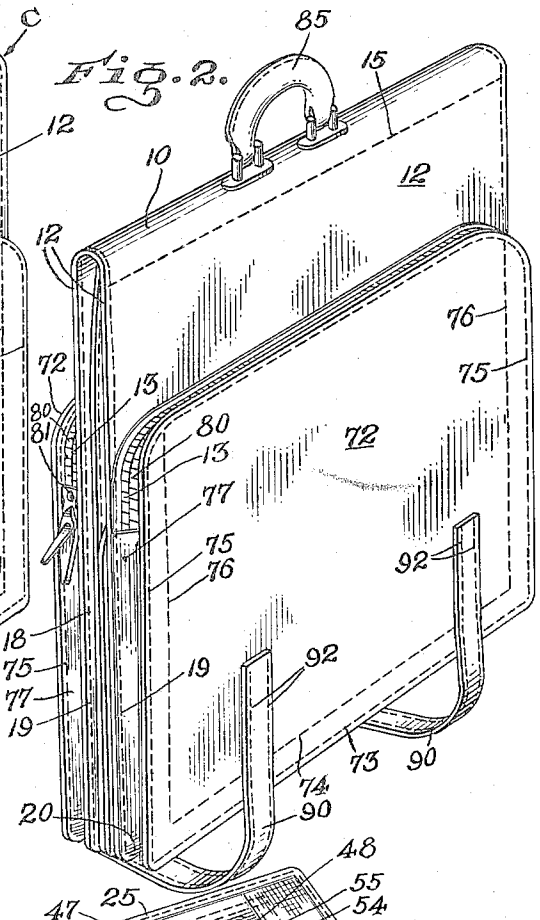

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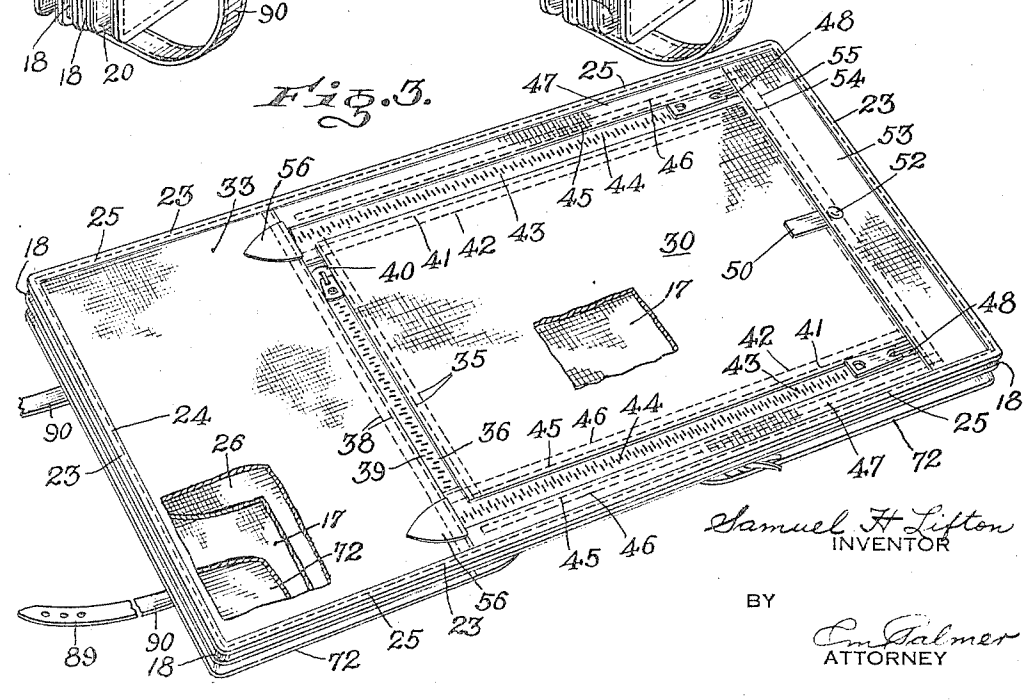

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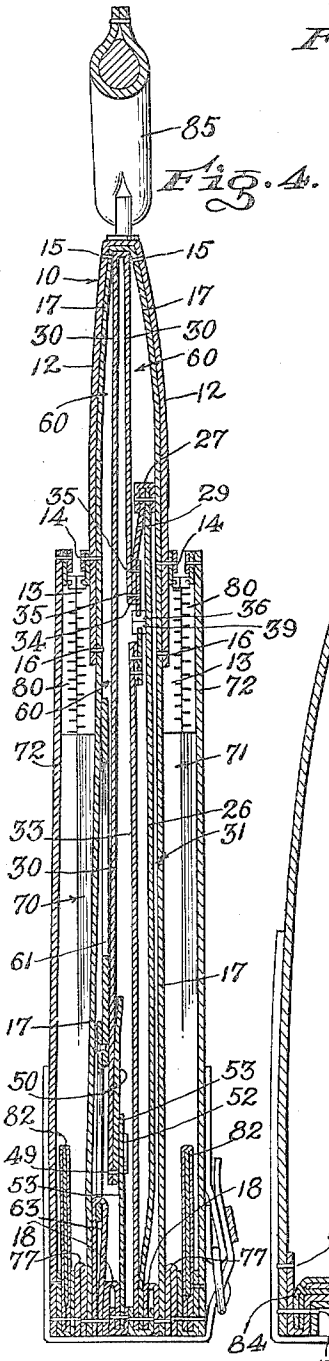

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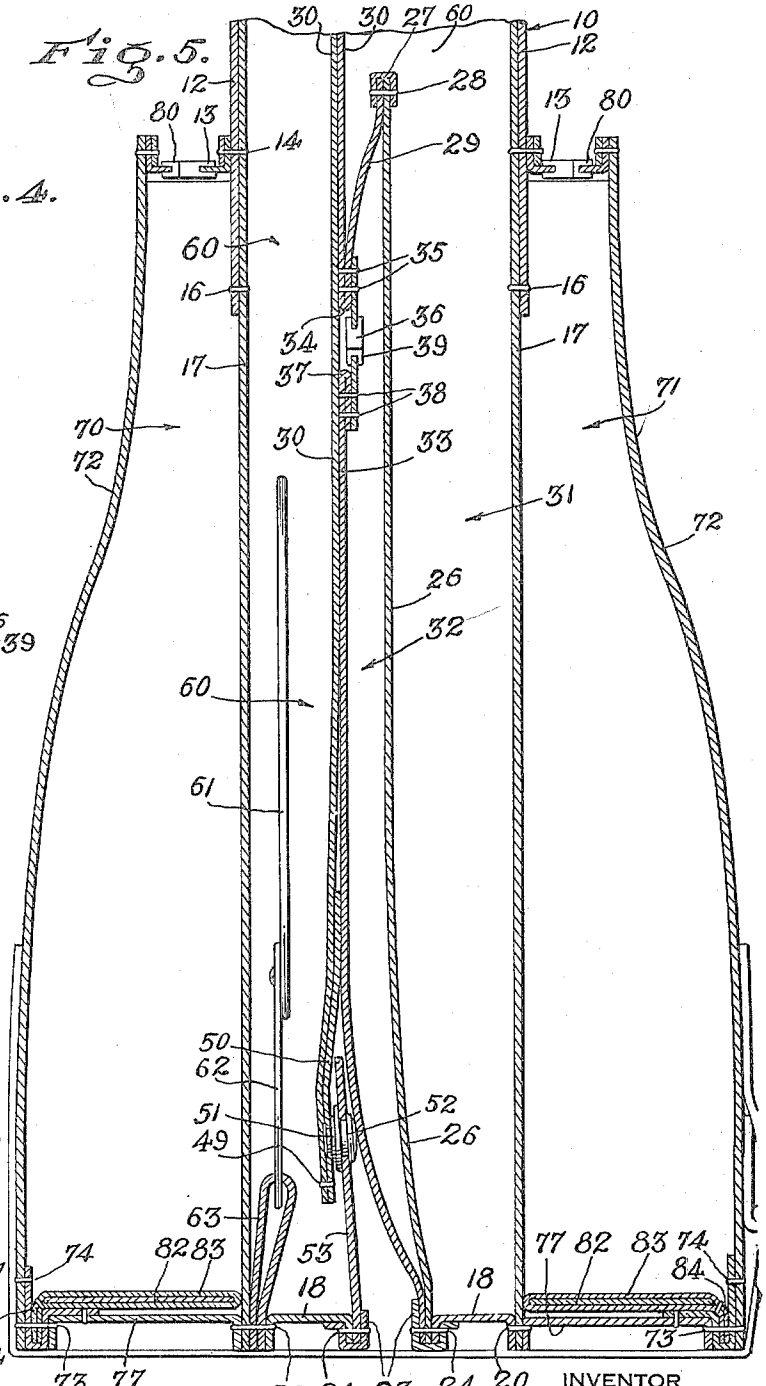

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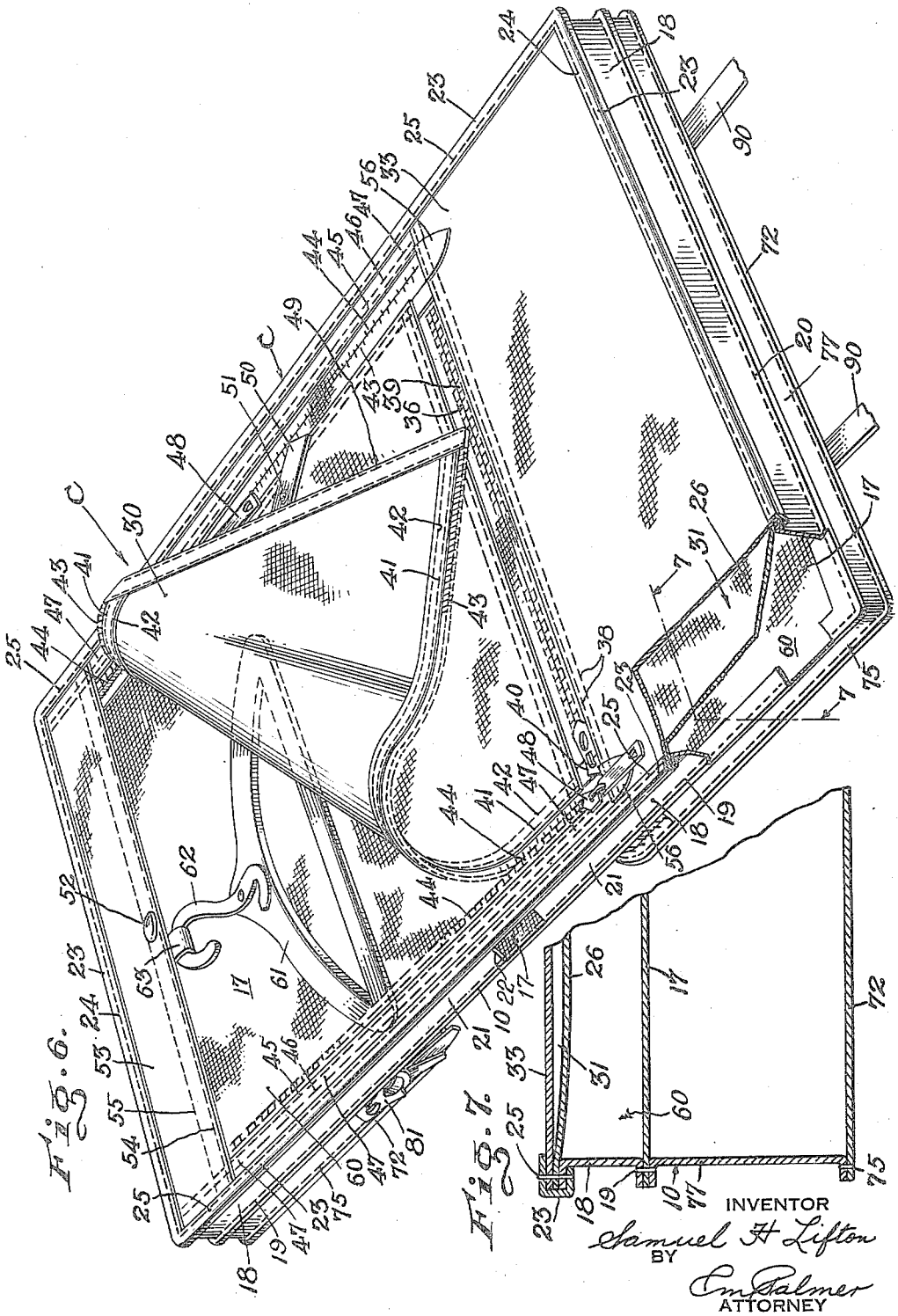

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The invention pertains to functionally and structurally improved and simplified article holding means appropriately adapted to carry in compact relation manifold records in separate compartments and adapted to desirably sustain substantially without wrinkling articles of clothing and accessories thereof. More particularly the invention is directed to a combined overnight and brief case having a plurality of compartments for conveniently storing in neat fashion record containing folders, books, files, clothing and other articles. One important object is realized in the provision of a serviceable overnight and brief case wherein a substantially rectangular shaped carrier is provided on its opposite faces with spaced gussets having attached thereto outside panels and inwardly disposed retaining means, and a covering, the retaining means disengageably cooperating with a swingable and foldable flap to permit or preclude access to a relatively elongated clothing compartment formed by the carrier, a companion gusset, and the retaining means thereto, the panels forming with companion gussets and the carrier means separate compartments or pockets for storing records or the like. The invention further comprehends the provision of a durable crown portion nested within and secured to the carrier means and extending appreciably below thereof and common to the outside and spaced panels. Another object resides in the provision of a swingable and relatively elongated flap disconnectably associated with clothing retaining means and having a reversely turned portion desirably secured to a flexible partition or baffle defining with an inside covering a supplementary compartment or pocket for storing miscellaneous articles. Other important objects, features, and functional and structural advantages will appear from the following detailed description taken with the accompanying drawings wherein:

Fig. 1 is a front perspective view of the combined overnight and brief case according to my invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective rear view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an unfolded or expanded view of the combined and overnight brief case.

Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1 showing the case collapsed.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 illustrating the case expanded.

Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 3 illustrating the clothing compartment closure partly unlocked and opened, and

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Fig. 7 is a horizontal sectional view on the line 7—7 of Fig. 6.

Illustrative of the embodiment disclosed, the overnight and brief case is broadly denoted C and is characterized by an upper flexible leather crown portion 10 of inverted U shape having depending sides 12. To the lower portions of each of the sides 12 is fastened an inverted U-shaped stringer of slide fasteners 13 by the lines of stitching 14.

Nested within crown portion 10 and attached thereto by the lines of stitching 15 and 16 (Fig. 4) is the inside relatively durable and flexible carrier means or lining 17 coextensive with the length and width of the case and in the closed relation of the latter is of inverted U-shaped form and through which the lines of stitching 14 also pass.

U-shaped gusset strips 18 are anchored to the substantially rectangular carrier means or lining 17 by the vertical lines of stitching 19 and by the horizontal lines of stitching 20. The sides 21 (Fig. 6) of the gusset strips 18 are spaced apart to provide relief gaps 22 to preclude bulging when the case is folded or closed.

The inside margins of the gusset strips or gussets 18 are reinforced by the binding or tapes 23 extending widthwise and lengthwise of the case. Attached to these margins by the lines of stitching 24 and 25 (Figs. 5 and 6) is the inside flexible wall or partition 26 carrying at its upper margin the leather binding strip 27 secured by the stitching 28 to the reversely turned portion 29 of the rectangular shaped closure or flap 30. By the present arrangement, partition 26 and the lining 17 form a compartment 31 adapted to expand or contract upon expansion or contraction of its companion gusset 18.

Superimposed on the partition 26 and defining therewith the supplementary compartment or pocket 32 is the flexible cover 33 secured to a companion gusset 18 and to inner reinforced margins thereof by the lines of stitching 24 and 25. The flap 30 and its reversely turned portion 29 defines a lip 34 disposed widthwise of the case and carries by the lines of stitching 35 a horizontally arranged string of slide fastening elements 36.

The cover 33 has its uper portion turned back upon itself forming lip 37 to which is secured by the spaced lines of stitching 38 a string of slide fasteners 39. Lips 34 and 37 define an opening adapted to be opened and closed by shifting the slidably guided runner 40 to separate or lock the complementary strings of slide fastener elements

36 and 39 as it is well understood. Thus access may be readily had to the interior of the compartment 32 formed by the baffle or partion 26 and the cover 33.

The swingable flap or closure 30 has secured on its longitudinal margins by the spaced lines of stitching 41 and 42, the strings of slide fasteners 43 which cooperate with the strings of slide fasteners 44 attached by the lines of stitching 45 and 46 to the longitudinally disposed marginal clothing retaining strips or carriers 47 secured by the lines of stitching 25 to the gusset 18. As is well understood runners 48 cooperate with the lines of slide fasteners 43 and 44 to disengage the swingable flap or closure 30 from the retaining carriers 47.

Secured by the line of stitching 49 (Fig. 6) to the medial part of the upper margin of the closure 30 is a rectangular piece of leather 50 carrying the complimentary snap fastener element 51 for disengagingly interlocking with a companion complementary snap fastener element or ferrule fastener 52 secured to the upper retaining strip 53 disposed widthwise of the case and secured to its companion gusset 18 by the lines of stitching 24 and 25 and to the retaining strips or carriers 47 by the spaced lines of stitching 54 and 55.

Convenient access to the interior of the compartment 31 defined by the lining 17 and the flexible baffle 26 may be had by first disconnecting the snap fastener elements 51 and 52 and secondly by sliding runners 48 down to the stops 56 secured to the cover 33 by the lines of stitching 38, and thirdly, by withdrawing closure 30 from between the marginal or retaining strips 47.

With the closure 30 disconnected as previously described and withdrawn or folded outwardly and downwardly, complete access is had to the compartment 60 defined by lining 17, retaining margins 47, the intervening gusset 18 and the upper retaining strip 53. Compartment 60 communicates with the compartment 31, thus forming an elongated pocket of the case, permitting articles of clothing to be confined therein. Such clothing is mounted on a hanger 61 having a hook 62 removably carried by a flexible loop 63 secured by an adjacent line of stitching 20 to a companion gusset 18. By the arrangement disclosed the article of clothing mounted on the hanger 61 may be held neatly and relatively flat and if wide enough is retained against withdrawing from compartment or pocket 60 by the marginal retaining flanges or carriers 47. Baffle or partition 26 also acts against the clothing to hold the latter flatwise within the compartment 31 which of course is an extension of pocket 60. With flap 30 folded back to its closing and locked position the clothing is closely confined within the communicating compartments 31 and 60 and in a flatwise relation.

For storing papers, records or the like, other compartments or pockets as 70 and 71 are provided and each of which is formed by an outside panel 72 secured by the horizontally arranged and vertically spaced lines of stitching 73 and 74, and by the vertically disposed and horizontally spaced lines of stitching 75 and 76, to the expansible and contractible gussets 77 while the latter are secured to the lining or carrier 17 and to an adjacent gusset 18 by the horizontal lines of stitching 20 and by vertical lines of stitching 19.

The upper margins of each of the panels 72 carry a string of slide fasteners 80 adapted to interlock with the companion strings of slide fasteners 13 and these are removably interlocked by the usual runners 81.

For enlarging compartments or pockets 70 and 71, swingable expanders 82 are employed and each is provided with a covering 83 having ends 84 fastened to the gussets 77 by the lines of stitching 73. As shown in Fig. 4, expanders 82 are vertical, hence gussets 77 are contracted, consequently, reducing the size of compartments 70 and 71. In Fig. 5, the expanders 83 are horizontal and frictionally and removably engage lining or carrier 17, thus holding compartments 70 and 71 expanded.

Appropriately attached to the crown portion 10 is the swingable handle 85 to permit convenient carrying of the overnight and brief case from place to place. For desirably closing the case in a compact relation, spaced loops 86 are fixedly carried by spaced strips 86' fastened to one of the panels 72 (Fig. 1). Each of these strips also carry a conventional buckle 87. The free perforated ends 89 of straps 90 are adapted to removably interlock with the prongs 91 of the buckles after which they are removably retained by the loops 86 as is well understood. The straps 90 are secured to its companion panel 72 by the lines of stitching 92. With the straps 90 desirably buckled, separation of the lower parts of the case is precluded.

Briefly recapitulating, the relatively elongated rectangular shaped carrier means 17 has secured on one face thereof the gusset means 18 extending substantially the entire length of the carrier means except for the gap interruptions at 22 and of course this gusset means 18 extends along the entire width of the carrier means or lining 17. The cover or covering 33 is secured to a lower portion of the gusset means 18. The clothing retaining strips 47 and 53 are secured to the gusset means 18 and defines therewith and the carrier means 17 and the cover 33 the relatively elongated inner or major compartment 60 coextensive the width and length of the carrier means 17. The flexible and foldable flap 30 is interposed between the retaining strips 47 and its reversely turned portion defining lip 34 has secured at one end the baffle or partition 26 characterizing with the cover 33 the supplementary compartment or pocket 32. The crown portion 10 when the case C is closed has nested within it the carrier means 17 which extends appreciably below the sides 12 of the crown portion 10.

Various changes may be made in details of construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the scope of the invention or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof inherent therein.

I claim:

1. In an overnight and brief case, relatively elongated carrier means, gusset means secured lengthwise and widthwise of said carrier means, a cover secured to a lower portion of said gusset means, spaced and vertically disposed retaining strips secured to said gusset means, a horizontally arranged retaining strip secured to an upper part of said gusset means; said strips, gusset means, cover and carrier means defining a relatively elongated compartment substantially coextensive with the width and length of said case, a flap interposed between said spaced and vertically disposed strips and having a reversely turned portion, and a baffle secured to said portion and said gusset means and defining with said cover a supplementary pocket.

2. In an overnight and brief case, a crown por-

tion, relatively elongated carrier means secured to and extending appreciably below said crown portion, gusset means secured lengthwise and widthwise of said carrier means, a cover secured to a lower portion of said gusset means, spaced and vertically disposed retaining strips secured to said gusset means, a horizontally arranged retaining strip secured to an upper part of said gusset means; said strips, gusset means and carrier means defining a relatively elongated compartment substantially coextensive with the width and length of said case, a flap interposed between said spaced and vertically disposed strips and having a reversely turned portion, and a baffle secured to said portion and said gusset means and defining with said cover a supplementary pocket.

3. In an overnight and brief case, relatively elongated carrier means, gusset means secured lengthwise and widthwise of said carrier means, a cover secured to a lower portion of said gusset means, spaced and vertically disposed retaining strips secured to said gusset means, a horizontally arranged retaining strip secured to an upper part of said gusset means; said strips, gusset

means, cover and carrier means defining a relatively elongated compartment substantially coextensive with the width and length of said case, a flap interposed between said spaced and vertically disposed strips and having a reversely turned portion, a baffle secured to said portion and said gusset means and defining with said cover a supplementary pocket, complementary disconnectable means secured to said cover and said reversely turned portion, and complementary disconnectable means secured to said strips and flap.

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