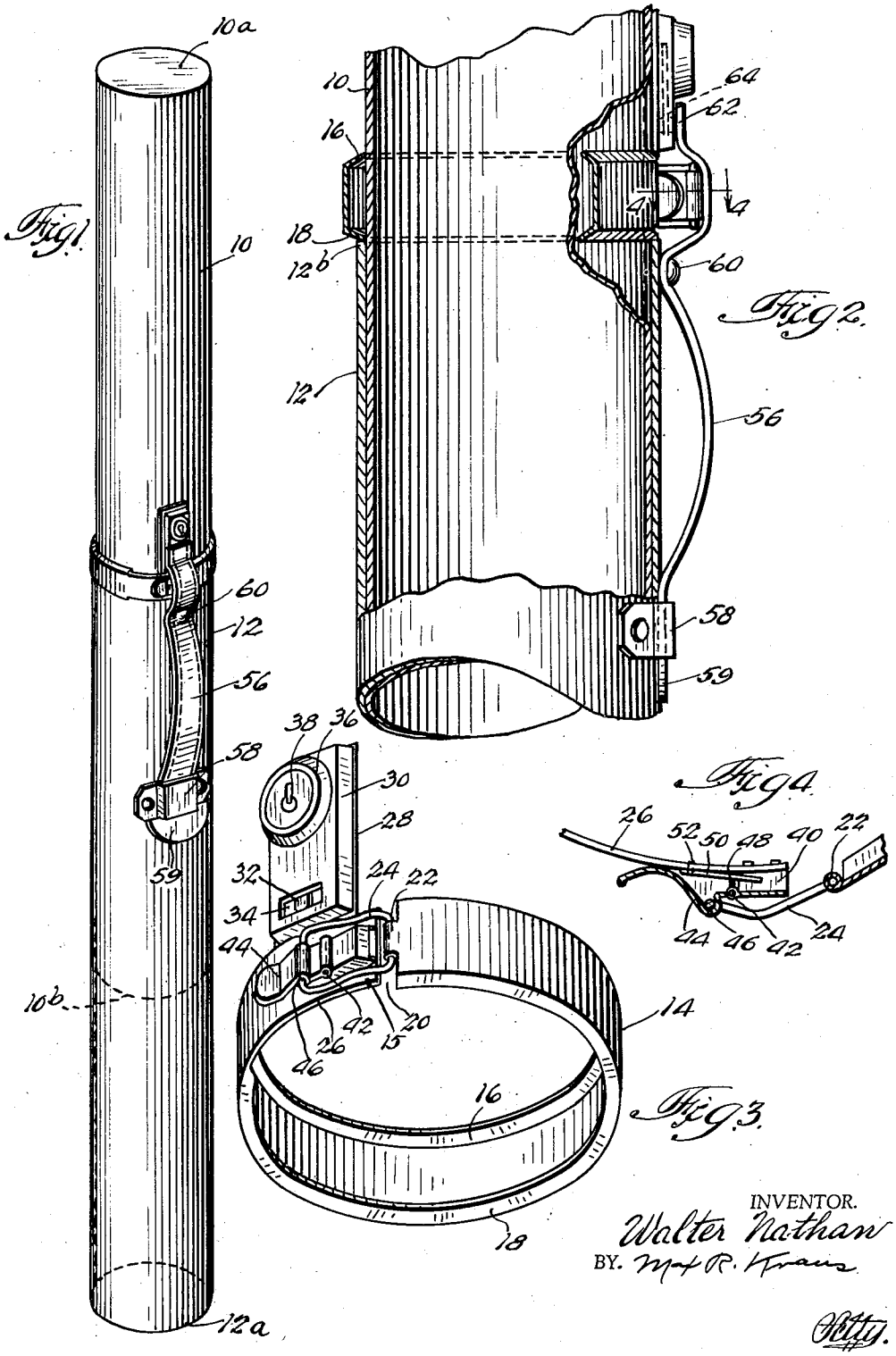
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This invention relates to a telescopic carrying case.

One of the objects of this invention is to provide a telescopic carrying case which is adjustable in the direction of its length and which has means for securing same in any of its adjusted positions.

Another object is to provide a carrying case formed of a pair of elongated tubular members, one of which is telescopic with respect to the other, and is provided with a band which may be detachably secured to it for the purpose of limiting its telescopic movement into the other tubular member.

Another object is to provide a structure of the foregoing character which has means for locking the two tubular members to each other and for permitting same to be carried as by a handle.

The invention has particular application for use in carrying objects which are light in weight but which have considerable length, for example, fisherman poles and the like, although it will be understood that other objects may be likewise carried with equal facility. The tubular containers may be made of fibre, metal or any suitable material, although I have found that the tubular members made of fibre or cardboard are well adapted for that purpose. Likewise the term "tubular" is not intended to limit the cross sectional shape of the containers as same may be square or of any shape in cross section as long as one is telescopic with respect to the other.

Other objects wil become apparent as this description progresses:

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the carrying case forming this invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross sectional view showing particularly the band and the latching member and handle.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the band and the latching member, and

Fig. 4 is a view taken on lines 4—4 of Fig. 2.

The invention includes a pair of elongated cylindrical containers of tubular shape identified by the numerals **10** and **12**. Each of the containers has a closed end identified as **10***a* and **12***a* respectively, with the open end **10***b* of container **10** telescopically fitting into the open end **12***b* of container **12** and slidable relative thereto. Container **10** is slidable within container **12** and adjusted relative thereto so that an enclosed compartment is provided by said two containers of any desired length. The containers are formed preferably of a rigid fibre material for economy and light weight, although it will be understood that any material may be used.

For the purpose of adjustably positioning the containers relative to each other and locking the containers together, I provide a split metal band or collar generally indicated at **14** having opposed inwardly directed flanges **16** and **18**. The band or collar **14** is split or open as at **20** and is provided with a draw latch member generally indicated at **15**. One type of draw latch is shown in the drawings. One end of the band has an inturned ear **22**

which pivotally or swivally receives a toggle link **24** in the form of a rigid wire of rectangular shape and formed as best shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

A portion of the band or collar **14** adjacent the opposite split end is substantially flush as at **26** and extending upwardly and as part of the band is a metal plate **28** which like the inner wall **26** of the band is concave. Secured to said plate is a conventional locking member generally indicated at **30**. The locking member **30** supports therewithin the sliding tongue **32** which is engaged through the slot **34**. The locking member **30** supports the slidable button **36** which actuates the slidable tongue **32**. The button **36** has the usual key slot **38** which received a key for locking or unlocking the sliding movement of the slidable tongue **32**. The foregoing locking member **30** is of conventional construction.

Secured to the outside of the band **14** is a mounting **40** which supports a cross pin **42** between the walls thereof. Pivotally or swivally supported on said pin **42** is a manually operated toggle lever **44** shaped to provide a channel **46** in which is retained one end of the toggle link **24**. The toggle lever **44** has a tongue **48** extending inwardly between the walls of the mounting **40** which tongue is adapted to be engaged by a leaf spring **50** secured as at **52** to the band. By moving the toggle lever **44** outwardly the band is expanded, that is the split opening **20** of the band is widened and by moving the lever inwardly against the outer wall of the band as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the toggle lever **44** will be pivoted past its pivotal center, thereby reducing the split opening **20** of the band and locking the band.

As stated the band **14** may be slid along the length of container **10** and when locked thereto as previously described forms a shoulder against which the inner open edge of container **12** abuts. Thus by positioning the band on the container **10** and locking same to the container it limits the extent that container **10** can go or telescope into container **12**, thus the length of the compartment formed by the two containers may be increased or decreased dependant upon the position of band **14** on container **10**.

On container **12** there is secured a flexible strap **56** which is slidably supported at its outer end in a bracket **58** secured to the container. The end of the strap being enlarged to permit it to slide in the bracket but not to be removed therefrom. The strap **56** is also secured to the container by a rivet **60** and a portion of the strap extends beyond the open end of container **12**. To this end of the strap is a conventional buckle **62** having a keeper **64** which is inserted in the slot **34** of the locking member for engagement with the sliding tongue **32** thereof. This permits the container **10** to be locked to container **12** and be carried by the strap which forms the handle for the carrying case. By sliding the button **36** of the locking member the keeper member is released so that the container **10** is free to be slid out of container tube **12**. The locking member may be key locked as is well understood.

It will be understood that the band indicated at **14** may be made of other material such as plastic, leather, fibre and the like and may be provided with any conventional form of draw latch which will permit expansion and contraction of the band with respect to the tubular container **10** so that the band may be slid thereon and tightened and secured in any desired position on said tubular container.

It will be seen that the handle strap **56** when locked with the locking member **30** will cover the draw latch of the band **14**, which prevents opening of the draw latch and any tampering with the band **14** while the handle strap **56** is locked to the locking member **30**. Thus any

adjustment of the band 14 can only be made when the locking member 30 is opened.

I have thus provided a telescopic carrying case whose length may be varied to increase or decrease the size in length of the container for varying its container capacity and for accommodating articles of varying lengths, yet permitting it to be readily telescoped to its shortest length when desired.

It will be understood that various changes may be made from the foregoing without departing from the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A telescopic carrying case, comprising a first container and a second container with the first container telescopically received within the second container, a band adjustably secured to said first container, said band forming a shoulder which limits the telescopic positioning of said first container within the second container, said band having a locking member, a handle supported on said second container and having means engaging said locking member to lock said first container to said second container.

2. A telescopic carrying case, comprising an elongated first container and a second elongated container with the first container telescopically received within the second container, means secured to said first container and forming a shoulder for engagement with the inner edge of the second container for limiting the telescopic positioning of said first container within the second container, said means being adjustably secured along the length of said first container to increase or decrease the length of said carrying case, said means having a locking member, a handle supported on said second container and having a member engaging said locking member to lock said first container to said second container whereby said carrying case may be carried.

3. A telescopic carrying case, comprising an elongated first container and a second elongated container with the first container telescopically received within the second container, means secured to said first container and forming a shoulder for engagement with the inner edge of the second container for limiting the telescopic positioning of said first container within the second container, said means being adjustably secured along the length of said first container to increase or decrease the length of said carrying case, said means having a locking member, a member secured on said second container for engagement with said means for locking said first and second containers together.

4. A telescopic carrying case, comprising an elongated tubular first container and a second elongated tubular container with the first container telescopically received within the second container, both said containers being formed of a rigid fibrous material, a collar positioned on said first container and forming a shoulder for engagement with the inner edge of the second container for limiting the telescopic positioning of said first container within the second container, said collar being slidable on said first container and having means for tightening said collar to secure said collar in a fixed adjustable position along the length of said first container to increase or decrease the length of said carrying case.

5. A telescopic carrying case, comprising an elongated tubular first container and a second elongated tubular container with the first container telescopically received within the second container, both said containers being formed of a rigid fibrous material, a collar positioned on said first container and forming a shoulder for engagement with the inner edge of the second container for limiting the telescopic positioning of said first container within the second container, said collar being slidable on said first container and having means for tightening said collar to secure said collar to a fixed adjustable position along the length of said first container to increase or decrease the length of said carrying case, said collar supporting a latching member, and means supported by said second container for engagement with said latching member to secure said first and second containers together.

6. A telescopic carrying case, comprising an elongated tubular first container and an elongated second tubular container with the first container telescopically received within the second container, a contractible collar around said first container and associated with the inner open edge of said second container to permit longitudinal adjustment of said two containers with respect to each other, said collar having means for tightening said collar around said first container anywhere along the length of said first container to limit the telescopic movement of said first container with respect to said second container.

7. A telescopic carrying case, comprising an elongated tubular first container and an elongated tubular second container with the first container telescopically received within the second container, a contractible collar around said first container and associated with the inner edge of said second container to permit longitudinal adjustment of said two containers with respect to each other, said collar having means for loosening said collar to permit longitudinal movement of said first tubular container with respect to said collar and said second tubular container, said collar having means for tightening around said first tubular container anywhere along the length of said first container to limit longitudinal movements of said two containers with respect to each other.

8. A telescopic carrying case, comprising an elongated tubular first container and an elongated tubular second container with the first container telescopically received within the second container, a contractible member engaging said first container and associated with said second container to permit longitudinal adjustment of said two containers with respect to each other, said contractible member having means for tightening and loosening same around said first container anywhere along the length of said first container and when tightened to limit the telescopic movement of said first container with respect to said second container.

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