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SUITCASE ATTACHMENT.

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Fig. 1.

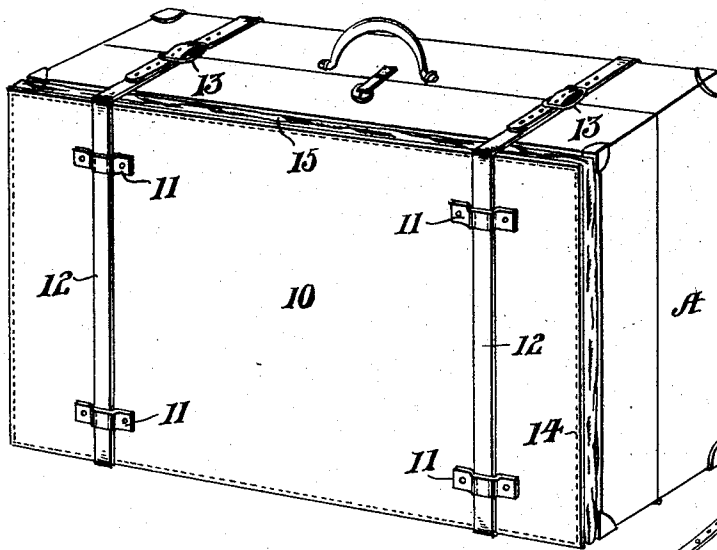


Fig. 2.

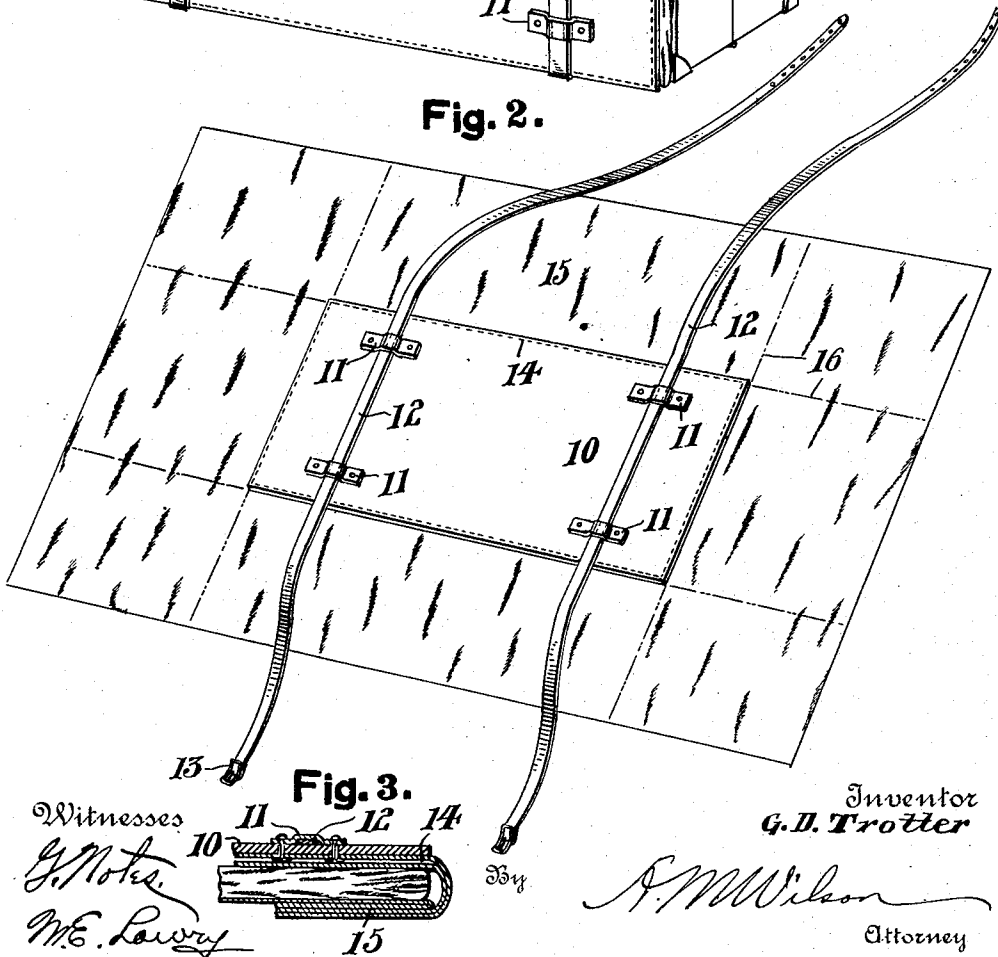
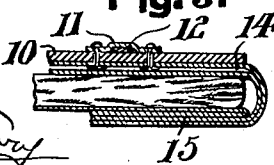


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUILDFORD D. TROTTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Stayton, in the county of Marion and State of Oregon, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Suitcase Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in suitcase attachments.

An object of the present invention is to provide an attachment for suit-cases adapted to contain any suitable articles such as wearing apparel and which is securely attached to the outside of a suitcase and will not in any way or manner detract from the usual neat appearance of such a receptacle.

A further object of the invention is to provide a receptacle adapted to contain clothing or any other articles and which may be attached to the exterior wall of a suitcase or like receptacle, or may be used wholly as a self-container and be held in closed position distinct from any other support.

With the above general objects in view and others that will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described and then claimed.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application and to which reference is had herein by like characters designating corresponding parts throughout the several views, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a suit case to which my invention is secured to one side face thereof, Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the attachment unfolded, and Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view of the attachment, partly broken away and in folded condition.

Briefly described, the present invention relates to an attachment for suitcases and similar receptacles and comprises a rigid section to which is secured a flexible and foldable section adapted to extend a desired distance laterally of all edges of the rigid section, and to be folded over articles placed upon the rigid section, and to be positioned against a suitcase as shown in Fig. 1 with straps for retaining the parts in fixed relative position.

The present attachment may be used wholly independent of any support as indicated in Fig. 1 and utilized as a container

for any desired articles and which may be locked in position to provide a neat receptacle.

Referring more in detail to the accompanying drawing, the reference numeral 10 designates a stiffened sheet or plate, preferably rectangular in plan view, and of a width and length substantially equal to the dimensions of a side face of a suitcase. This plate 10 has secured thereto guide straps 11 suitably positioned in alignment and through which pass the fastening straps 12 that are adapted to be passed around the suitcase A and secured at their meeting ends by the usual buckle strap connection 13. A flexible and foldable section is secured to the stiffened sheet as by stitching 14 and extends laterally of the said sheet and is designated 15. The flexible section 15 may be folded onto the stiffened sheet 10 in any manner desired, but I have shown dotted lines 16 on which the said flexible section 15 may be folded in an advantageous manner, with the sides first folded inwardly to overlap each other and afterward folding inwardly the ends. This latter method of folding the flexible section 15 is illustrated in Fig. 3.

An exterior plan view of the attachment is shown in Fig. 2 and the device is reversed to facilitate packing of additional articles supplementary to those contained in the suitcase A, and which articles are placed on the stiffened sheet 10. The flexible section 10 is then folded inwardly in any desired manner, but preferably as above described, and the attachment positioned against one side face of the suitcase as shown in Fig. 1. The straps 12 are then passed about the suitcase in a manner as indicated and secured by the buckle connection 13.

It is to be noted that the attachment in position on the suitcase A does not in any way detract from the general neat appearance of the suitcase, as the receptacle portion of the attachment is disposed inwardly of the stiffened sheet 10, and is entirely hidden from view.

The present invention can also be used as an independent receptacle entirely separate from any support, with articles contained therein and strapped in secure position by the straps 12 passing about the folded flexible section 15 and stiffened sheet 10.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of the present inven-

tion, I do not wish to confine myself to the exact details of construction shown, as various forms, modification and arrangement of parts may be had without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:

The combination with a receptacle, of an auxiliary receptacle carried thereby, comprising a stiffened sheet section, guide straps secured to the outer face of said section, fastening straps arranged in said guides, a

flexible section stitched to said sheet, and extending laterally from each edge thereof, and adapted to be folded to assume a position within the peripheral edges of the stiffened sheet, and be retained in position by said straps passing about both receptacles.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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