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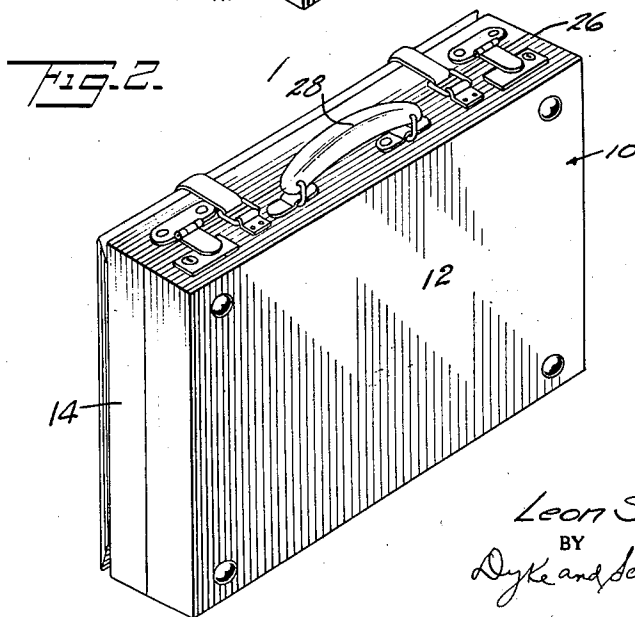
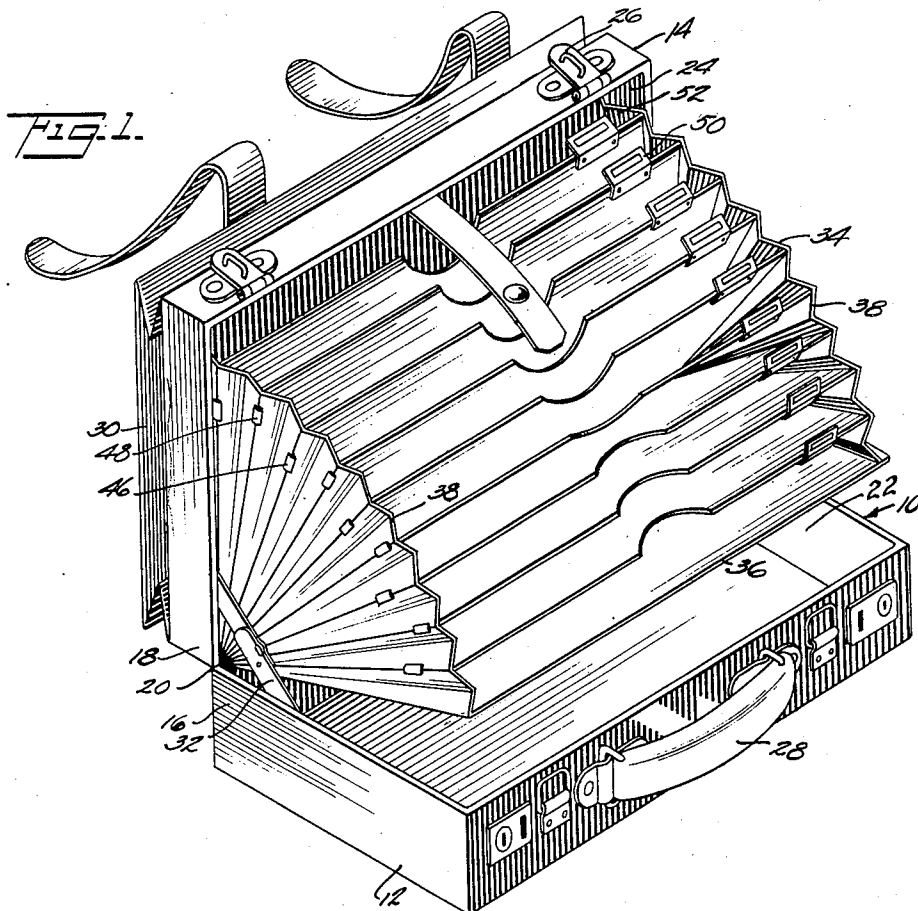
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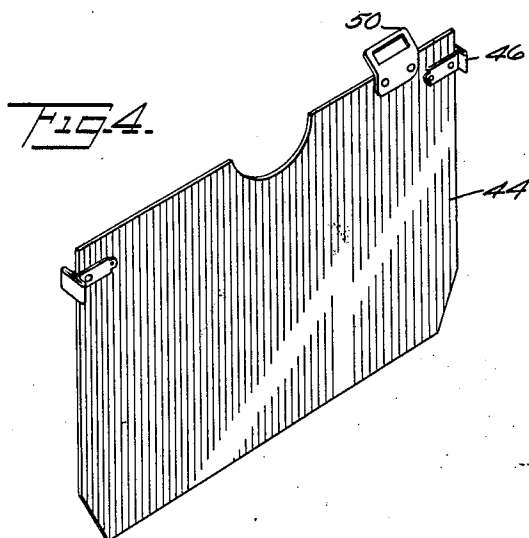
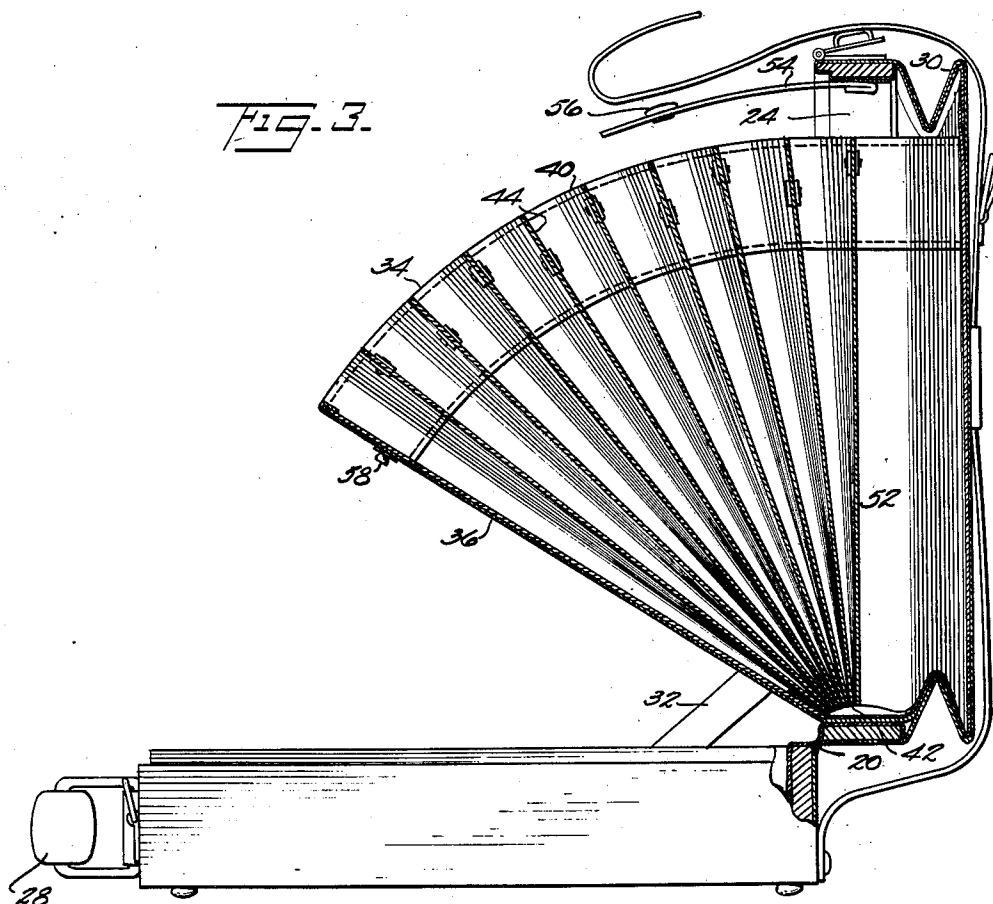
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My invention relates to improvements in portable cases, such as hand luggage or baggage for carrying wearing apparel, toilet articles and the like; and the same has for its object more particularly to provide a simple, efficient and compact device which serves in part for the reception or filing of papers, letters, documents and the like, and in part for the reception of other articles such as those required for use in traveling.

Further, said invention has for its object to provide a device of the character specified in which the filing portion thereof in collapsed condition is completely enclosed when not in use, and in which the same may be readily exposed to view and expanded to render the filing portion accessible for use.

Further, said invention has for its object to provide a device of the character specified in which the collapsible-expansible filing receptacle thereof is carried by the cover or upper member of the enclosure therefor, and in which said receptacle, when the cover is open, is suspended therefrom in distended or expanded condition in separated relation to the lower portion of said enclosure.

Further, said invention has for its object to provide a device of the character specified in which the collapsible-expansible filing receptacle thereof when the same is in collapsed condition occupies a portion of the interior of the enclosing casing thereof leaving the remaining portion of the interior of the casing free for the reception of articles to be used while traveling.

Further, said invention has for its object to provide a device of the character specified in which the filing receptacle thereof when the same is in use is suspended in expanded condition from the cover above the lower article receiving portion of the device, and, when the same is not in use, is retained in collapsed condition within said cover.

Further, said invention has for its object to provide a device of the character specified in which the filing receptacle thereof is enclosed by a casing composed of opposing parts held in open position while the filing receptacle is being used, and in which said filing receptacle when the same is in

use is suspended in expanded condition from the upper of said parts above the lower of said parts, and, when said receptacle is enclosed, the same is received in collapsed condition within the confines of said upper part to provide free space below the same for the reception of other articles.

Other objects will in part be obvious and in part be pointed out hereinafter.

To the attainment of the aforesaid objects and ends my invention consists in the novel features of construction, and in the combination, connection and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described and then pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective showing one form of device constructed according to and embodying my said invention, the same being shown in open position;

Fig. 2 is a perspective showing the device in closed position;

Fig. 3 is a side elevation showing the device in open position, parts thereof being in section; and

Fig. 4 is a perspective of one of the pocket forming plates.

Referring to the drawings, my said device comprises a casing 10 including a base member 12; and a cover member 14 having lateral wall portions 16, 18, respectively, hinged together at the rear edges thereof as indicated at 20. The lateral wall portions 16 and 18 provide chambers 22, 24, within the members 12 and 14 which jointly form the interior of the casing 10. The casing 10 is provided with the usual locking means 26, and the base portion 12 has secured thereto the usual handle 28, whereby the device may be carried from place to place.

The cover member 14 including the peripheral rigid frame 18 has an expansible top portion or extension 30 attached to the frame 18 to permit of the chamber 24 being enlarged if more space is required for the purpose of receiving additional papers, documents, or other articles to be carried therein.

The cover 14 is retained vertically in open position by the usual jointed connections 32

pivottally connecting the member 12 and the cover 14.

An expansible-collapsible filing portion or receptacle 34 is carried by the cover 14 for the purpose of receiving or filing papers, documents, letters and the like. The filing portion 34 comprises a bottom member or partition 36 which is secured at the inner end thereof to the interior of the frame 18 at the base thereof. The lateral portions of the partition 36 and the portion 30 of the cover are connected by the plaited portions or members 38 secured throughout their forward and rear vertical edges to the parts 36 and 30 and free at their upper and lower edges 40 and 42, the lower edge 42 being confined at a point in proximity to the connection of said partition 36 to the cover 14 to provide at opposite sides fan-like collapsible-expandible elements.

The space within the expansible-collapsible receptacle 34 is divided into a plurality of pockets or sub-divisions by means of the radially disposed separating plates 44 provided with lugs 46 at opposite sides of the upper portion thereof adapted to be received within the openings 48 disposed in the portions 38, adjacent to the upper edges thereof. Suitable indicating tabs 50 project from the upper edges of the plates 44 for the reception of suitable marks indicating the character of the contents of the respective pockets.

Intermediate the rear separating plate 44 and the back 30 is a relatively enlarged pocket or receptacle 52 in which papers, documents and the like may be inserted, and which may be expanded, as required, because of the expansibility of the top portion 30.

Secured to the upper side of the interior of the frame 18 is a strap 54 having a snap 56 cooperating with a lug 58 upon the outside of the partition 36 so that when the latter is not in use it may be collapsed and secured in elevated position substantially entirely within the confines of the cover 14 out of the way leaving the interior of the base portion 12 free to receive the articles required in traveling, such as wearing apparel, toilet articles and the like.

The device embodying my said invention is compact and convenient to carry, and the filing portion thereof is completely enclosed when not in use, the latter being in collapsed compact condition within its casing to provide ample room for the reception of other articles.

When the filing receptacle is being used, the cover is maintained open in vertical position, and the filing portion is suspended therefrom in separated relation to the base of the inclosure and retained in expanded or distended condition by gravity.

I claim:

1. A device of the character described comprising a pair of upper and lower recessed

members hinged together and forming a casing, a member movably connected to the rear of said upper member intermediate said upper and lower members and providing a transverse partition therebetween, and flexible side portions connecting the lateral portions of said partition with the inner side of said upper member, and serving to retain said partition suspended from the upper member in position above said lower member when the casing is open, said partition and flexible side portions being foldable substantially into the confines of the recess of the upper member and being adapted, when expanded, and the casing is closed, to project into the recess of the lower member, and transverse plates disposed between said upper member and said partition and attached to said side portions to form a plurality of document receiving pockets.

2. A device of the character described comprising upper and lower chambered members movably connected, and forming a casing, a transverse floating partition disposed intermediate said members and movably connected to the interior of said upper member at the rear thereof, said partition having the free edges thereof in spaced relation to the lateral walls of said chambered members, plaited members connecting the lateral portion of said transverse partition with said upper member, and providing fan-like expansible-collapsible elements serving to retain said partition suspended from said upper member in position above said lower member when said casing is open, and a plurality of transverse plates secured to said elements intermediate said partition and said upper member and forming therewith a plurality of filing pockets adapted, when expanded, and the casing is closed, to project into the lower chambered member.

3. A device of the character described comprising lower and upper members having lateral wall portions hinged together at the rear edges thereof and adapted to register with each other to form a casing, a transverse floating partition disposed between said members and flexibly connected at the rear thereof to the inner side of the lateral wall portion of said upper member at the rear thereof, said partition having the free edges thereof in spaced relation to the lateral walls of said upper and lower members, and plaited members connecting the lateral portions of said transverse partition with said upper member; said plaited members having the plaits thereof confined in close relation to each other at the lower portions thereof, and providing fan-like expansible-collapsible elements serving to retain said partition suspended from said upper member in position above said lower member when said casing is open, and transverse plates secured to said elements and forming pockets therewith and with said

partition, said expansible portion being adapted to be folded into the confines of the upper member and, when expanded and the casing is closed, to project into the lower member.

4. A device of the character described comprising lower and upper members having lateral wall portions hinged together at the rear edges thereof and adapted to register with each other to form a casing, means for retaining said casing in open position, a transverse floating partition disposed between said members and flexibly connected at the rear thereof to the inner side of the lateral wall portion of said upper member at the rear thereof, said partition having the free edges thereof spaced inwardly from the lateral walls of said hinged members, and plaited members connecting the lateral portions of said transverse partition with said upper member; said plaited members having the plaits thereof confined in close relation to each other at the lower portions thereof, and providing fan-like expansible-collapsible elements serving to retain said partition suspended from said upper member in position above said lower member when said casing is open, a plurality of transverse plates secured to said plaited members intermediate said partition and said upper member, and means for retaining the partition, plaited elements and plates in collapsed condition within the confines of said upper member, said expansible portion when released and the casing is closed being adapted to project into the lower member.

5. A device of the character described comprising lower and upper members having lateral wall portions hinged together at the rear edges thereof and adapted to register with each other to form a casing, means for retaining said members in open position, a transverse floating partition disposed between said members and flexibly connected at the rear thereof to the inner side of the lateral wall portion of said upper member at the rear thereof, said partition having the free edges thereof spaced from the lateral walls of said upper and lower members and plaited members connecting the lateral portions of said transverse partition with said upper member; said plaited members having the plaits thereof confined in close relation to each other at the lower portions thereof, and providing fan-like expansible-collapsible elements serving to retain said partition suspended from said upper member in position above said lower member when said casing is open, transverse plates carried by said elements and forming pockets, and a strap carried by said upper member engageable with said partition for retaining the same and said expansible-collapsible elements in collapsed condition within the confines of said upper member, said pocket portion, when expanded

and the casing is closed, being adapted to project into the lower member.

6. A device of the character described comprising lower and upper members having lateral wall portions hinged together at the rear edges thereof and adapted to register with each other to form a casing; said upper member having an expansible portion, means for retaining said members in open angular relation, a transverse floating partition disposed between said members and movably connected at the rear to the inner side of the rear lateral wall portion of said upper member, said partition having the free edges thereof spaced from the lateral walls of said upper and lower members, and plaited members connecting the lateral portions of said transverse partition with said upper member; said plaited members having the plaits thereof confined in close relation to each other at the lower portions thereof, and providing fan-like expansible-collapsible elements serving to retain said partition suspended from said upper member in position above said lower member when said casing is open, a plurality of transverse plates secured to said elements intermediate said partition and the expansible portion of said upper member, and forming therewith a plurality of filing pockets, and means for securing the parts within said casing in collapsed condition within said upper member to provide free space within said lower member for the reception of articles to be carried therein, said pocket portion when expanded being adapted to project into the lower member.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name hereto.

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