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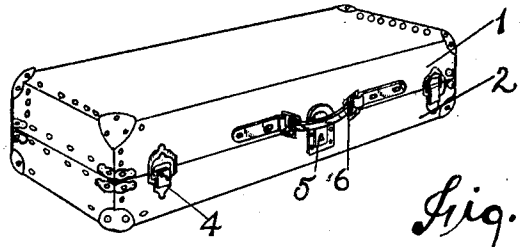


Fig. 1.

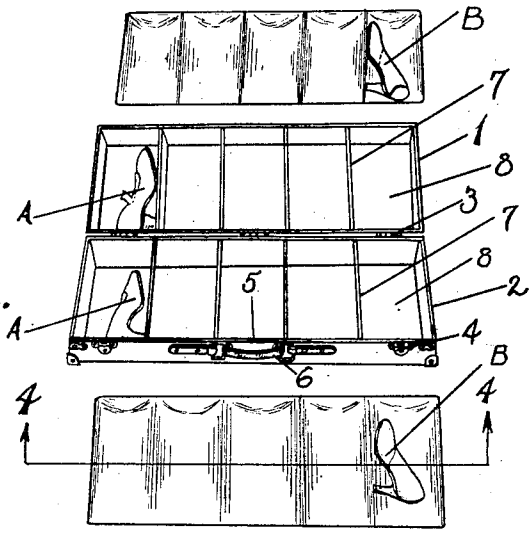


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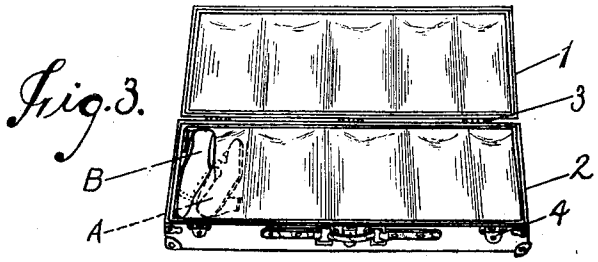


Fig. 3.

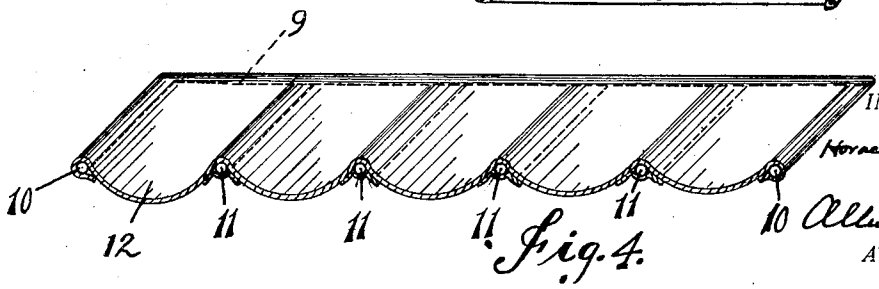


Fig. 4.

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My invention relates to traveling cases in which sample shoes may be advantageously stored and displayed.

It is an object of my invention to provide a traveling case formed of foldable sections having compartments for receiving different sample shoes in combination with which there is provided removable trays in which other sample shoes are provided, which trays will fit in economically with the shoes retained in the compartments of the sections of the case.

Another object of my invention is to provide a series of insert trays for a traveling shoe case in which pockets are provided for receiving a number of sample shoes which can be quickly removed from the case so as to be advantageously displayed.

In traveling cases for sample shoes it has been customary to provide sectional cases with compartments for receiving each a sample shoe, and in order to economize space other sample shoes have been wrapped in paper and inserted in the compartments in a position reversed from the samples originally placed in the compartments so that the toe of a wrapped shoe will be received in the compartment in the space left by the heel of the sample shoe contained therein.

In opening up a display case which has been packed with sample shoes in the manner described the salesman has to unwrap the individual shoes which are filled in in the compartments and display them separately.

Broadly, it is the object of my invention to provide inserts having pockets for receiving sample shoes in which the inserts may be so arranged and positioned in the case that each compartment will have a shoe originally placed in it, and with the triangular space left in the compartment occupied by one of the shoes in the pocket of the insert.

Ordinarily a shoe salesman carries with him a number of samples of the left shoe of a pair, so that practically all the shoes will occupy the same amount of space. If the traveling case is subdivided into rectangular compartments each shoe will occupy a space in the compartment between the bottom and side wall and a diagonal line extended across from one corner to the other, leaving an empty triangular space which it is my object to fill in with the shoes carried in the pockets of the inserts or trays.

The above objects and other objects to which reference will be made in the ensuing disclosure I accomplish by that certain combination and arrangement of parts, of which I have illustrated a preferred modification.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 represents a display case of the preferred type in closed position.

Figure 2 represents a perspective view of the display case shown in Figure 1 with the case opened and with the insert trays arranged alongside of the open case.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the preferred type of case in open position with inserts within the case.

Figure 4 is a perspective sectional view as would appear if taken along the lines 4—4 in the insert tray shown in Figure 2.

The case may be of desired design, composed of open sided sections 1, 2 provided with hinges 3 and with the accustomed snap locks 4 for securing the sections in closed position as indicated in Figure 1.

The case shown is also provided with a center snap lock 5 and with the usual carrying handle 6. Each of the sections 1 and 2 is provided with a series of compartment walls 7 which subdivides each section into a compartment 8.

I have shown a traveling case having 10 compartments, each compartment being of sufficient size to receive a sample shoe in the triangular space extending across between the corners of the compartment.

Referring to Figure 4 I have shown an insert tray having metallic side bars 9, end bars 10, and with cross bars 11, spaced similarly as the compartment wall 7 in the sections of the case. I prefer to cover the metal frame formed by the bars 9, 10 and 11 with cloth material formed with pockets 12 for receiving the sample shoes, which are to be set in to occupy the unfilled triangular spaces in the display case compartments.

In placing sample shoes in the display case, the case is opened as indicated in Figure 2, and each one of the compartments is filled

with a shoe in the manner indicated at A in Figure 2. The insert trays are then filled with shoes positioned as indicated at B in the insert trays shown in Figure 2.

In order to economize space in the compartments in the case the lower and upper inserts shown in Figure 2 would be reversed in position so that the heel portion of the shoes at B would occupy the open space in the compartments in which the shoes A are indicated. Thus the space in each compartment is economized by the shoes being positioned therein in the relationship indicated at A—B in Figure 3.

When the salesman desires to display the samples in his case he merely opens the case and removes the insert trays, when all the shoes which he has in the case are displayed to good advantage without its being necessary to unwrap any shoes.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

In combination with a sample shoe display case composed of hinged sections provided with partitions to form rectangular compartments, each for receiving sample shoes, insert trays having partitioned frames with flexible materials supported thereon to provide pockets corresponding to said partitioned compartments.

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