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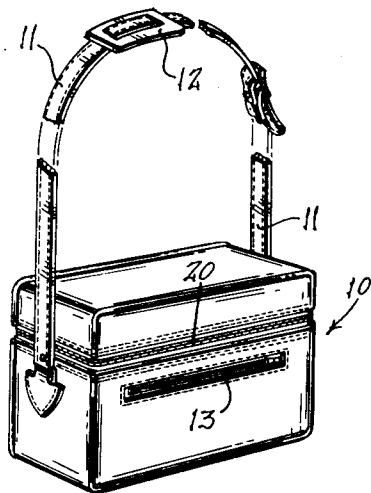


FIG. 1.

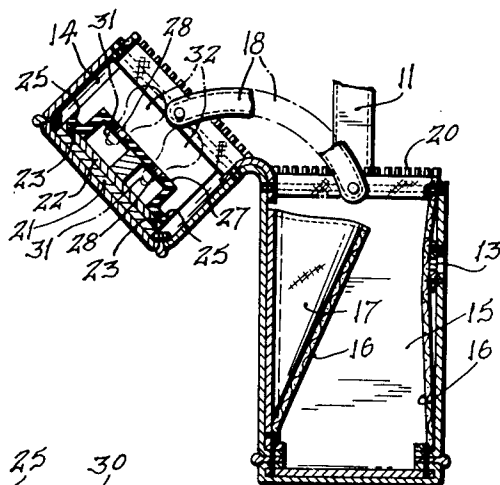


FIG. 3.

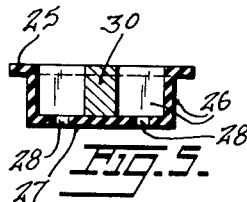


FIG. 5.

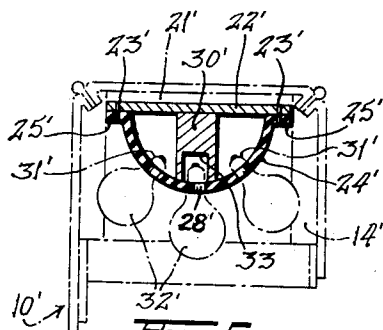


FIG. 6.

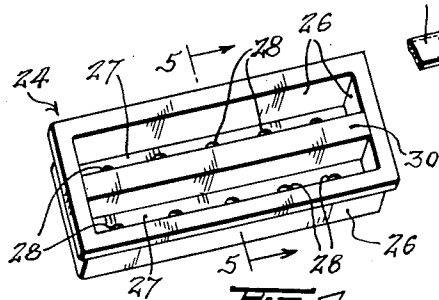


FIG. 4.

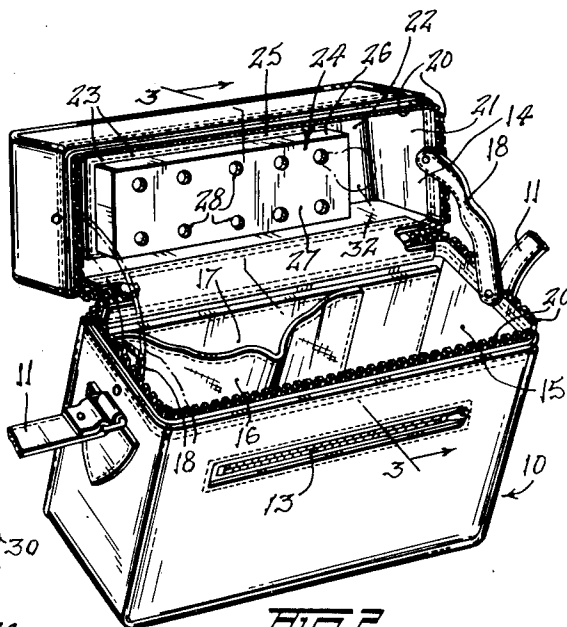


FIG. 2.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in bags or cases for carrying photographic equipment.

One object of the invention is the provision of such a bag or case having a plurality of pockets or receptacles for various articles of photographic equipment.

Another object of the invention is the provision in a said case of a resilient, in effect, shockproof receptacle for a plurality of flash bulbs.

Still another object of the invention is to construct said flash bulb receptacle in such manner that the bulbs are readily mounted therein and removed therefrom individually.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the case of the invention in closed condition.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the case in open condition.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is an isolated, enlarged perspective view from beneath of the flash bulb mounting means of the invention.

Fig. 5 is a sectional view on line 5—5 of Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is a sectional view similar to Fig. 5 but illustrates a modified form of the invention.

Referring now to the drawings and particularly to Figs. 1, 2 and 3, the case of the invention comprises a deep, rectangular bag 10 of leather, plastic or other similar material. Preferably an adjustable shoulder strap 11 has its ends secured to the side walls of the case and is provided with a protective shoulder pad 12 of sponge rubber or the like. In the front wall of the container there is preferably provided a zippered opening 13 to a pocket for photographic equipment. A short distance from their upper ends the front and side walls of the case are slit horizontally, the rear wall not being slit, however, and acting as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, as a hinge between the upper and lower portions of the container which form, respectively, a cover receptacle 14 and a main receptacle 15.

Main receptacle 15 is provided with a lining 16 of any soft material such as felt, said lining being arranged to have any desired number of pockets 17 for particular articles of equipment. Cover receptacle 14 and main receptacle 15 are interconnected by a pair of side straps 18 which

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hold the cover receptacle in the desired position when the same is tilted back from the main receptacle as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. A zipper 20 is provided to secure the upper and lower receptacles together in the closed position illustrated in Fig. 1.

The cover receptacle has secured therein a stiffening member 21 which extends across the top thereof and down the sides. A protective layer 22 of any suitable soft material such as felt is provided for the stiffener 21. Secured against the felt layer by stitches 23 is the flash bulb mount 24 of the invention. The said mount consists of a molded rectangular rubber frame having a perimetral flange 25 engaged by the stitching 23 and projecting from slightly inwardly inclined walls 26 which at their other ends are interconnected by a cross panel 27, see also Figs. 4 and 5. The panel is provided with a plurality of holes 28 arranged in two rows extending longitudinally of the panel. A stiffening rib 30 extends between the rows of holes and is suitably secured in place by gluing. The holes 28 are of such size as to grip tightly the stems 31 of flash bulbs 32 forced therein.

The construction is such that a plurality of flash bulbs 32 are safely secured in the mount 24, the resilient construction of the latter acting as a shock absorber for the bulbs. Further, the rib 30 effectively prevents compression of the mount 24 to bring the bulbs of one row into contact with those of the other row, if, for example, someone should sit on the case. It also is to be mentioned that the bulbs are readily engaged in the mount 24 and when so engaged are ideally accessible for immediate use when the case 10 is opened.

A modified form of the invention is illustrated in Fig. 6 wherein like parts are given the same reference numerals as hereinabove with a prime added. As shown, the mount 24' is semicylindrical in form and is provided with the perimetral flange 25'. Three rows of holes 28' are provided, however, one being located centrally in alignment with a hollowed-out groove 33 in the rib 30'.

The modified construction is such that the capacity of the bulb support is substantially increased.

It is to be mentioned that the bulb mounts of the invention may be incorporated in camera equipment cases which differ substantially from that shown herein, without departing from the invention.

It is to be understood that the mount frame and shoulder pad may be made of rubber, plastic,

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leather, felt or any other suitable material.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

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

A camera equipment carrying case of the character described, including a main box-like receptacle having a plurality of pockets for receiving articles and a box-like cover receptacle hinged to the main receptacle, flexible bulb carrying means mounted within the cover receptacle for resiliently carrying flashbulbs in spaced relation from the contents of the main receptacle, said bulb carrying means comprising an elongated molded rectangular open-sided rubber frame having bottom, side, end walls and a rectangular brim at the open side, said brim being affixed to the inner side of the top wall of the cover receptacle, the bottom wall of the frame having two adjoining rows of holes in spaced parallel relation to one another and extending longitudinally of the frame, and a rib element of rigid material secured within the frame intermediately of the

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two rows of holes and in contact with the bottom wall and the ends of the frame whereby the frame is prevented from collapsing, said bottom wall being resilient and the holes being adapted to engage and hold the stems of flashbulbs inserted therein.

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