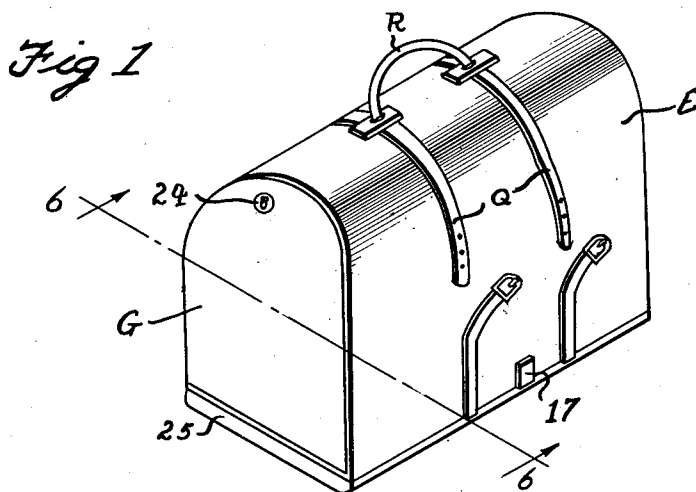
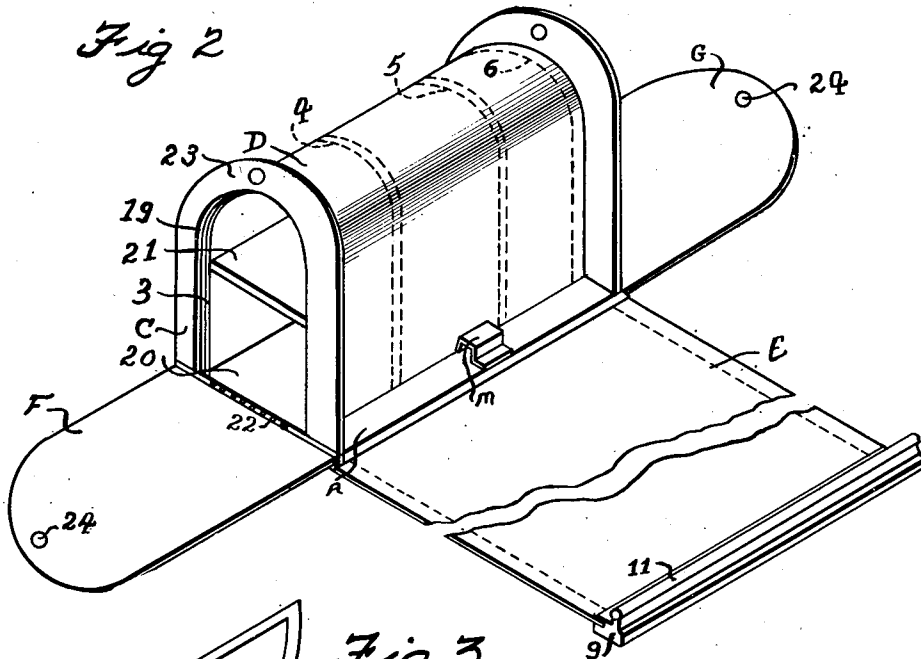
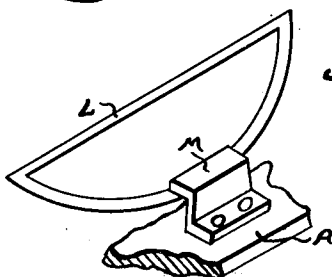


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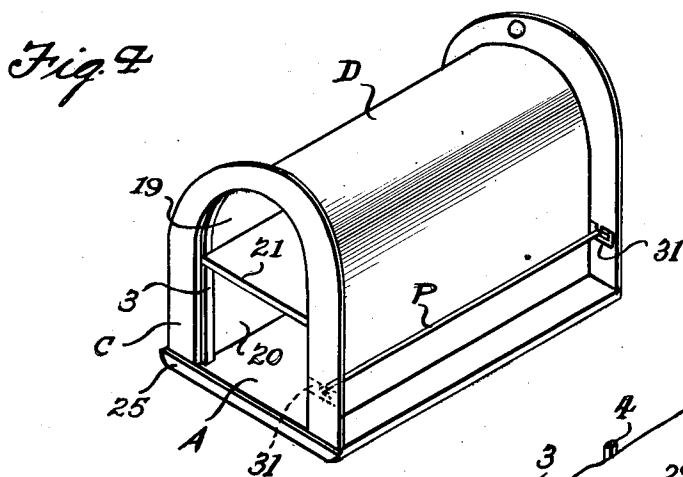
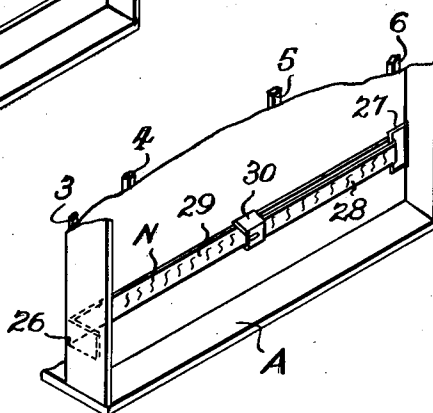
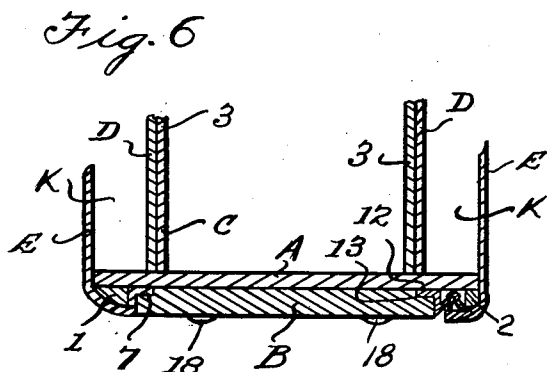
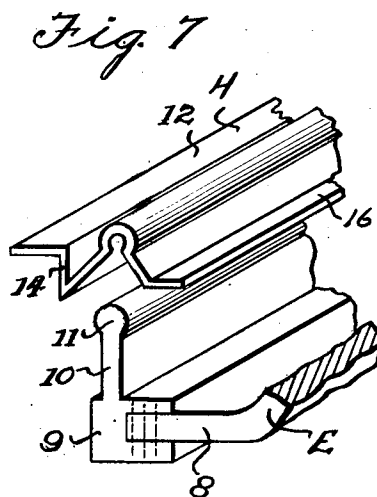


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This invention relates to luggage and more particularly and specifically to a piece of luggage which embodies a base, a hollow open ended form resting thereon, and a flexible cover secured at one end to one side of the base and extending over and completely loosely covering the form and having its opposite end detachably secured to the other side of the base.

Another object of the invention is the provision of an improved means for detachably securing one end of the flexible cover to the base of the luggage piece.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of one side of the improved bag.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the opposite side of the bag, the bag being open.

Fig. 3 is a detailed perspective view of the clothes hanger engaging clip.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the bag without its outer covering illustrating a modified arrangement of clothes hanger engaging element.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary perspective view illustrating a still further modified form of outer clothes engaging and holding arrangement.

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary transverse vertical sectional view on the line 6—6 of Figure 1.

Fig. 7 is an enlarged detailed fragmentary perspective view and shows, in separated relation, the closure joint between the bottom wall and the main outer cover of the bag.

In reading the following description of the bag recognition is to be made of the fact that departures in material can be made without departing from the invention. Description is given of a leather bag but canvas or other suitable material could be substituted therefor should it be desired. The herein after referred to framework is referred to as being of metal but any material of suitable strength could be substituted.

Broadly the bag comprises a flat rectangular base A beneath which is a bottom B of equal length but of less width than the base. An inverted U-shaped frame C is secured to the upper face of the base and has its sides and top covered by a suitable form D which could be of any suitable material. A main cover E is of the proper width and length to completely cover the form. The final closure of the bag is made by a pair of end doors F and G. The bag when open has the appearance illustrated in Fig. 2 and when closed the appearance illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

Describing the invention in more detail it will be seen that due to the lesser width of the bag

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bottom there is at each longitudinal edge of the underside of the base a space. At one side this space is filled by a suitable molding-like strip 1 while at the other side this space is partially filled by a molding-like strip 2.

The U-shaped frame is composed of a plurality of spaced apart parallel metallic frame elements 3, 4, 5 and 6 each of which is either square or rectangular in cross sectional configuration and resembles a croquet wicket. The frame on its outer side is covered by the before-mentioned form D. The frame and form are of lesser width than the base A so as to leave considerable space between the bottom of the form and the side edges of the base.

The cover E has one end secured as at 7 and extends over the outer face of molding 1. The opposite and free end 8 of the cover is suitably secured throughout its length in a block 9 having an upstanding flange 10 terminating in an elongated bead 11.

In the space left between the molding strip 2 and the adjacent edge of the bag bottom B, the resilient strip H is disposed and extends throughout the length of the bag base. This strip has a horizontal leg 12 secured between the bag bottom and base as at 13 and a vertical leg 14 paralleling the side face of the bag bottom. From the lower end of the leg 14 the strip extends upwardly and outwardly into a tubular socket 15 of the proper contour and size to receive and resiliently engage the elongated bead 11 of the block 9. The opposite end 16 of the strip is secured to the molding strip 2.

As clearly appears in Fig. 6 of the drawings the outer cover E extends over the form D but in spaced relationship thereto to form an outer clothing receiving space or receptacle K. It will also appear that the cover E extends over the molding strip 2 and that the bottom face of the block 9 is flush with the bottom face of the bag bottom B. Intermediate its length the free end of the cover is provided with a lock 17 which extends into the vertical face of one edge of the bag base. This lock may be of any conventional construction. The particular form of lock does not constitute a part of the present invention. Throughout its length and width and in spaced relationship the bag bottom is provided with a plurality of outwardly projecting protecting lugs or knobs 18.

The arrangement thus far described provides a compartment interior of the covered frame which compartment can be subdivided. In Fig. 2 of the drawings this compartment is subdivided into an upper compartment 19 and a lower com-

partment 20 by a shelf 21. These compartments have open ends and are for the purpose of carrying shoes, toilet articles and other miscellaneous articles which can be packed into and removed from the compartments without in any way disturbing the outer clothing garments which are stretched over the outer face of the form D in the main clothing compartment K and so held in a manner which will be hereinafter described.

The open ends of the compartments 19 and 20 are closed by the end doors F and G, the lower ends of which are hinged as at 22 to the ends of the bag base A and are of the proper width, height and configuration to completely close the ends of the bag by having abutment and engagement with the longitudinal edges of the main cover E. At its opposite ends the form D is provided with end members 23 which like the frame are U-shaped. They extend outwardly to close the ends of the hereinafter described clothing compartment. The doors are held closed by snap fasteners 24. At its ends the bag carries leather covered filler strips or moldings 25 below the doors.

Several means for securing the outer clothing to the form D so that they will not shift and become rumpled or wrinkled are illustrated. One such arrangement is illustrated in Figs. 2 and 5 of the drawings.

It is intended that the distance from one lower edge of the form D over its top and down to its other lower edge will be slightly greater than the length of a man's suit coat. This distance would accommodate the length of a pair of trousers folded midway their length or a dress folded midway of its length. Preferably in packing a coat, trousers, or dresses they would be placed on a hanger such as that illustrated at L in Fig. 3. Having reference to Figs. 2 and 3 it will be seen that the bag base at one side is provided with a clip M which is shaped to accommodate several hangers L so that the garments on the hangers will be held at one of their ends by the hanger through its engagement with the clip. The garments will lie upon and extend over the form and have their other and free ends terminating adjacent the opposite lower edge of the form where they will be secured beneath a strap or elastic band N such for instance as that illustrated in Fig. 5. Here it will be seen that one end of the band is secured as at 26 to one end of the form or frame and extends through an eye or ring 27 at the opposite end of the frame and is doubled back as at 28 and is adjustably secured to the main elastic or strap portion 29 by a buckle 20. This arrangement makes it possible to tighten down upon the free ends of the garments and hold them against displacement.

Obviously if the garments are carefully positioned upon the form and then secured in the manner described they will not shift and will therefore arrive at their destination unwrinkled and unmussed. The space or compartment K is of sufficient width to accommodate considerable clothing. The amount of clothing which can be carried would of course depend upon the dimensions of the bag. With the clothing compartment K filled with clothing the outer cover E will assist in holding the clothing against movement and it will also be seen that should it be desired to remove toilet articles, magazines or any other material carried in the compartments 19 and 20 these can be gotten at by opening the proper door F or G without in any way disturbing the

garments. The bag also provides the desirable arrangement of carrying shoes which are kept out of contact with the clothing in the bag.

An optional arrangement is illustrated in Fig. 4 wherein a bar or rod P is substituted for the elastic or strap N. This bar is removably and adjustably carried in and supported by brackets 31 adjacent the lower end of the form at each side thereof.

The bag is provided exteriorly with tightening straps Q and a carrying handle R.

The advantages and benefits to be derived from a travelling bag made in accordance with the present invention will be understood from the preceding description and will be quickly recognized by those familiar and skilled in the art.

Departures from the exact construction illustrated can be made without departing from the inventive concept and the invention is to be limited only within the scope of the following claims.

What I claim is:

1. An improved travelling bag comprising a base, a hollow open ended form resting upon the base and extending upwardly therefrom, said form being of considerably less width than the base, a flexible cover secured at one end to one side of the base and extending over and completely loosely covering the form and having its opposite end detachably secured to the other side of the base, a door at each end of the base and hinged at its lower end to the base, said doors closing the open ends of the form and having their side and top edges in engagement with the cover, means detachably securing the doors in a closed position, and a carrying handle secured to the outer face of the cover intermediate the ends thereof.

2. A construction as defined in claim 1, wherein the base at its underside is provided with a resilient clamp extending longitudinally thereof, and the free end of the cover is provided with an element which can enter, and be resiliently retained by, said clamp.

3. An improved travelling bag comprising a base, a hollow open ended form resting upon the base and extending upwardly therefrom, said form being of considerably less width than the base, a flexible cover secured at one end to one side of the base and extending over and completely loosely covering the form and having its opposite end detachably secured to the other side of the base, means at each end of the base closing the open ends of the form, one of said closure means being movable to provide entry into the form, and a carrying handle secured to the outer face of the flexible cover intermediate the ends thereof.

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