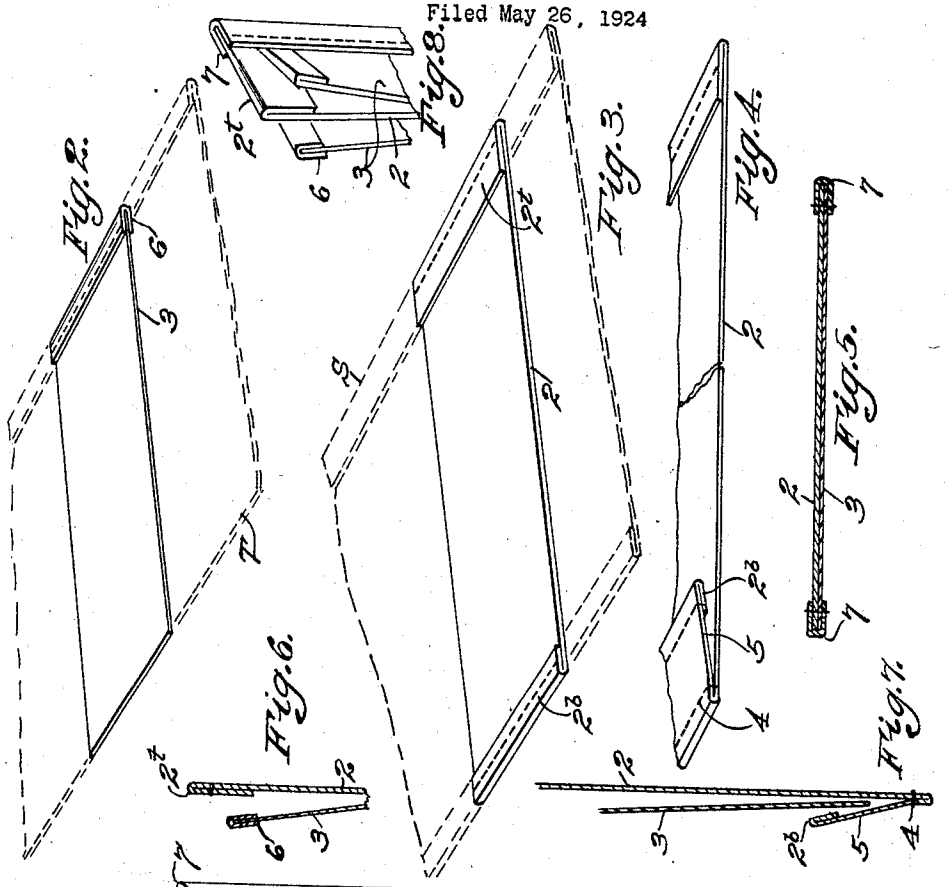
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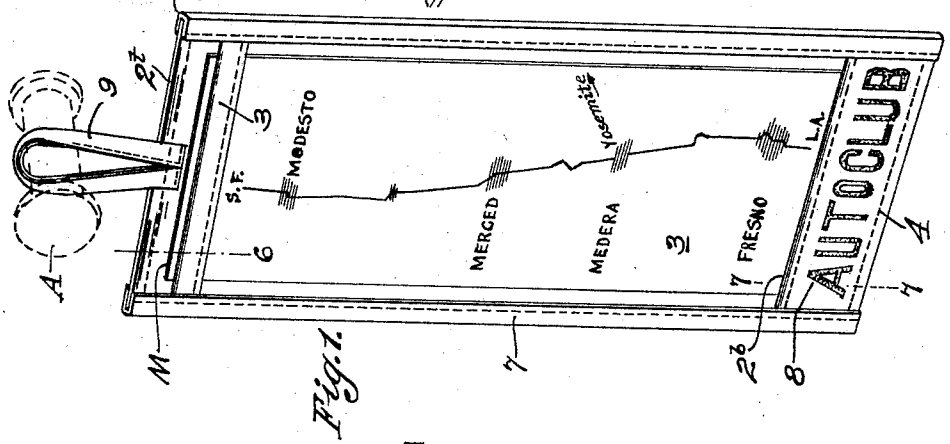


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE P. CHAPMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Long Beach, county of Los Angeles, State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Visible-Map Container, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to vehicle accessories, and particularly to means for holding maps and data cards or sheets.

An object is to provide a map container which has clear panel or window means behind which is adapted to be disposed a fully visible map held in a flat protected position. Another object is to provide a map container or "map-sack" which may be conveniently hooked or hung on a knob, lever or other suitable part on an instrument board of a touring vehicle, so as to be readily studied by the pilot or driver, without use of either hand and avoiding the necessity of removing a hand from a control.

An object is to provide a map-sack of durable structure and which can be packed away in a flat condition and in a small space while containing a number of maps or other flat pieces preserved from tourist and service abuse.

An object is to provide a map-sack which is neat and capacious and also has provision for an advertising function. A further object is to provide a practical method for the manufacture of the device.

Other objects and advantages will be made manifest in the following specification of the apparatus and method of the invention illustrated in the accompanying drawing, it being understood that further embodiments, modifications and adaptations may be resorted to within the spirit of the invention.

Fig. 1 is a perspective of the map-sack, having an inserted map.

Fig. 2 is a perspective of a window panel, as cut from a stock strip.

Fig. 3 is a perspective of a backing element, as cut from its stock strip.

Fig. 4 is a perspective showing the advertising flap over-laid on the backing.

Fig. 5 is a cross-section of the sack.

Fig. 6 is a longitudinal section on dash-line 6, of Fig. 1, omitting the card or map.

Fig. 7 is a detail section on dash line 7, of Fig. 1.

Fig. 8 illustrates a form of the sack having front and back windows.

My invention broadly consists of a flat container or sack of dimensions somewhat greater than those of a map M, of the type generally supplied for vehicle touring, though the container may be of any desired dimensions. In the form shown, one or both faces of a backing 2, may be provided with a transparent window panel 3, secured at the sides and one end of the backing, thus leaving a mouth at one end for the insertion of maps or data cards. The window panel and the backing may be secured together in any suitable manner, and preferably the panel is of such a material as to form a stiffener to hold the sack to a flat shape.

A most attractive and practical sack is made in the following manner: a strip of material S, is utilized and a wide hem 2^t is laid along one edge and a narrower hem 2^b, is laid along the other long edge. When desired, the edge having the hem 2^b, is overfolded a suitable amount and stitched at 4, leaving a loose flap 5. The thus prepared stock strip is subdivided into sections 2, the wide hem being the top end.

I also utilize a stock strip of transparent material T, and bind one long edge with a binding tape 6, to protect the edge, give a finish, and re-inforce the edge at the top when the window panel 3, is bound into the sack structure.

The panel 3 is of such material that it may be stitched to the backing in superposed relation along edges but leaving the top or mouth free. In making a map-sack as shown in Fig. 1, the panel 3, is of less length than the backing 2, and the bottom, unbound end of the panel is pushed under the loose flap 5, so that its top, bound end is below the top end of the backing 2. The window panel may be sewed in place and preferably a binding strip 7, is laid around the side edges of the panel and backing to re-inforce, stiffen and improve the appearance of the structure. The top hem 2^t, and the binding 5, are superposed and form stout lips for the mouth of the sack where wear is occasioned by insertion and removal of the maps or cards.

The flap 5, covers the lower end of the window panel 3, and extends up to provide a name or sign zone 8, effective for advertising purposes. Any suitable stock or material may be used for the several parts.

Means are provided for conveniently attaching the map-sack to a part in, of or on a vehicle instrument board so that the protected map or other object, is held conspicuously in view and enables the driver or pilot to observe the map without handling. The attaching means I prefer to be foldably connected to the visible-map container for convenience in packing it away. In the form shown, the attaching means includes a loop 9, extending up from the top to pass over a knob or lever, or other appropriate and convenient part A.

By providing front and back window panels 3, as in Fig. 8, a visible-map can be presented in reversed positions of the sack.

What is claimed is:

1. A map-sack for tourists' maps, having an open unobstructed mouth at its top end; one lip of the mouth being off-set above the other and having a suspending loop, the map-sack having a transparent panel through which a map in the sack is visible.

2. A map-sack for tourists' maps, including a backing having an overfolded top lip and a flap at the bottom stitched close to the fold so as to leave a free lap, a front transparent panel having a bound top edge arranged below the top lip of the back and having its lower edge unbound and lying under the free lap of the flap, and side binding strips from end to end of the sack and overlying the flap ends.

3. A map-sack for tourists' maps, including a backing having an overfolded top lip and a flap at the bottom stitched close to the fold so as to leave a free lap, a front transparent panel having a bound top edge arranged below the top lip of the back and having its lower edge unbound and lying under the free lap of the flap, and side binding strips from end to end of the sack and overlying the flap ends; the upper edge of the flap being inturned and stitched down along the free lap.

4. A map-sack for tourists' maps including a backing having an overfolded top lip and a flap at the bottom stitched close to the fold to leave a free lap, a front transparent panel having a top edge arranged below the top lip of the backing and having its lower edge under the free lap of the flap, and side binding strips from end to end of the sack and overlying the flap ends; the folded top lip having an attaching loop to be passed over a support.

5. A map sack having front and back, transparent panels and an intermediate backing and forming front and rear pockets, and binding strips covering the longitudinal edges of the sack; the lip at the top of the backing being higher than the panels to facilitate insertion and removal of the panels.

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