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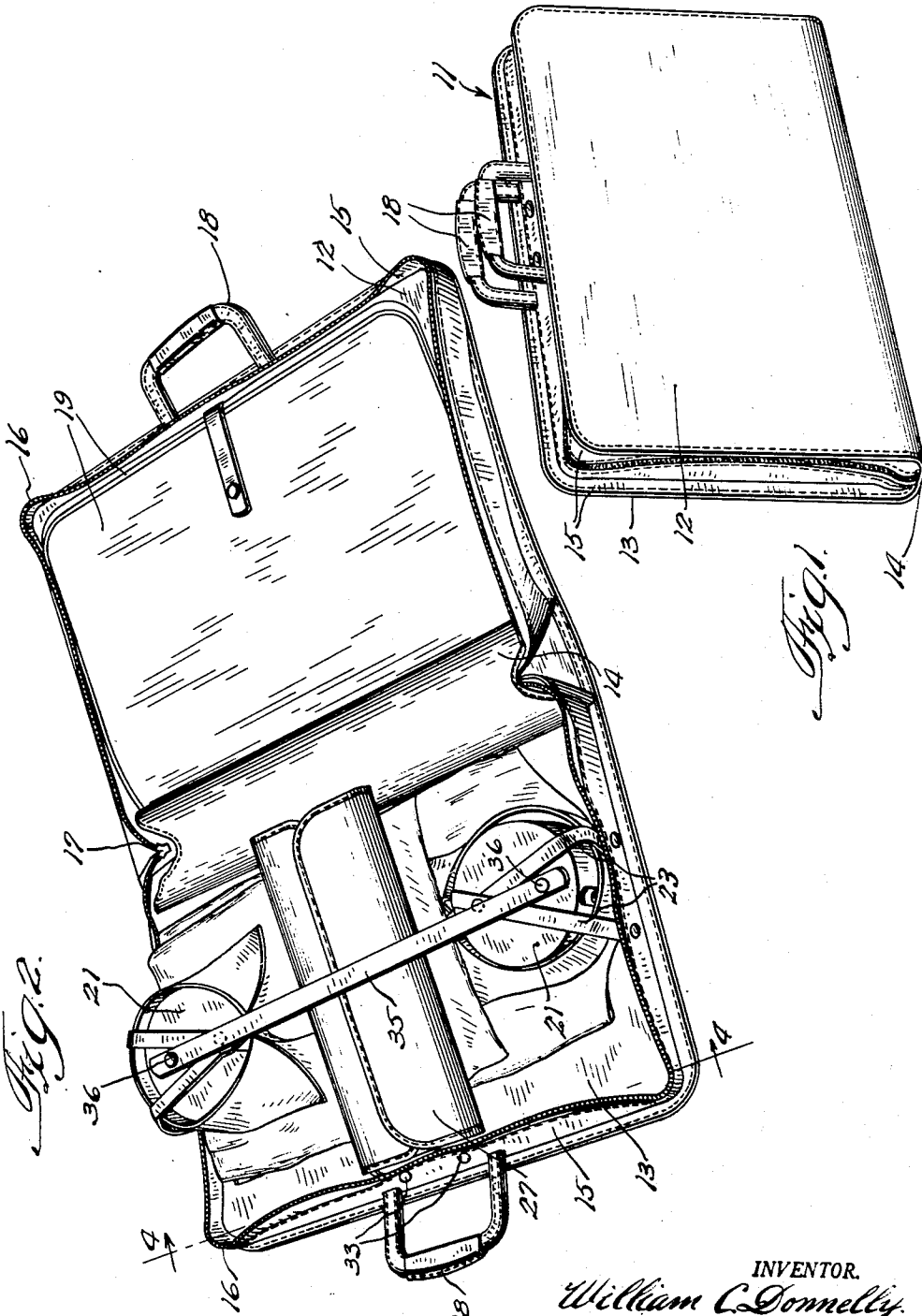


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This invention relates to a brief bag and has special reference to a combined brief and overnight bag which may be used to carry toilet articles and such articles of apparel as will be required for a few days, in addition to any desired papers.

When a professional or business man is required to take a trip for a day or two, he usually requires a brief case for papers and the like and a traveling bag or suitcase for his clothes and personal effects. With the present combined bag, papers may be carried in one side or compartment and toilet articles and sufficient apparel for a few days may be neatly packed in other parts of the bag and maintained in unmussed condition. Upon arrival at the intended destination everything may be quickly removed, and the bag thereafter used as a brief bag for papers alone.

An object of this invention is to provide a combined brief and overnight bag which may be used to carry, in addition to papers, all articles necessary for a trip of a day or two.

Another object is to provide such a bag in which the articles of clothing are kept neat and unmussed at all times.

Still another object is to provide a combined brief and overnight bag in which the various toilet articles and small articles of apparel are confined within cases or containers and kept from moving about.

A further object is to provide a bag of the above type in which papers are kept separate from the other articles carried in the bag.

A still further object is to provide a very compact, neat appearing bag of minimum weight.

Further objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description and claims when considered together with the drawings, in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a combined brief and overnight bag embodying the present invention in closed position;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the bag shown in Fig. 1 in open position with various articles packed therein;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view illustrating the various articles that may be carried therein and the places in which they are intended to be carried; and

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken on the line 4-4 of Fig. 2 with all articles removed.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, there is shown a combined brief and overnight bag embodying the present invention comprising

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a brief case 11 of the folder or flat opening type having opposed, substantially parallel, flat side members 12 and 13 connected together by a connecting or hinge portion 14 which is preferably integral with the side members 12 and 13. Each of the side members is provided with a marginal, inwardly extending flange portion 15 on the ends and outer side. The inner edges of the flanges are provided with cooperating slide fastener teeth 16 which may be opened and closed by the usual slide 17. Handles 18 are provided at the outer longitudinal sides for carrying the case.

Secured to the central hinged portion 14 for swinging movement are a pair of substantially rigid dividers 19 which are intended for receiving therebetween the papers carried in the bag.

In packing the bag, a pair of shirts with collars attached may be arranged with the collars located adjacent the ends of side 13 and facing upwardly. Substantially round, rigid boxes or containers of a size to fit within the collars of the shirts, are provided for the combined purpose of maintaining the shirt collars in neat, unmussed condition and also to hold toilet articles, cuff buttons, collar buttons etc. The circular containers 21 are preferably somewhat higher than the width of the flange portions 15, and may be made of fiber, leather, metal or other lightweight, fairly rigid material which will not be readily crushed. As shown particularly in Fig. 3, the boxes 21 are provided with a cover 22.

In the particular construction shown, a pair of crossed straps 23 are employed to hold each of the boxes 21 in its intended position. The outer ends of the pairs of straps may be removably secured to the flange 15 by snaps 24. At the intersection of the straps, a short distance from their outer ends, a rivet 25 secures them to the bottom of the container 21. From the rivet 25 the straps pass around the side of the container 21 and are riveted to the top of the cover 22. The free ends of the straps are also provided with snaps 26 for being detachably secured to the sides of the container 21.

As each of the straps is riveted to a container 21 and its cover 22, there is no possibility of the two becoming separated. However, the cover may be removed from the container when desired and then replaced and held in proper position by the snaps at the free end of straps 23. When positioned in shirt collars the containers 21 are turned over as shown in Figs. 3 and 4 to bring their bottoms uppermost and the straps 23 passing completely around them.

An elongated folder 27 preferably made of

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leather, cloth or other flexible material is provided for the purpose of enclosing articles such as socks, neckties and handkerchiefs. It is preferably wide enough to receive neckties and in length is somewhat less than the width of the flat sides 12 and 13. In the form shown the ends 29 and 31 of the folder 27 overlap, and a side flap 32 may be employed also. If desired, means such as snaps may be provided on the cooperating ends 31 and 29 to hold them together. The adjacent end of the folder 27 is removably secured to the outer flange 15 such as by means of snaps 33. This permits the folder 27 to be swung up out of the way so that shirts may be positioned in the case, after which the folder is swung down to lie upon the shirts.

For the purpose of holding the folder 27 in its normal position, shown in Fig. 2, a securing strap 35 is removably connected at its ends to the bottoms of circular containers 21 by snaps 36 or other suitable means.

In addition to the shirts, ties, socks and handkerchiefs which may be packed in the side 13, papers 37 may be positioned between the dividers 19 and additional clothes such as pajamas, underwear and the like may be packed between the side 12 and the adjacent divider 19. When the clothes and papers are packed as above described, they will be held fixed and in an unmussed condition and the toilet articles will be kept in the containers 21. Whenever it is desired to use the combined brief and overnight bag as a brief bag alone the clothes, together with the containers 21 and straps 23 and 35, may be removed, leaving the entire case for use as an ordinary brief bag.

With the above construction, the bag may be very quickly packed when it is to be used for a trip. Although it will carry a large number of articles, the bag is quite compact requiring very little room.

While I have shown and described a particular embodiment of the present invention, it is manifest that various changes and modifications may be made therein without departing from the invention and therefore I wish this to be limited only by the prior art and the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a combined brief and overnight bag comprising a flat-opening brief case having opposed substantially flat parallel sides secured together along one edge, a substantially flat elongated container having a length somewhat less than the width of said sides for being positioned in one of said sides transversely thereof, a pair of stiff substantially circular containers of a size to fit into a shirt collar for being removably positioned adjacent opposite ends of said side, and securing means having a portion extending between said circular containers and portions connecting said circular containers to said ends and passing substantially about said circular containers.

2. In a combined brief and overnight bag comprising a flat-opening brief case having opposed, substantially flat parallel sides secured together along one edge, a substantially flat elongated con-

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tainer having a length somewhat less than the width of said sides removably positioned in one of said sides transversely thereof, a pair of stiff substantially circular containers of a size to fit into a shirt collar removably positioned adjacent opposite ends of said side, securing means releasably connecting said circular containers together and to the adjacent ends of said side, and a pair of dividers connected to the closed edge of said case.

3. In a combined brief and overnight bag comprising a flat-opening brief case having opposed, substantially flat parallel sides secured together along one edge, a substantially flat elongated container having a length somewhat less than the width of said sides removably positioned in one of said sides transversely thereof, a pair of stiff substantially circular containers of a size to fit into a shirt collar removably positioned adjacent opposite ends of said side, and securing means releasably connecting said circular containers together and to the adjacent ends of said side, said securing means being free of said side intermediate said circular containers.

4. In a combined brief and overnight bag comprising a flat-opening brief case having opposed, substantially flat sides secured together along one edge, a substantially flat elongated container having a length somewhat less than the width of said sides transversely thereof, a stiff substantially circular container of a size to fit into a shirt collar removably positioned adjacent one end of said side, and securing means releasably connected to said container and to the ends of said side for securing the container in position adjacent one end of said side, said securing means being free of said side from said container to adjacent the far end of said side.

5. In a combined brief and overnight bag comprising a flat-opening brief case having opposed substantially flat sides secured together along one edge, a pair of stiff substantially circular containers of a size to fit into a shirt collar removably positioned adjacent opposite ends of one of said sides, and securing means releasably connecting to said containers together and to the ends of said side for securing the containers in position adjacent the ends of said side, said securing means being free of said side intermediate said circular containers.

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