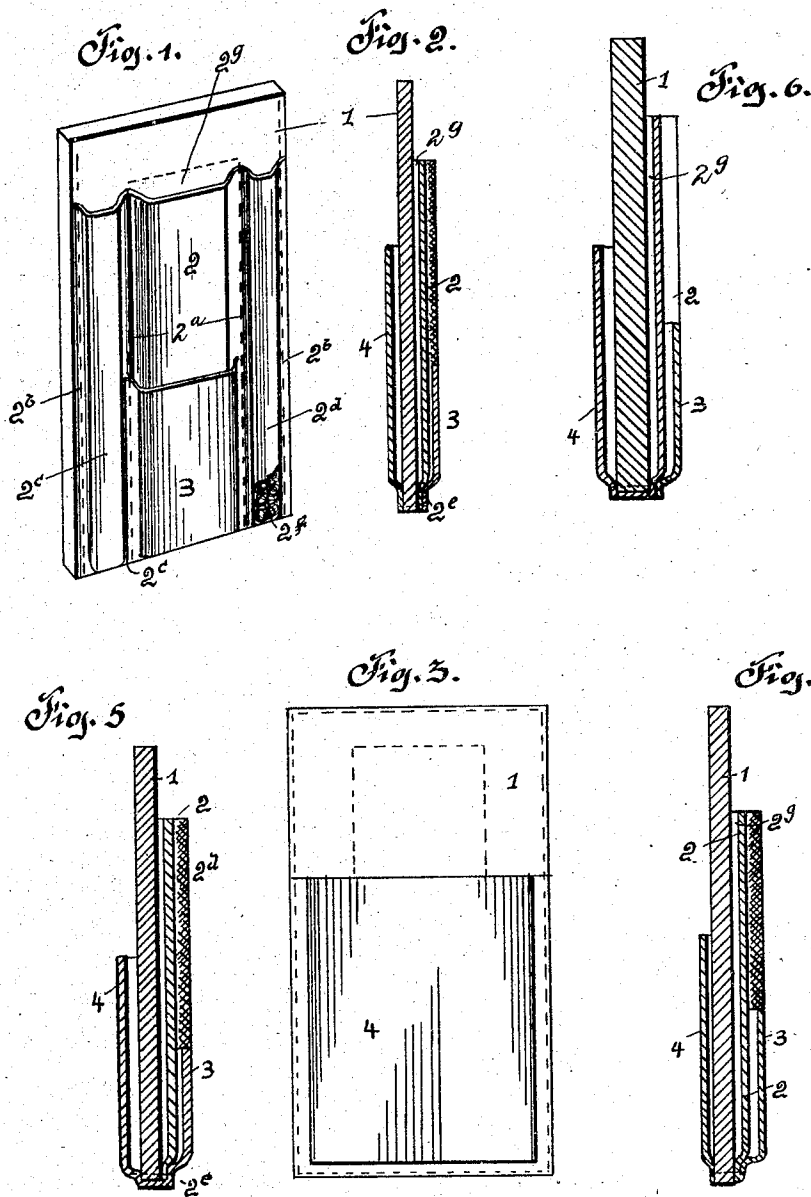


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM MERSBACH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pocket Combination-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in combination-cases of the type which are carried, for instance, in the vest-pocket and used to hold such articles as pencils, fountain-pens, combs, tickets, matches, and the like.

The detailed construction will be explained as the description proceeds, reference being had therein by numerals to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the case, showing the arrangements of the pockets on the front side thereof. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the preferred form of construction. Fig. 3 is an elevation showing the single pocket on the rear side of the case, and Figs. 4, 5, and 6 are vertical sectional views of modifications of my construction.

In the accompanying drawings the numeral 1 represents a stiff leather backing having soft-leather pieces 2 and 3 stitched thereto to form pockets. The member 2 is somewhat wider than the backing, so as to provide sufficient space in the compartments, and has three sides stitched to the backing, but the top side left unstitched, thereby forming a pocket having an open end. Adjacent each row of stitching on the sides of the member 2 are parallel rows of stitching 2^a and 2^b, forming vertical side pockets 2^c and 2^d, arranged to receive a pencil and a fountain-pen, and a central pocket 2^e. Thus by the arrangement of the rows of stitching the member 2 serves as a wall for three pockets. The side pockets are provided with a bottom filling of fibrous material 2^f to protect the pencil-point and absorb any leakage from a fountain-pen, the side pocket 2^d being cut away at its base to show the fibrous filling, the construction being duplicated in the pocket 2^c. The fourth pocket upon the front side of the backing 1 is formed by stitching a soft-leather piece 3, considerably shorter than the member 2, to the backing 1. The member 3 is stitched in the same manner as the member 2 and is of equal width to the central vertical pocket 2, the side rows of stitching coinciding with the

rows of stitching 2^a and 2^b and the bottom row with the bottom row of stitching of the member 2, which I will now designate 2^e. A soft piece of leather 4 slightly wider than the backing 1 is stitched to the rear face thereof in the same manner as the members 2 and 3 and forms a fifth pocket.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4 the members 2 and 3 are formed integral, and in the modification illustrated in Fig. 5 the members 4 and 3 are formed integral. Of course where the members 2 and 3 are formed integral the leather must be treated the same way on each side to present a uniform appearance.

As shown in the drawings, the pocket 2^e is adapted to contain a comb or mirror and the pockets 2^c and 2^d pencils and pens, the pocket 3 matches or toothpicks, and the pocket 4 cards or tickets.

The case is described as constructed of leather, since that is the preferable material and the one best adapted to wear; but I do not wish to confine myself to this specific material, as the sheets which form the pockets may be formed of any flexible material possessing the requisite wearing qualities, while the stiff back piece may likewise be of other material than leather, but essentially of sufficient stiffness to give the desired stability to the structure.

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

1. A device of the type set forth, comprising a stiff backing having pockets on its front and rear faces, the pockets on both faces being formed of an integral piece of material.

2. A device of the type set forth comprising a stiff backing having a single pocket on one side and a plurality of pockets on the other side, said single pocket and said plurality of pockets being formed of a single piece of material secured to the backing.

3. A device of the type set forth comprising a stiff backing having on one side a plurality of long pockets approximately the full length of the backing, and a superposed shorter pocket and having on the opposite side a single pocket of less length than said long pockets.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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