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Fig. 1

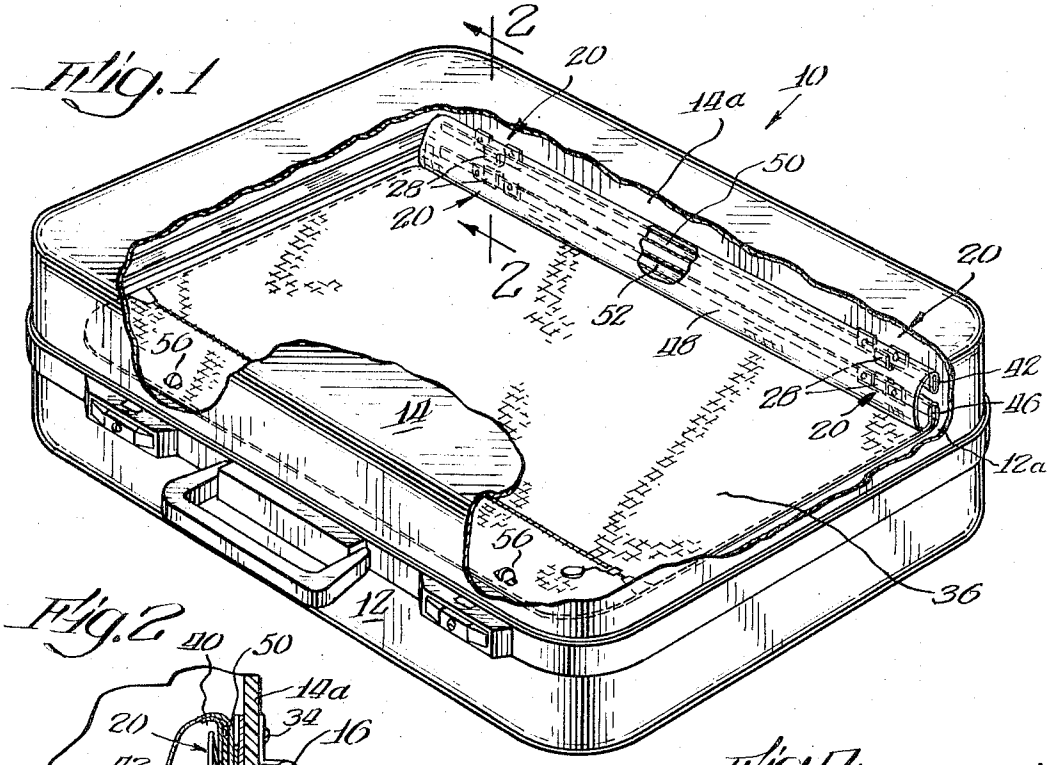


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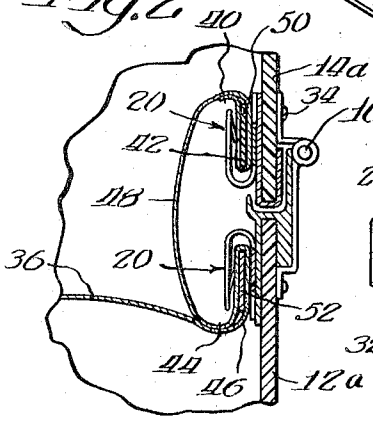


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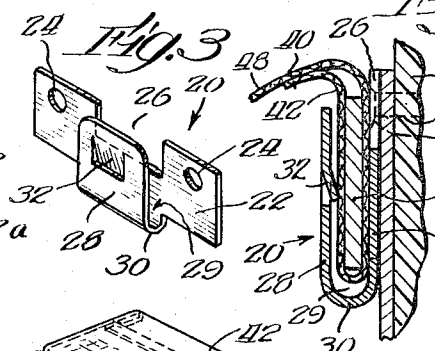


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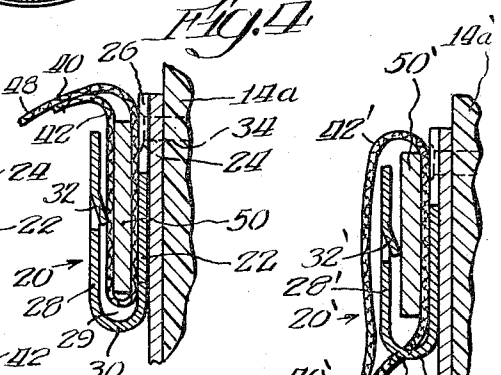
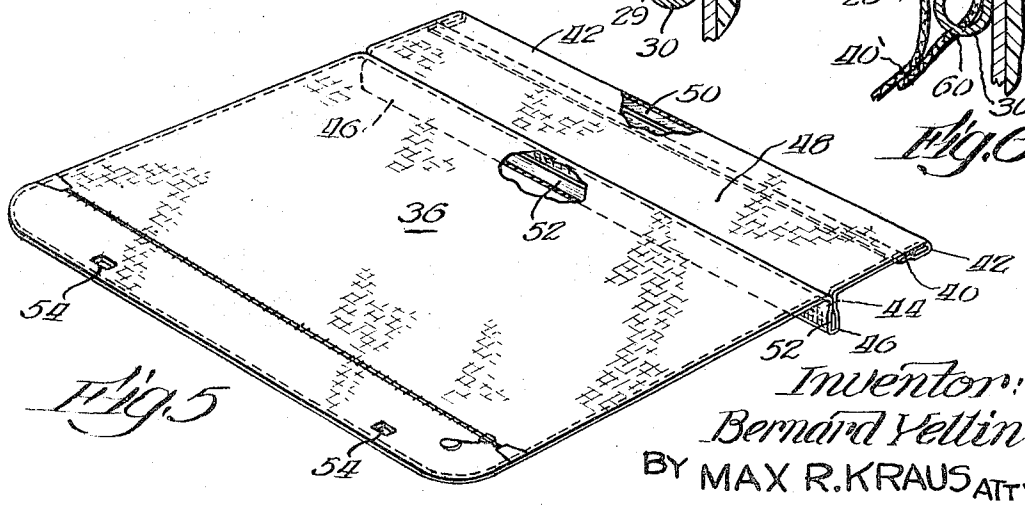


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This invention relates to improvements in luggage or carrying cases.

One of the objects of this invention is to provide means for detachably securing a partition or covering member in a luggage or carrying case.

Another object of this invention is to provide clip members whereby the partition or inside cover member may be detachably secured to permit removal of same.

Another object of this invention is to provide means for detachably securing a partition or inside cover member, and which also provides an inside covering for the hinge line of the luggage or carrying case.

Another object of this invention is to provide a construction having the foregoing objects which is inexpensive to manufacture and easy to apply and assemble.

Other objects will become apparent as this description progresses.

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a luggage or carrying case broken away, showing the invention.

FIG. 2 is an enlarged sectional view taken on lines 2—2 of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is an enlarged perspective view of the clip member.

FIG. 4 is an enlarged sectional view corresponding to the upper portion of FIG. 2.

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the partition and associated parts removed from the luggage or case, and

FIG. 6 is an enlarged view corresponding to FIG. 4, but showing a modification.

The numeral **10** designates a conventional luggage or carrying case formed of two separate sections **12** and **14**, hingedly secured together by hinges **16** which are secured to the rear or bottom walls **12***a* and **14***a* respectively, of the two sections. The two sections form the body of the case. The locking means and handle are secured to the top or front walls of the sections. All of the foregoing is conventional and is well understood.

Secured to the bottom or rear walls **12***a* and **14***a* of each of the sections are clip members, generally designated by the numeral **20**, all of which are of identical construction. They are made preferably of a tempered spring steel. The clip member has a flat plate or body portion **22** provided with a pair of spaced openings **24** and a central cutout **26**. Continuing from the plate **22** is a front wall **28** which is centrally positioned and extends parallel to the plate **22**, but is spaced forwardly thereof to provide a space **29** therebetween. The front wall is connected to the plate by a curved connecting wall **30**. The front wall **28** is of the width of the cutout and is provided with an inwardly extending tongue **32** which extends into the space **29** and which is formed or struck out of the wall **28**. The outer edge of the front wall **28** extends inwardly of the outer edge of the plate **22**.

The clip members **20** are secured to the rear walls **12***a* and **14***a* of the sections through the openings **24** by rivets **34**. Two clip members are fixedly secured to each of the rear walls in spaced relation and they are mounted to be close to the outer edge of each of the rear walls.

The partition or covering member, generally designated by the numeral **36**, and best shown in FIG. 5, may consist of a flexible material of several layers stitched together. The rear or inner end of the partition is folded inwardly and stitched as at **40** to form a sleeve **42**. The

partition inwardly of the inner end is folded upon itself and stitched as at **44** to form a sleeve **46**. Each of the sleeves receives a flat metal bar of aluminum or the like, for rigidity, said bars being identified by the numerals **50** and **52** respectively.

The front end of the partition or covering **36** is provided with spaced openings and reinforcing eyelets **54** which are adapted to be secured to the conventional locking means **56** in section **12**, as is well-known. The partition or covering **36** is detachably secured to the four clips **20** through the medium of the sleeves and bars **50** and **52** being engaged by the clips, with the inner portion **48** of the partition between said bars extending over and across the hinge line between the two sections, as best seen in FIG. 2.

In securing the detachable partition to the clips **20**, the portion of the partition embracing the sleeve **46** and bar **52** therein is inserted in the pair of bottom clips **20**, shown in FIG. 2, which are on the rear wall **12***a* of section **12**. The bar **52** and sleeve **46** is inserted into the space **29** between the plate **22** and front wall **28**. The tongue **32** engages the bar and sleeve and detachably locks it in place. The inner portion **48** of the partition is positioned over the hinge line and the opposite end of said strip embraced by the sleeve **46** and bar **52** is inserted in the pair of clips **26** on the rear wall **14***a* of section **14** to be detachably secured therein, as best seen in the enlarged view of FIG. 4.

The partition or covering member **36** may be detached from the clips **20** merely by slipping the sleeve with the bar therein out from the clips, or same may be readily attached to said clips by inserting same into said clips.

FIG. 6 shows a modification. In this modification the clips and the parts, as previously described, are the same, and hence will not be redescribed, except that the parts in FIG. 6 are primed to correspond to the previously designated parts. The only difference is that the sleeves **42′** and **46′** in which the aluminum strips or bars **50′** and **52′** are positioned are each slotted, as indicated by the numeral **60**, so that the sleeve can be positioned on the clip **20′**, with the wall **28′** of the clip passing through the slot **60** so that the tongue **32′** engages the bar **50′**, with a portion of the sleeve covering the wall **28′** and hiding it from view, the slot **60** being only the width of the wall **28′**. It will of course be understood that the slots **60** in the sleeves are positioned to aline with the walls **28′** of the clips **20′**. In all other respects the structure of the modification is as previously described.

It will be understood that various changes and modifications may be made from the foregoing without departing from the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A luggage or carrying case of the character described including, a pair of sections hingedly secured together, each of said sections having a bottom wall, a clip member fixedly secured to each of said bottom walls, a partition member, means for detachably securing one end of said partition member to both said clip members.

2. The invention as defined in claim **1** in which each clip member comprises a plate permanently secured to the bottom wall of the section, with a wall extending forwardly and in spaced relation to said plate, with said wall having means extending inwardly towards said plate.

3. A luggage or carrying case comprising, a pair of sections forming compartments hingedly secured together adjacent their bottom walls, one of said bottom walls having a pair of spaced securing members, each said securing member comprising a plate portion and a forwardly extending wall spaced from said plate portion, with the wall having a tongue extending inwardly in the direction of the plate portion, a partition member having rigid means

at one end thereof, said end adapted to be detachably secured to said securing members for connecting said partition to the rear wall of said compartment.

4. The invention as defined in claim 3 in which the partition member is flexible and has a sleeve, and in which the rigid means is a bar supported in said sleeve, and in which the sleeve is slotted at points which are alined with said securing members to permit the sleeve to be inserted through said slots and engage said bar member and cover said securing members.

5. In combination with a carrying case comprising, a pair of compartments hingedly secured adjacent their rear wall, a partition member within one of said compartments, means for detachably securing said partition member to said compartment, said means comprising a pair of spaced clip members secured to said rear wall, a rigid member comprising a bar secured by means of a sleeve to said partition, said rigid member adapted to be inserted in said clip members to secure said partition member so that it extends from the rear wall to adjacent the opposite wall, said sleeve having slots to permit the sleeve to be inserted through said slots to engage the bar member.

6. In combination, a luggage or carrying case comprising, a pair of compartments hingedly joined together adjacent their rear walls and providing a hinge line therebetween, a pair of clip members secured to each of the rear walls of each compartment, a partition member adapted to be detachably secured to one of said pairs of clips, a first rigid bar secured to said partition at a point spaced from the inner end of said partition so that said bar is inserted in certain of said clips to detachably secure said partition to the end wall of said compartment, a second rigid bar secured to said partition at the inner end of said partition with said second bar detachably secured to said other pair of clip members, and the portion of the partition between said spaced bars extending over the hinge line.

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