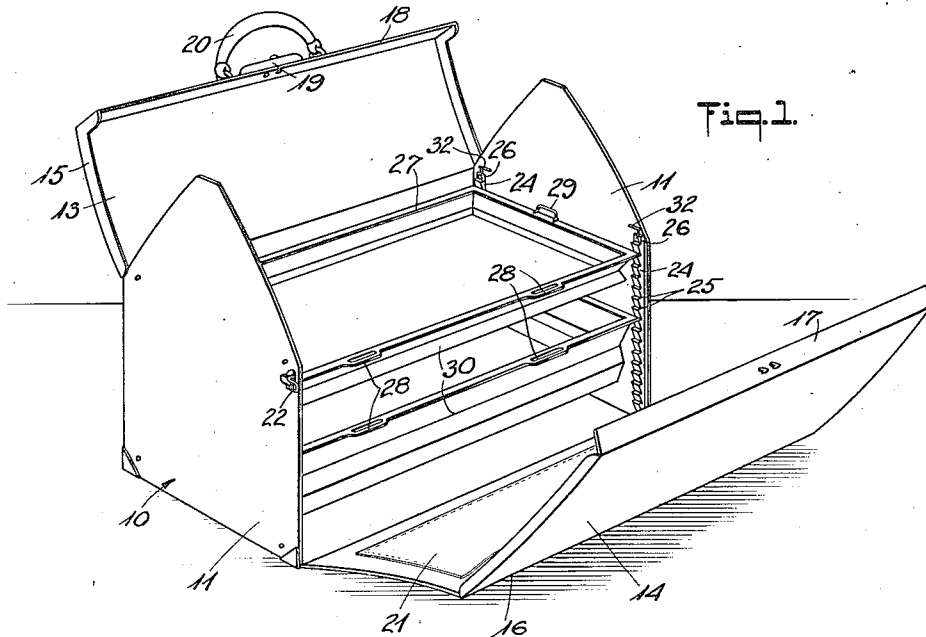
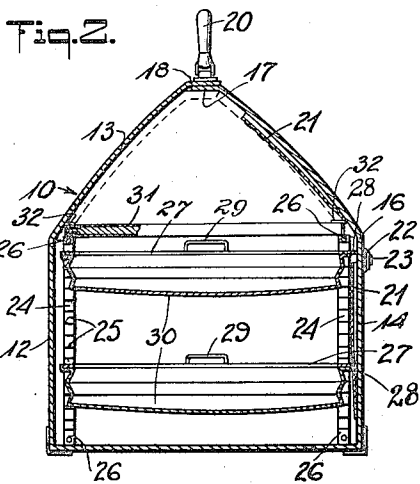
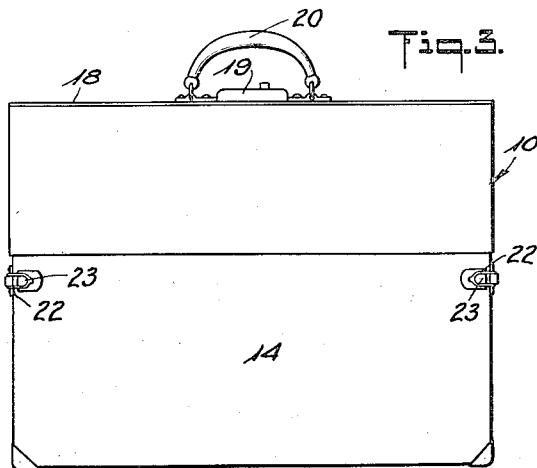
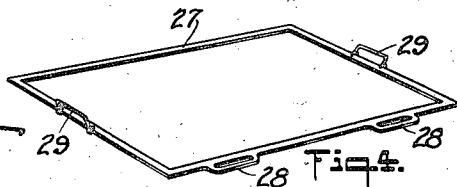


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE COHN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and Improved Dresser-Valise, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in valises and more particularly to an improved dresser valise designed more especially for use while traveling and where it is desired to have a sufficient quantity of clothing and accessories conveniently and compactly arranged to render the same readily accessible and without the usual inconvenience experienced in the use of the ordinary stye of valise or handbag.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved valise of the class specified designed for use when it is not necessary to have an exceptionally large storage space such as to require the use of a trunk, but such that a maximum quantity of accessories may be carried and readily withdrawn or replaced when desired, and to this end the invention, generally stated, is in the form of a valise with an open side carrying pockets on the inside thereof and provided in its body portion with novel means to support a plurality of trays which are rendered accessible from the top or at one side of the valise, as will be made apparent.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention resides in the peculiar combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated and claimed, it being also an object to provide a valise which is simple in construction, durable and efficient in operation.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved dresser valise in an open position illustrating a plurality of trays mounted therein; Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the valise in a closed position; Fig. 3 is a side elevation thereof; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a frame member of one tray.

The improved valise comprises a body portion 10, the design of which may vary but which is usually tapered or reduced in size toward its upper end or top. The body

includes the end portions 11, a stationary side 12 provided with a pivoted or hinged cover section 13, while the opposite side of the valise or handbag is open and adapted to be closed by a pivoted or swinging side 14. The cover section 13 is provided with end flanges 15 designed to overlap the edges of the ends 11 and the side 14 is adapted to close the whole side of the valise corresponding to the portions at the opposite side occupied by the side 12 and the cover section 13, and for this purpose it is adapted to pivot at the point 16 so as to swing outward to any desired degree. The free edge of the side 14 has an inwardly extending portion 17 designed to pass beneath the end flange 18 of the cover section 13 so that the two may be joined by any suitable locking mechanism 19. The flange 18 carries a handle 20 designed for transporting the valise or bag. At the inside of the side portion 14 are a plurality, preferably two, pockets 21 constituting spaces for storing papers or the like and rendered readily accessible when said side is swung to an open position as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The side portion 14 is designed to be held toward the body of the valise when in a closed position as by means of angular clasps or corner buckles 22 pivoted to the ends 11 adjacent to the folding line 16 of the side 14 and engageable with studs or projections 23 carried by the lower portion of said side 14, the latter side fitting between and within the end portions 11 so as to brace the valise longitudinally.

In order to support a plurality of trays within the valise, the latter is provided at the four corners with supporting means, in the present instance illustrated in the form of notched bars 24 the notches of which have horizontal faces or shoulders 25 facing upward to form supporting faces, and these bars are secured in position to the ends by providing the upper ends of the bars with apertured lugs 26 through which suitable fastening means are extended and engaged with the end portions 11. A plurality of trays are adapted for use with the valise and form a part thereof, said trays embodying top frame members 27 preferably of metal with angular handle portions 28 at the open side of the valise, a pair of such handles being preferably provided. The ends of the frames are provided with handles 29 constituting means for elevating

the trays from the top of the valise while the handles 28 constitute means for withdrawing or sliding the trays from the valise at the side.

5 The trays further include pocket portions 30 of canvas, leather or the like which is plaited or folded so as to telescope or distend, and these pockets are attached to the frames so as to depend therefrom. In this
10 manner the trays will be open at the top and may be readily inserted or removed angularly or this will be freely permitted inasmuch as the valise will readily give under pressure and the ends of the frame will be
15 supported upon the shoulders 25 in such a manner that spaces may be allowed between the trays if desired, and it will be further obvious that the trays may be slid horizontally outward from one side of the valise
20 or replaced in a convenient way.

In use, the lower tray will be especially adapted to receive solid linen while the upper trays are designed to receive the unsoiled linen or other accessories which may be
25 carried. Furthermore, due to the form of the trays the latter will readily fold to occupy a small amount of space in thickness or depth and this is important owing to the fact that a large number of trays may be
30 desired or when certain of the trays are weighted down and it is thus necessary to allow more space between the trays.

When it is desirable to support minor articles which must be handy for use, upon
35 the top tray, a thin board or shelf 31 is removably supported upon the notched bars and normally held from displacement beneath pivoted buttons 32 at the upper ends of the bars, while by giving the buttons a
40 half turn the board or shelf may be easily removed for obtaining access to the tray therebeneath, although said tray may be slid from the side of the valise in the usual manner without removing the board. This re-
45 movable bottom forming member for the top portion of the valise where it tapers toward the closure is preferably made of cardboard which may be reinforced by canvas with a metallic frame around the edge thereof so
50 as to render the same rigid to prevent sagging, but no restriction is made as to the exact material employed for this part of the device.

Having thus described my invention, what
55 I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A valise, comprising ends having inverted V-shaped upper portions, a rear side
60 having a hinged cover section provided with a handle, a front side having a cover section, said cover sections engaging the upper portions of the ends and having at their free edges portions overlying one another when

the cover sections are closed, and a plurality of trays mounted in the valise so as to slide
65 out through one side or to be lifted bodily therefrom.

2. A valise, comprising ends having inverted V-shaped upper portions, a rear side
70 having a cover section, a front side swinging freely and cooperating with the other side and its cover section to close the valise, means to retain said swinging side toward
75 the valise proper at the ends thereof, a plurality of collapsible trays, and means for supporting the trays within the valise to permit the removal thereof from the top or
80 at the side of the valise.

3. A dresser valise having closure means including a side portion swinging from the
85 bottom of the valise at one side and foldable at an intermediate point, means carried by the end members of the valise to secure said side therebetween in a closed position, notched supports at the ends of the valise on
90 the inside and collapsible trays having frames designed to be adjustably supported on said supports and having means to permit the same to be elevated from the valise
95 or slid from the side thereof.

4. The combination with a valise having a closure section with a handle and an open
100 side; of a swinging side portion for closing the latter side and cooperating with the closure section to fully close the valise, angular members at the ends of the valise
105 engaging said side to hold the same toward the body of the valise, notched bars secured to the ends of the valise adjacent each corner thereof and having supporting faces, a plurality of trays supported on said faces, said trays including frames and foldable
110 pockets attached to the frames and depending therefrom and handles at the ends and one side of each frame to permit the trays to be horizontally slid into and out of position
115 at one side or removed and replaced vertically at the top of the valise when said side portion is closed and a shelf above the trays.

5. In a valise, a body having notched supports at the corners, and a plurality of
120 collapsible trays engaging the notches of the said supports.

6. In a valise, a body having tray supports at its corners, a plurality of trays engaging said supports, a board engaging the
125 tray supports above the uppermost tray, and buttons for holding the board in position.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of
130 two subscribing witnesses.

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