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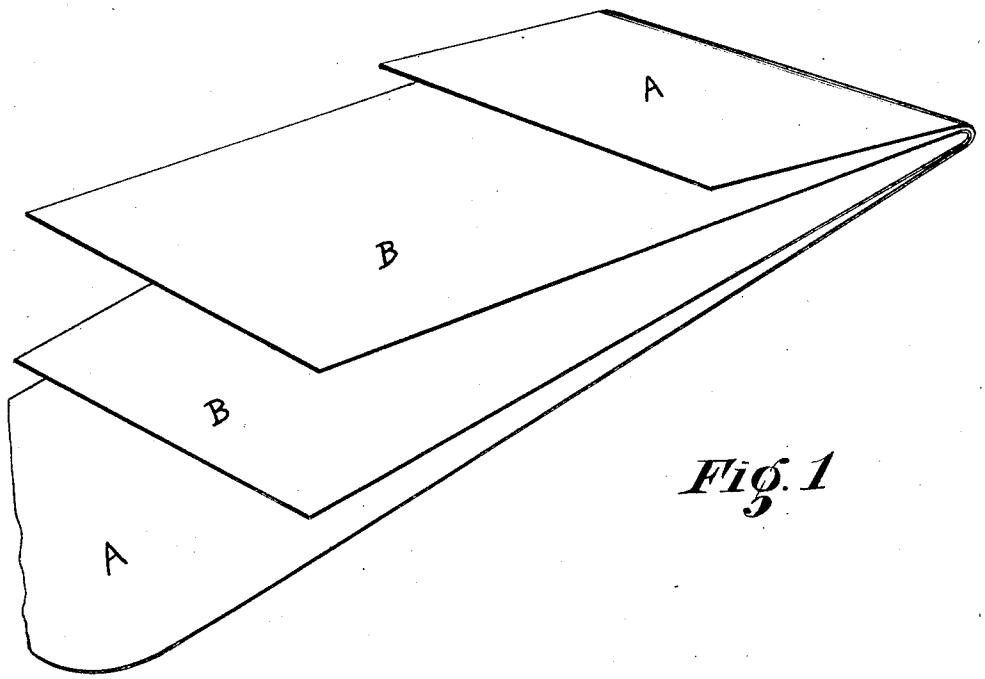


Fig. 1

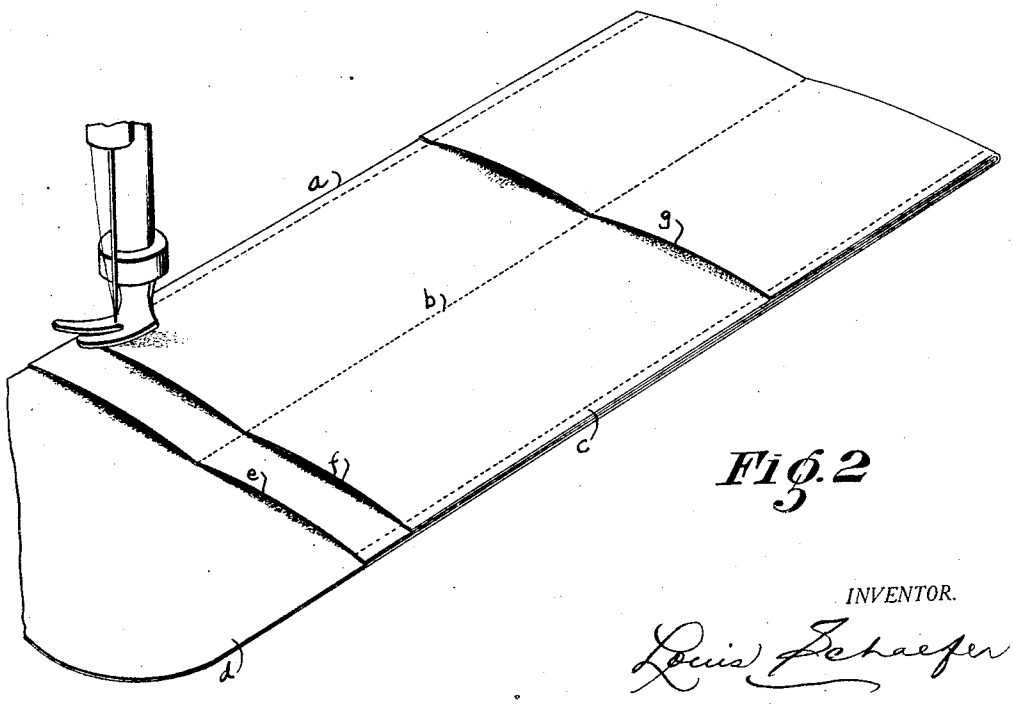


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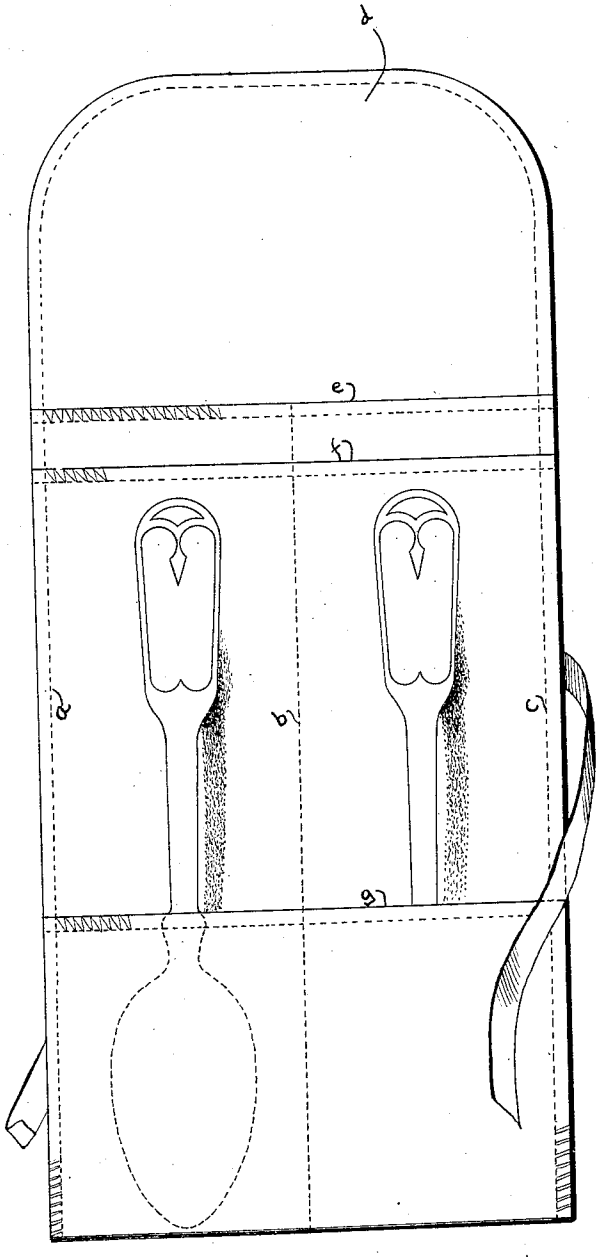
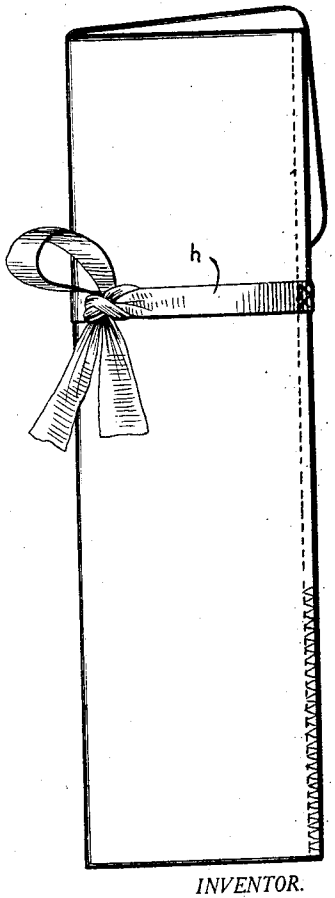


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DISPLAY CASE OR ROLL FOR FLAT-METAL TABLEWARE.

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This invention relates to improvements in a display case or roll for flat metal tableware. The simplicity of construction of this case reduces the cost of production materially, and, by its use, flat metal tableware may be arranged for ready display, or, by rolling the case, the articles contained therein will be protected from atmospheric conditions and from scratching due to contact of the individual articles.

These and other objects and advantages will appear from the drawings and specification.

Referring to the accompanying drawings,—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the material for the case in assembled relation before stitching;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a substantially completed case;

Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the method of displaying the tableware; and

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the completed case when folded.

My preferred form of roll may be constructed of any soft flexible material, such as canton flannel, and contains, for example, six pockets or compartments of a size suitable to hold firmly and substantially without contact, pieces of flat metal tableware.

This form is illustrated in the drawings, and consists of two substantially rectangular pieces of soft flexible material, of about equal length, assembled as shown in Fig. 1, the bottom layer, marked A, extending endwise beyond the top layer, marked B. The longitudinal sides may be secured together by rows of stitching, marked *a* and *c*, as shown in Fig. 2, and a row of stitching midway between *a* and *c*, marked *b*, forms pockets or partitions of the desired width, also shown in Fig. 2.

The edges marked *e*, *f* and *g* remain open to receive the articles of tableware. The edges of the material, marked *e*, *f* and *g*, and the outer edges of the flap, marked *d*, may be finished in any suitable manner to prevent ravelling of the material, shown in Fig. 3.

The flap *d* may be folded over to protect the contents of the case.

The readability of displaying the articles when placed in the case is well illustrated in Fig. 3.

A strap or band *h* of any desired material for tying or fastening the case when rolled may be added, as shown in Fig. 4.

The case, however, may have a greater number of pockets, for example, by increasing the width of the pieces of material and making additional rows of longitudinal stitching; or it may be made with additional pockets in depth, by using more layers of material, and varying correspondingly the depth of the overlay at *f* and *g* to take care of the additional pockets.

What I claim is,—

1. A protective and display case for metal flat tableware comprising two substantially rectangular pieces of flexible material in juxtaposition, the bottom layer extending endwise beyond the top layer, thereby providing a shortened under end; the layers of material at the shortened under end being folded upon themselves to form pockets, the extension at the opposite end of the under layer forming a flap; means for securing together the longitudinal sides of said overlapping layers; and stitching between said longitudinal sides to form partitions, upon which said case may be flexed.

2. A protective and display case for flat metal tableware comprising a plurality of juxtaposed pockets or partitions of flexible material, said pockets being formed of an assembly of overlapping layers of substantially rectangular pieces of material, folded upon themselves at one end and open at the other; united by securing means at the longitudinal sides of the material, and divided into smaller pockets by longitudinal stitching; a flap at the open end adapted to be folded within said case, and a strap or band secured on the longitudinal side for securely tying the case when rolled.

3. A protective and display case for metal flat tableware comprising a plurality of layers of material in juxtaposition, an upper of said layers being folded adjacent its median line, a lower of said layers being folded over said upper layer and between its median line and one end, the other end thereof forming a flap, means for securing the longitudinal edges of said layers and for dividing them between said longitudinal edges to form a partition along which the case may be flexed between pieces of tableware therein contained.

4. A protective and display case for metal flat tableware comprising a plurality of lay-

ers of material in juxtaposition, the bottom layer extending endwise beyond an adjacent layer, with which it forms a series of pockets, the continuation of the bottom layer forming the top layer being folded part way upon and forming with its adjacent underlying layer a series of shorter pockets, the extension at the opposite end forming a flap, means for securing the longitudinal edges of said layers, and stitching between said longitudinal edges to form a partition upon which said case may be flexed; said flap being adapted to fold internally of said case transversely of the partition fold.

5. A protective and display case for metal flat tableware, comprising a plurality of substantially rectangular layers of flexible material in juxtaposition, each layer extending endwise beyond its adjacent layer thereby providing a shortened end; the layers of material at the shortened end being folded part way upon each other to form pockets, the extension at the opposite end forming a flap adapted to be folded internally with the fold transversely of the pieces of tableware; means for securing the longitudinal sides of said layers; and stitching between said longitudinal sides to form a partition upon which said case may be flexed longitudinally of and between pieces of said tableware.

6. A protective and display case for metal flat tableware, comprising substantially rectangular pieces of flexible material in juxtaposition, the layers of material being folded upon themselves so that one of said pieces forms the bottom and top layers, and another of said pieces forms the intermediate layers of the case; the top layer extending but part way of the intermediate layer, and the bottom layer extending beyond the other layers to form a flap adapted to be internally folded transversely of and so as to overlap and protect the articles in said case; means for securing together the longitudinal sides of said layers and for longitudinally dividing said layers to form a series of pockets.

7. A protective and display case for flat metal tableware, comprising a plurality of substantially rectangular layers of flexible material in juxtaposition, the layers of material being folded upon themselves to form pockets; means for forming the layers of said case into longitudinal pockets, and for securing together the longitudinal sides of said overlapping layers; and an end flap for overlapping and protecting the articles therein, said end flap being folded transversely of said articles.

8. A protective and display case for flat metal tableware, comprising a plurality of juxtaposed pockets or partitions of flexible material, said pockets being formed of an assembly of layers of substantially rectangular pieces of material, folded upon themselves so as to be closed at one end and open at the other; said layers being united by securing means at the longitudinal sides of the material and divided into longitudinal pockets by longitudinal stitching; a flap at the open end adapted to be folded transversely of the contained articles, and means for securing said case in wrapped relation.

9. A protective and display case for flat metal tableware, comprising a plurality of juxtaposed pockets of soft, flexible material, said pockets being formed of two overlapping, substantially rectangular pieces of said material, folded upon themselves so as to be open at one end and closed at the other; said layers being united by securing means at longitudinal sides of the material, and divided into a series of longitudinal pockets in a side by side relation, by longitudinal stitching between said securing means; a protecting flap for the contained articles, at the open end, and means for securing said case in wrapped relation.

10. A protective and display case for metal flat tableware, comprising a plurality of layers of material in juxtaposition, the bottom layer extending endwise beyond an adjacent layer, with which it forms a series of pockets, the continuation of the bottom layer forming the top layer being folded upon and forming with its adjacent underlying layer a series of pockets, the extension at the opposite end forming a flap, means for securing the longitudinal edges of said layers, stitching between said longitudinal edges to form a partition upon which said case may be flexed, said flap being adapted to fold internally of said case transversely of the partition wall, and means for securing said case in wrapped relation.

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