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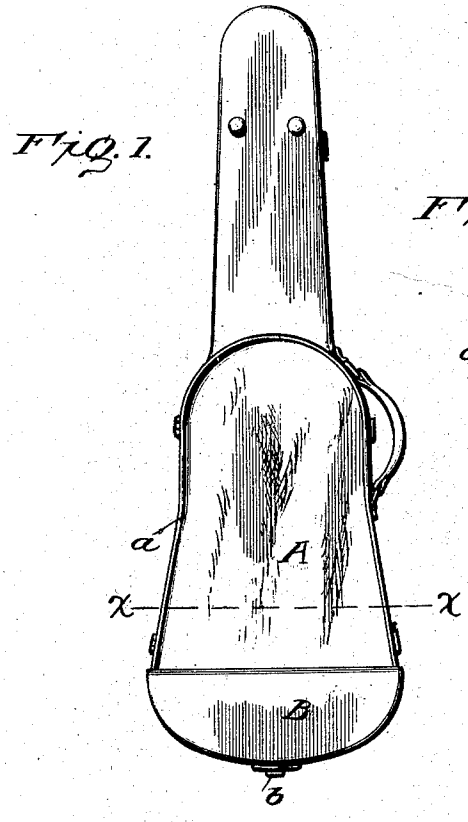
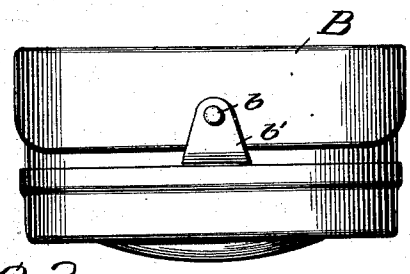


FIG. 1.



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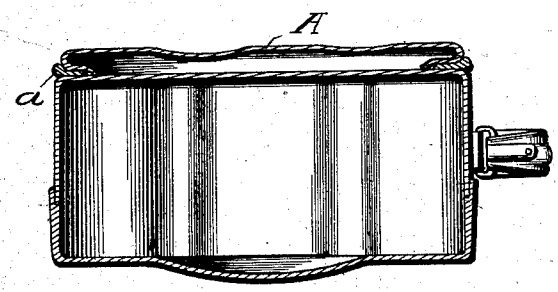

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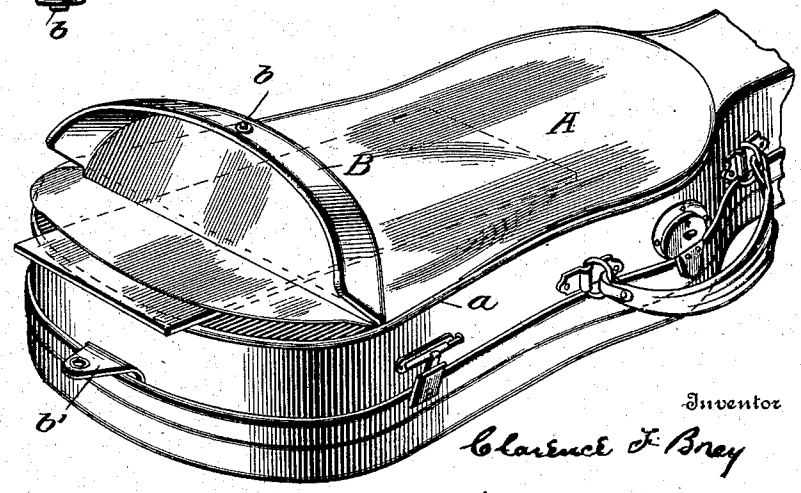

FIG. 4.

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VIOLIN-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE F. BREY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Violin-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the permanent connection to the outside of a violin-case of a receptacle for sheet-music wherein it can be placed without being rolled up or in any way defaced while the case is being carried about, the same being hereinafter described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an outer view of the lower side of a violin-case having connected thereto a closed receptacle into which sheets of music can be inserted and removed therefrom as occasion may require. Fig. 2 represents an end view of the violin-case, showing overfolded end of the receptacle and means for locking it. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the receptacle placed in the case on line $x x$, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of portions of the violin-case having receptacle with its overlapping end uplifted, showing opening into which music-sheets can be inserted and withdrawn, sheets of music being represented as partially introduced through said open end.

The case may be of the usual shape and size, but in order to embody my invention must have connected to its under side a sheet of soft leather extending from the broad end of the case toward the center thereof, as shown at A in the accompanying drawings. Its edges are flush with the edges of the case, but it is somewhat wider than the surface of said case in order to provide a receptacle for insertion of sheets of music. Said sheet A may be riveted or blindseamed to the surface of the case along its marginal lines a or connected thereto by any suitable mechanism without extending within the case proper.

The broad end of the music-receptacle has a folding cap B. (Shown closed in Fig. 1 and lifted up in Fig. 4.) To fasten said end cap when closed, it is provided with a button b, which is inserted within a perforated tag b', secured to the broad end of the case, as shown closed in Fig. 2 and open in Fig. 4.

The object of my device will be readily understood by all familiar with the line of art to which it appertains. It provides means for carrying sheet-music without its being folded or rolled up in a separate parcel as now in common use. Although I have confined my description and illustrated it in the drawings as applied to a violin-case, it can also be used on all kinds of stringed instruments of larger size and be within the scope of my invention.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A violin-case having connected to its outer surface, a sheet of leather, extending from its broad end toward the center thereof and fastened to said surface along its outer marginal lines, to form a receptacle for sheets of music, the receptacle having at its end a folding cap with fastening-button for connecting it to a perforated tag on the broad end of the case, substantially as described.

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

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