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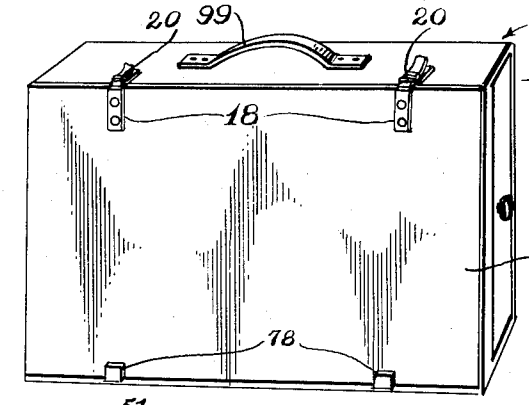

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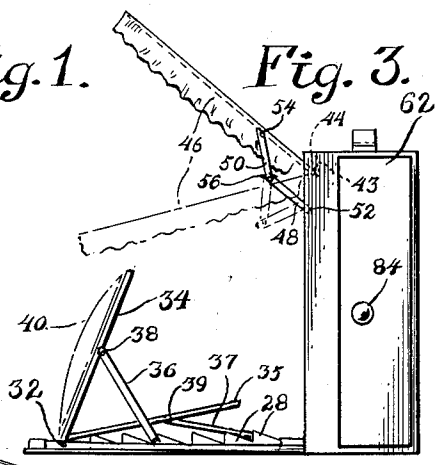

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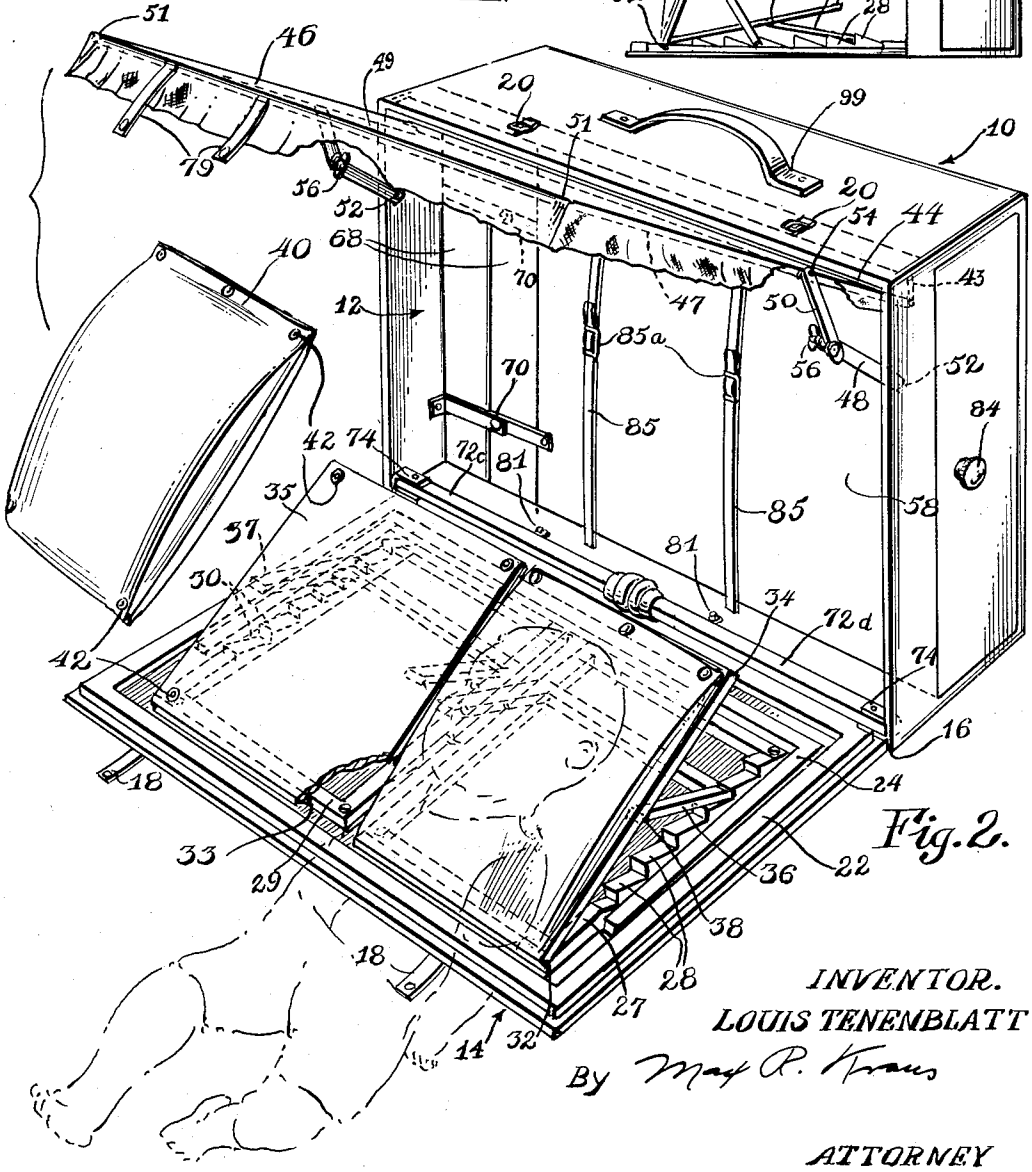

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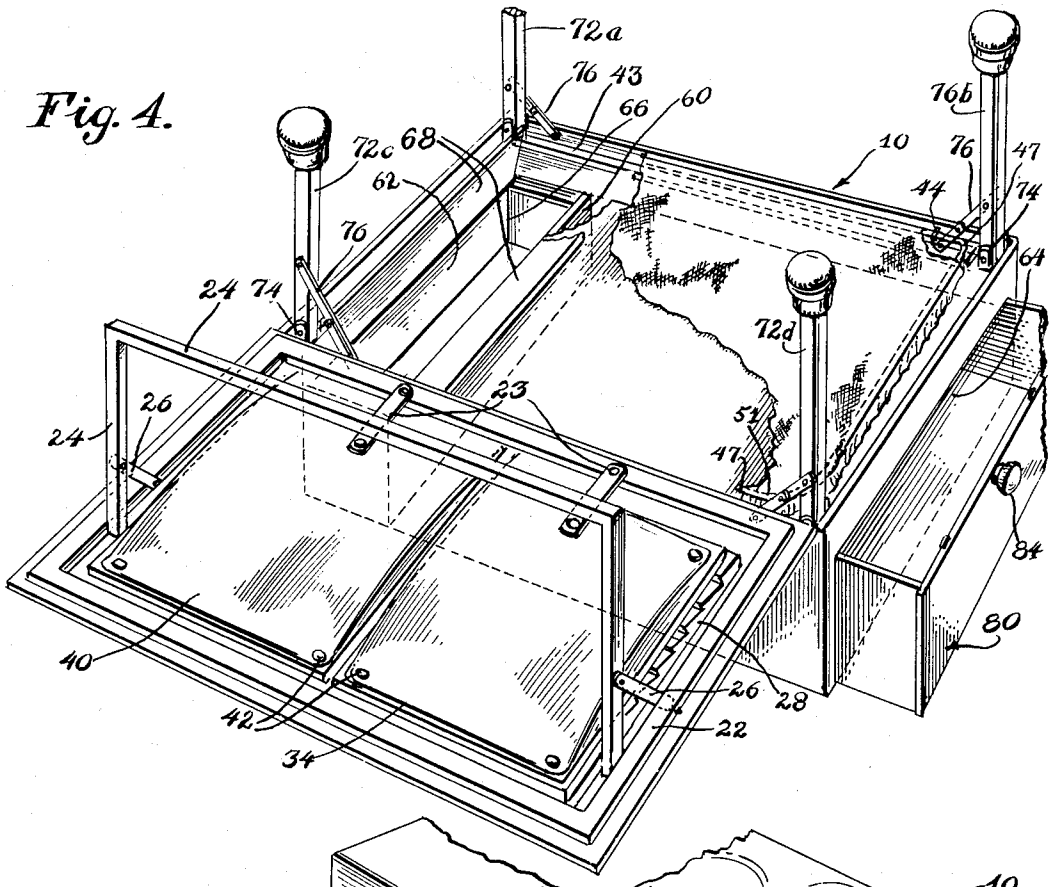

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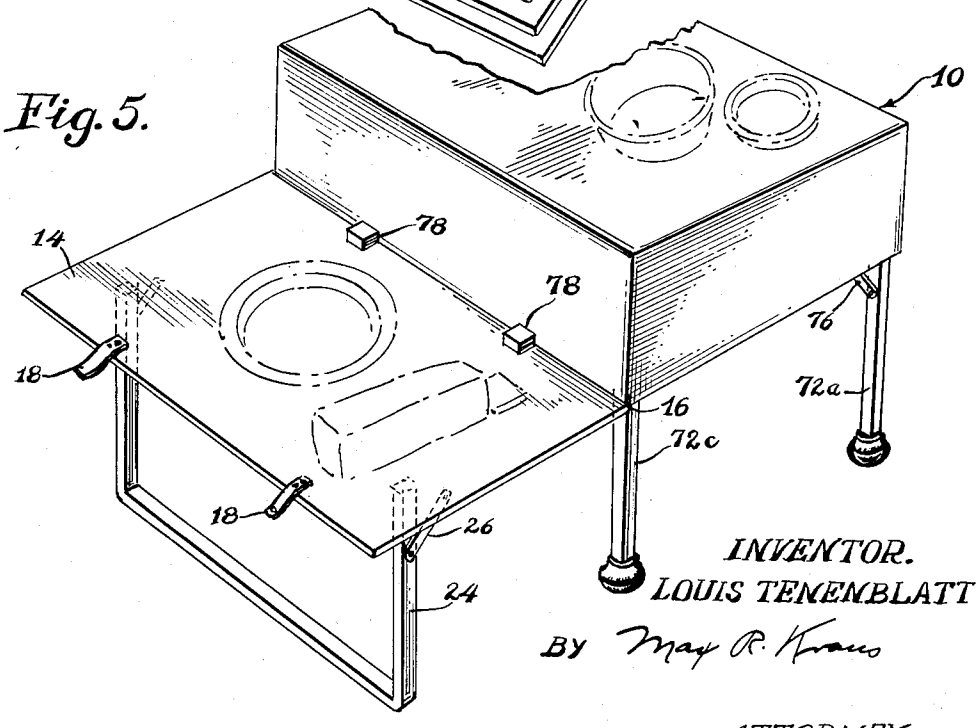

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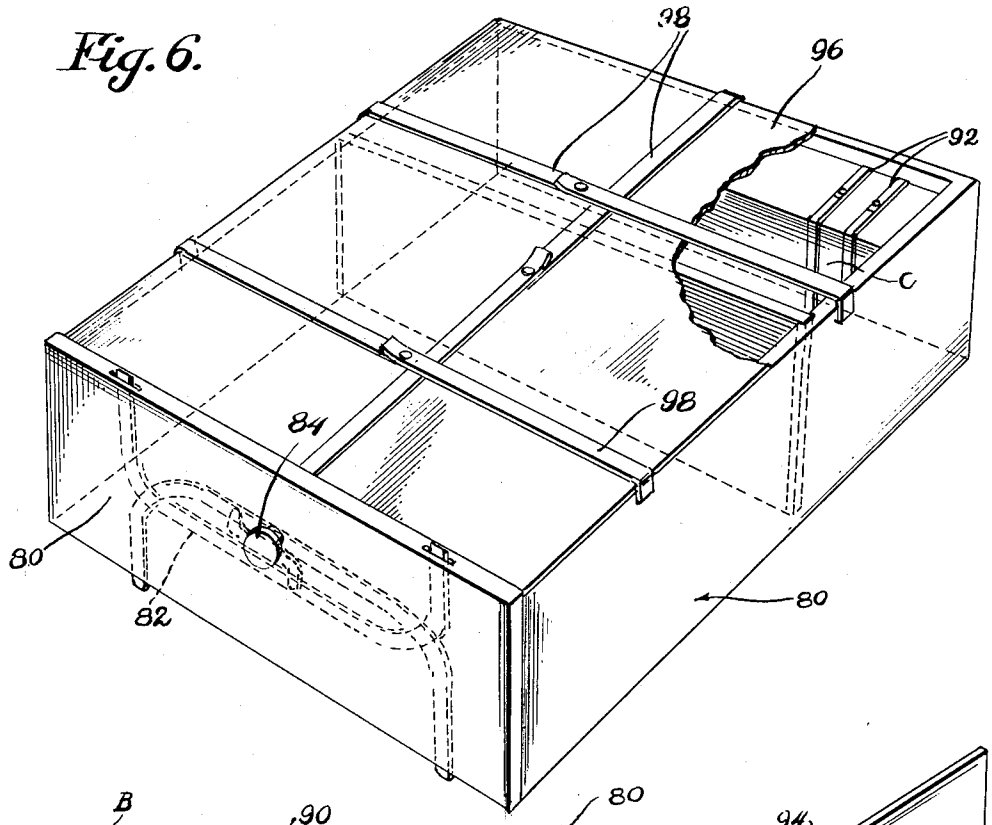

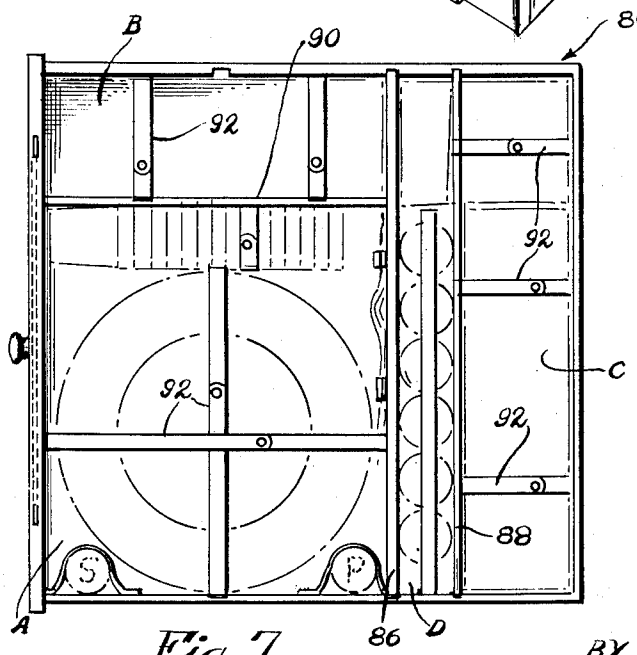

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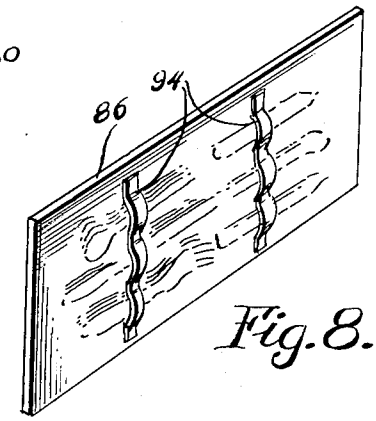

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This invention relates to improvements in carrying cases and more particularly to a carrying case for use for picnic, outings, and the like.

One of the objects of this invention is to provide a new improved carrying case in which food, dishes, blankets, apparel and the like may be carried, in addition the case is provided with a manually adjustable head rest and shade so that same may be utilized for resting and shading the head, and which case has collapsible means which may be readily positioned in place so that the case may be converted into a table.

Another object of this invention is to provide a carrying case which may be converted into a head rest and/or a table and when closed appears as a conventional carrying case.

Another object is to provide a carrying case with a detachable head rest so that same may be used independently of the case.

Other objects will become apparent as this description progresses.

In picnicing or in going to the beach it is common practice for a person to carry various necessary objects, such as food, clothes, blankets, collapsible chairs and tables, which necessitates the carrying of several separate packages which is both inconvenient and burdensome. The present invention eliminates these disadvantages and objections by providing a single carrying case which will accommodate the things normally taken along on outings and which in addition may be readily converted to serve as a head rest and also as a table.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my carrying case shown in closed position.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the carrying case in open position and showing the head rest and shade in elevated position, with one of the pillows detached.

Fig. 3 is a reduced side view of the structure shown in Fig. 2, but with certain of the parts in a slightly different position.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the carrying case with the legs and support in extended position prior to being turned over to be used as a table.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the carrying case turned over from that of Fig. 4 and in its position for use as a table.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view with a section broken away of the slideable drawer contained within the carrying case.

Fig. 7 is a top view of that of Fig. 6 with the canvas covering removed, showing the various compartments and the products and utensils that may be contained and supported within said drawer, and

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the removable partition which is supported in the drawer shown in Figs. 6 and 7.

The carrying case generally indicated at **10** may be formed of any material such as metal, fiber or the like, and comprises a compartment portion generally indicated at **12** having a side lid or cover **14** which is hinged at the bottom as at **16** to open 180°. The cover has a pair

of straps **18** at the top thereof which are secured to buckles **20** on the top of the case to close same. Secured to the inside of the lid or cover **14** is a rectangular shaped frame **22**, made of wood, metal or the like. Supported within said frame, as shown in Fig. 2 is an inverted U-shaped supporting member **24** which is secured to the rectangular frame by means of links **26**, the links being secured to the legs of said inverted U-shaped member at a point spaced from the outer ends thereof so that the U-shaped member may be elevated from its flat down position against the wall of the lid to an upright position or at right angles to said lid and supported thereagainst, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, in which the outer ends engage the cover.

Detachably secured to the inside of the lid **14** within the rectangular frame **22** are two rectangular frames **27** and **29**, the upper surface of each of the sides of each frame is provided with a series of steps **28** and **30** respectively, which are engaged by the arms of the head rests presently to be described, and by means of which the head rests are adjusted. Pivotally secured to the lower end of each of the frame members **27** and **29**, as at **32** and **33** respectively, are a pair of head rests **34** and **35**. Each head rest at its opposite sides supports a pair of arms **36** and **37** respectively, pivotally secured as at **38** and **39**. The outer ends of the arms **36** and **37** are adapted to rest in any one of the steps **28** and **30** respectively. There is thus provided two separate head rests, each of which may be independently adjusted at any elevation, as more particularly shown in Fig. 3. Furthermore since the frames **27** and **29** are detachably secured to the lid or cover **14**, the head rest may be removed as a unit from the case and set on any surface to be used as a head rest independent of the case. Pillows **40** may be detachably secured to each of said head rests by means of suitable fasteners **42**. As seen in Figs. 2 and 3, the head rests **34** and **35** are shown in elevated or tilted position for use, however, when the carrying case is to be closed the pivoted arms **36** and **37** are disengaged from the steps **28** and **30** and are positioned substantially horizontally with respect to the cover **14** so that the head rests **34** and **35** are flat against the inner surface of the lid or cover **14** to permit the cover to be closed and locked. Straps **23** are secured to the rectangular frame **22** and have snap fasteners at their opposite ends which lock with fasteners on the pillows **40** to keep the head rests as well as the U-shaped supporting members **24** in closed position flat against the inner wall of the cover or lid **14**.

Secured to the inside of the top of the case inwardly of the legs to be presently described is a rigid strip **43** to which is pivotally secured as at **44** a shade or awning generally indicated at **46**. The shade or awning is formed of a frame member **47** to which is stitched the cloth or canvas covering **49**. The pivotal connection **44** is between the rear of the frame **47** and the strip **43**. The front corners of the awning are rounded as at **51** to permit it to clear the legs adjacent the bottom of the case as will be presently described. A pair of link members **48** and **50** are respectively pivotally secured to the two opposite inner end walls of the carrying case as at **52** and to the frame of the shade member as at **54**. The inner ends of said pairs of links being joined together by a set screw and wing nut **56** so that same may be tightened and loosened to position the shade member in any number of adjusted positions. As shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the shade member is in open position, that is, positioned to shade the heads of the persons lying on the head rests, however, when the carrying case is closed, the shade is positioned vertically inside the compartment **12**.

The inner wall **58** which defines the bottom of the compartment **12** extends a major portion of the length of the compartment, and joins with a wall or partition **60** at right angles thereto which extends to the side wall **62**

of the carrying case to form a compartment **64** which opens in the end wall of the carrying case and a compartment **66** which opens into compartment **12**. Compartment **66** has a pair of hinged doors **68** which may be suitably closed by means of any suitable locking means **70**.

Contained within compartment **12** are four separate leg members **72***a*, *b*, *c*, and *d*, all of which are pivotally secured therein as indicated at **74** and which are adapted to hinge outwardly, as best shown in Figs. 4 and 5. Each of said legs has conventional link means **76** for locking same in their outermost extended position so that same may be used to support the case, as shown in Fig. 5, when same is used as a table. In the table position the U-shaped frame **24** forms the leg support for the cover **14** and the four legs form the support for the container portion of the case, thus, a table is provided with two elevations, as shown in Fig. 5. Stop blocks **78** may be provided on the cover **14** which engage the outside of the bottom wall of the carrying case to limit the rearward movement of the cover.

The shade or awning **46** will not interfere with the legs either when the awning is closed or opened. The legs **72***a* and **72***b* are positioned outwardly or exteriorly of the top of the awning so that they may be opened or extended as shown in Figs. 4 and 5 when the awning is closed. The rounded corners **51** of the shade permit the shade to clear the legs **72***c* and **72***d* when they are in open or extended position so that the shade may be positioned in closed position or inside the compartment **12**. The shade has short straps **79** which engage fastening means **81** on the bottom of the case to lock the shade in closed position inside compartment **12**. After the shade is secured in closed position the legs **72***c* and **72***d* are folded inward or collapsed as shown in Fig. 2. Likewise legs **72***a* and **72***b* are collapsed. Sufficient storage room is also provided in compartment **12** for clothes and the like when the parts to be contained therein are in collapsed position. Additional pairs of straps **85** with suitable fastening means **85***a* are secured within compartment **12** to secure any clothes or blankets packed therein. This permits the shade **46** to be opened without the dropping out of any of the packed material. Supported within compartment **64** is a slidable drawer **80**, best shown in Figs. 6 and 7. The outer end wall of the drawer supports locking means generally indicated at **82** which are operated by a knob **84** and which locks the drawer to said case. Rotation of the knob **84** in the opposite direction will withdraw said locking means within the end wall of the drawer to permit the drawer to be slid out of the compartment. Any other suitable locking means may be used in lieu of that shown. The drawer **80** has a pair of spaced longitudinal removable partitions, **86** and **88** and a removable transverse partition **90**. These partitions divide the drawer into several compartments designated generally by the numerals A, B, C and D. Compartment A may be used for supporting dishes, drinking cups and the like. Condiment containers may be supported on the walls thereof by elastic straps. Compartments B and C may be used for supporting boxes in which the food is contained, and Compartment D may be used for supporting cans of food. Each of these compartments has separate locking straps, all generally indicated by the numeral **92** which may be locked by suitable fasteners to retain within their respective compartments the objects heretofore enumerated. In addition the partitions **86** and **90** have straps **94** in which may be supported knives, forks and the like as shown in Fig. 8. A removable covering **96** is secured to the top of the drawer to cover the drawer and said cover is retained in place by suitable straps **98**, as shown in Fig. 6. The drawer, shown in Figs. 6 and 7 is contained within the compartment **64** and extends up to the transverse wall **60**. The compartment **66** which is accessible through the hinged doors **68** may be used to contain other objects desired to be carried. If desired compartments **64** and **66** may be transposed so that the drawer **80** is positioned on the opposite end of the case.

It will be understood from the foregoing that the carrying case when closed may be carried in the conventional manner by means of the handle **99**, similar to any other type of carrying case, and that food and other objects may be thus carried, however, when it is desired to use the carrying case as a head rest, the carrying case is placed on the ground and the cover **14** is opened to the position shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Each head rest **34** may be independently adjusted to any desired elevation. In addition the shade or awning **46** may be opened to shade the head and upper portions of the body. If it is desired to use same as a table, the head rests are lowered and locked flat in their position against the cover **14** by means of the strap **23**. The legs **72***c* and **72***d* are opened or extended to permit the shade to clear same and the shade **46** is positioned within the compartment **12** and locked by strap **29**. The foldable legs **72***a* and **72***b* are then positioned in extended position, with the U-shaped leg member **24** likewise extended as shown in Fig. 4. The case is then inverted as shown in Fig. 5 to be used as a table. Nothing within compartment **12** will fall out and the head rests will likewise be secured adjacent the cover **14**.

As previously explained, the slideable drawer **80**, which is used to contain the necessary food equipment and utensils may be withdrawn from the compartment **64**. Compartment **66** is separate and distinct from the drawer so that access thereto may be obtained by opening the doors **68**, said compartment may be used for storaging various items, such as thermos bottles and the like. If desired the head rests may be detached and removed from the case and used separately and independently of the case.

I have thus provided a carrying case which may be carried as any conventional case and which by its construction may be opened to provide the features heretofore 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.

I claim:

1. A carrying case including a container portion having a rear side wall, a partition within said container portion parallel with said rear side wall dividing said container portion into an inner and outer compartment, a cover member hinged to said carrying case and forming a closure for said outer compartment, an adjustable head rest pivotally secured on said cover with the pivoting being adjacent the outer end of said cover member and adapted to be adjusted to various angular positions when said cover is opened, said cover when in open position for use of said head rest adapted to be horizontally disposed with said container portion vertically disposed rearwardly of said head rest, said adjustable head rest adapted to be positioned substantially flat adjacent said cover to confine said head rest within said outer compartment adjacent said cover when said cover is closed.

2. A carrying case including a container portion having a rear side wall, a partition within said container portion parallel with said rear side wall dividing said container portion into an inner and outer compartment, a cover member hinged to said carrying case and forming a closure for said outer compartment, a head rest pivotally secured on said cover and adapted to be moved to an inclined position when said cover is opened, said cover when in open position for use of said head rest adapted to be horizontally disposed with said container portion vertically disposed rearwardly of said head rest, said head rest adapted to be positioned substantially flat adjacent said cover to confine said head rest within said outer compartment when said cover is closed.

3. A carrying case including a container portion having a rear side wall, a partition within said container por-

tion parallel with said rear side wall dividing said container portion into an inner and outer compartment, a cover member hinged to said carrying case and forming a closure for said outer compartment, a head rest pivotally secured on said cover and adapted to be moved to an inclined position when said cover is opened, said cover when in open position for use of said head rest adapted to be horizontally disposed with said container portion vertically disposed rearwardly of said head rest, said head rest adapted to be positioned substantially flat adjacent said cover to confine said head rest within said outer compartment when said cover is closed, a shade member secured to said case adjacent said outer compartment and adapted when opened to be positioned over said head rest and when said case is closed to be confined in said outer compartment adjacent said head rest.

4. A carrying case including a container portion having a rear side wall, a partition within said container portion parallel with said rear side wall dividing said container portion into an inner and outer compartment, a cover hinged to said carrying case and forming a closure for said outer compartment, a frame secured to said cover, said frame provided with a series of steps, a head rest pivotally secured to said frame, said head rest having an arm adapted to engage said steps for adjustably supporting said head rest in a plurality of angular positions when said cover is opened, said cover when in open position for use of said head rest adapted to be horizontally disposed with said container portion vertically disposed rearwardly of said head rest, said head rest and arm adapted to be positioned substantially flat adjacent said cover to confine said head rest within said outer compartment when said cover is closed.

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