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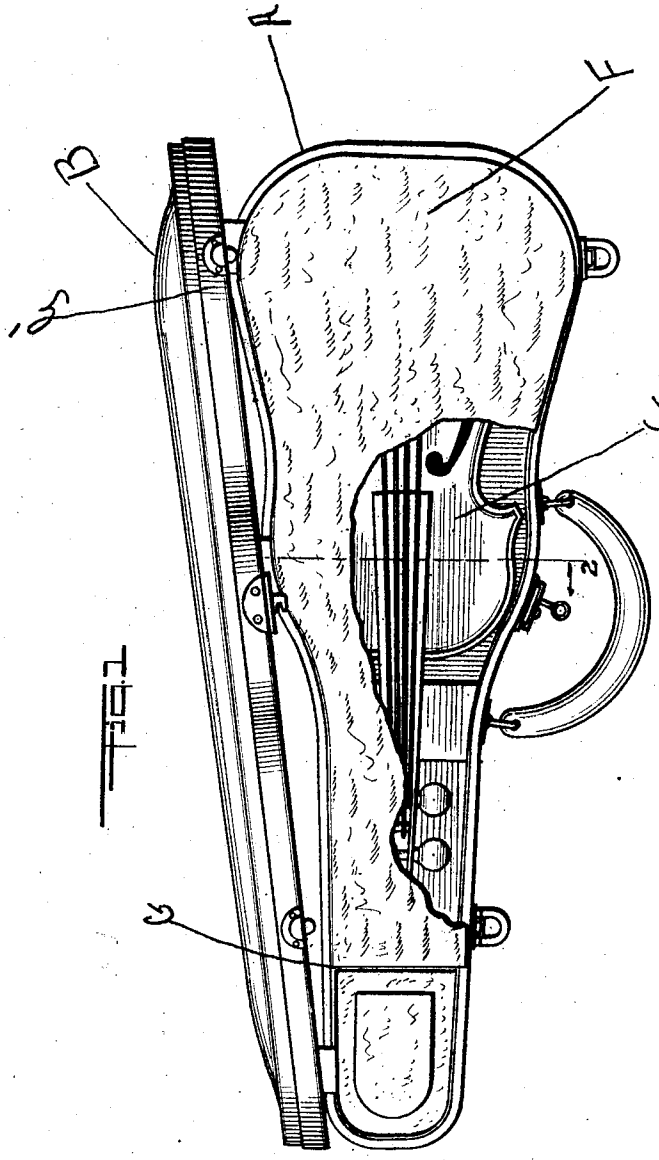


FIG 1

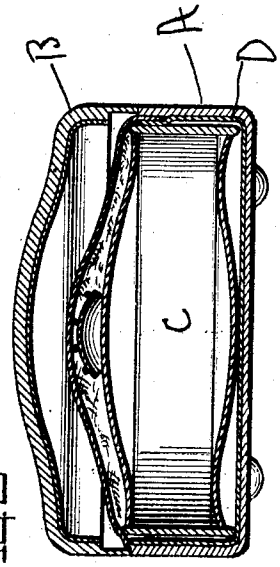


FIG 2

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VIOLIN CASE.

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This invention relates to improvements in violin cases and has for its particular object the provision of a violin case of the usual form but to which means are added for the better care and preservation of fine violins.

A further object of the invention is to produce a violin case in which the violin will be effectually preserved from shock or contact with dust.

Further objects of the invention will be apparent from the drawing in which—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing my improved attachment partly broken away.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the case with the violin therein.

A represents the body of the ordinary violin case. B represents a cover of the conventional form, and C, a violin. The ordinary violin case is made of wood, leather, or of a composition material and is preferably lined with a soft thick textile material such as velvet or plush, which in the embodiment shown herein is designated as D. The object of lining the case with a soft textile material is of course to preserve the delicate wood of the violin from scratching.

I have discovered that it is desirable to add to the conventional lining of the box a layer or flap of velvet, plush or other soft textile material F which is attached to the body portion of the case A at the rear upper edge of said body portion from a point commencing at the narrowest concave portion of the case to approximately the widest portion of the case, that is, from the point G to G′ designated in the drawing. The flap F is thus hingedly connected with the upper rear periphery of the case A and the front and sides of the flap F are unconnected with the body of the case A. This hinged connection of the flap enables the violin to be inserted into the case and then the flap F will overlay the entire body of the violin and will protect same from any dust which may sift into the box between the cover and the case and will also tend to preserve the violin from any shock imparted to the cover or to the case and will also tend to hold the violin more rigidly within the case. As shown in Fig. 2, the rear edge of the flap F has an extension located intermediate the lining D and the rear of the case and this extension can be kept in position by glue, for example.

In the embodiment here shown the flap F is made of a thick textile material such as plush, as the thicker this material, the more effectual will it act as a buffer against shocks imparted to the violin case either upon its underside or on the cover and by the employment of this flap the violin is held securely and rigidly in the case.

In addition to serving as a dust protector the thick soft pliable member serves as an efficient shock absorber, and by having it fixed at one long edge only to the upper edge of the case it can be readily thrown back bodily so that the violin can be placed in position without any danger of injury to the strings or any part of the instrument. Also there is no danger of the delicate violin being displaced or scratched by any faulty movement when the case is shipped or thrown about.

It is apparent that this case may also be used with modifications for a banjo, guitar, mandolin or other stringed instrument.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A violin case provided with a lining and having a supplemental cover for the tray and instrument, said cover being of a thick pliable soft fabric extended over the tray and having its rear edge only secured to the upper rear edge of the tray, the rear edge of said cover extending between the rear of said lining and the rear of the tray, the remaining edges of said cover being free whereby the cover may be folded back at said rear edge from over the tray for the placing of the instrument unimpeded within said tray, said cover forming a shock absorber to prevent injury to the instrument during transportation.

2. A violin case comprising a tray and a cover, said tray being provided with a lining and having a supplemental flexible lining cover made throughout of thick pliable soft fabric extended over the tray of the case and having an edge secured to the upper rear edge of the tray, the said supplemental cover being free to move with respect to said tray whereby said cover may be folded back for the placing of the instrument unimpeded within said tray, the top of said supplemental cover being spaced from said cover when the case is closed.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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