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Fig. 1.

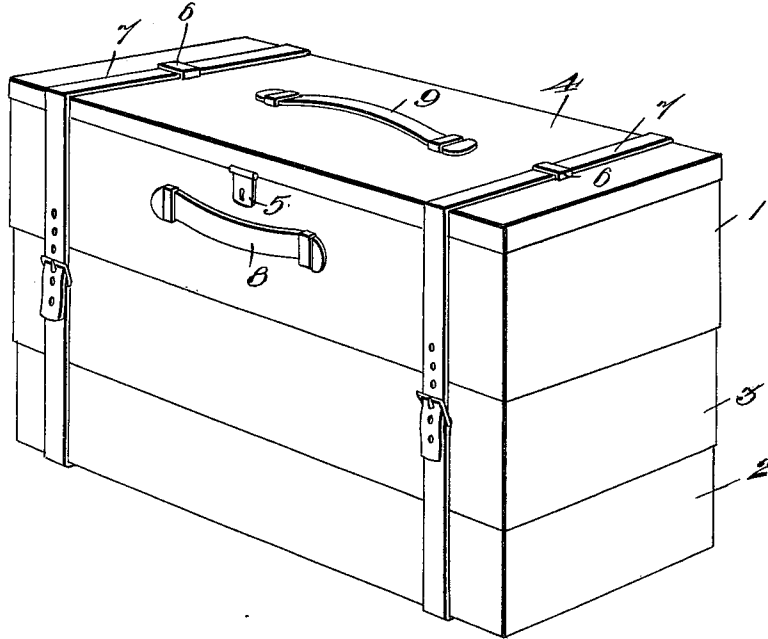
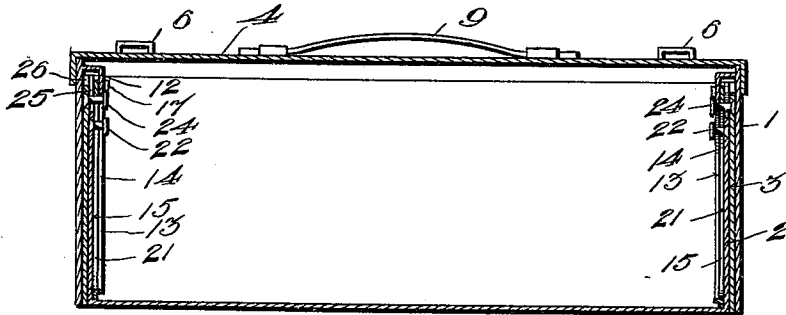


Fig. 2.



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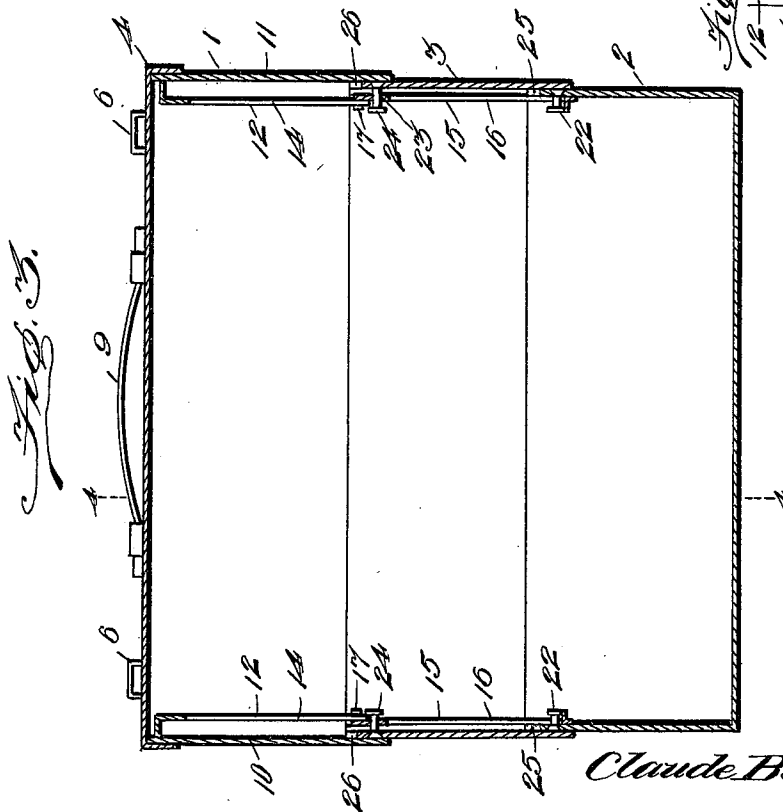
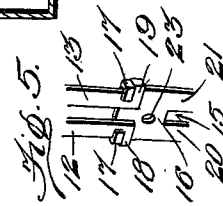
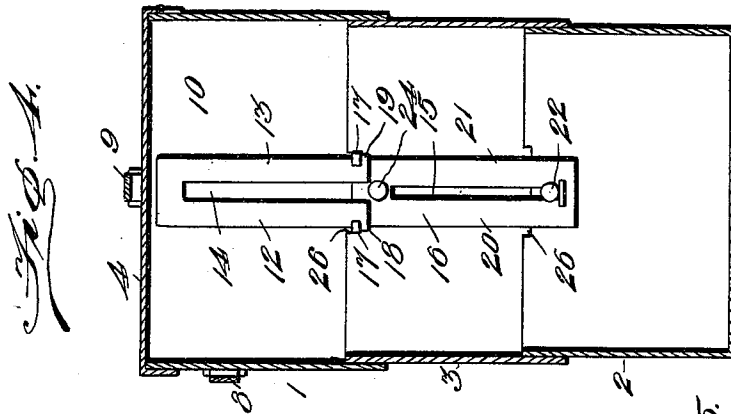
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLAUDE BOUGHNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greensboro, in the county of Greene and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Telescopic Traveling-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to telescopic traveling-bags, and has for its object to provide a device of the character described which shall be simple of construction, durable, efficient, and well adapted to perform the functions for which it is intended.

The invention consists in the peculiar construction and novel combination of parts, as will be hereinafter recited in the claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a telescope constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section through the same, the parts being collapsed. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the sections extended. Fig. 4 is a vertical cross-section, and Fig. 5 is a detail view of the joint or securing-fingers whereby the depending arms and plate are connected.

The reference-numeral 1 designates the cover of the case, which is substantially rectangular and is provided with a telescoping bottom 2, connected by telescoping arms to be hereinafter referred to, and between the cover and bottom are one or more intermediate members or extensible sections 3.

The hinged lid 4 is adapted to be secured to the cover 1 by a suitable lock 5, of any well-known construction, and carries loops or eyes 6 for the reception of straps 7, which pass around the entire device to hold the parts against extending beyond a degree necessitated by the requirements of the material inside when the telescope is being carried by the handles 8 or 9.

Rigidly secured to and depending from each of the inner ends 10 and 11 of the cover 1 are two downwardly-projecting parallel supporting arms or strips 12 and 13, spaced apart to form slots 14 of the same width as the elongated slots 15 in the telescoping plates 16, which are carried by said arms or strips and secured thereto by the fingers 17 on the up-

per ends of the plates 16 and the fingers 18 and 19 on the lower ends of the arms 12 and 13. The fingers 17 on the plates are bent back to embrace the arms above referred to, while the fingers 18 and 19 are bent forwardly and thence parallel with the arms 12 and 13 to embrace the side bars 20 and 21 of the plates 16, whereby they are secured together, but adapted to slide one upon the other. Their extended adjustment is, however, limited by the shoulders formed by the respective fingers above referred to, which will abut against each other, and thereby prevent their displacement.

The bottom or lower box is provided with a headed lug or projection 22 on each end, which engages with the slots 15 in the plates 16, whereby said bottom is supported with relation to the top or cover 1.

In order that the intermediate section 3 may be suitably supported and carried by the plates 16, I provide holes or openings 23 in each plate near their upper ends, and lugs or pins 24 extend inwardly from each intermediate section to engage said openings, so that it will be impossible for the intermediate sections to slip over the bottom or in any way become disarranged from the remaining co-acting parts.

Both the bottom and intermediate sections are cut away at 25 and 26 to provide for the reception of the point of juncture of the arms 12 and 13 with the top or cover 1.

In using the device under normal conditions all the sections will be telescoped, as shown in Fig. 1; but should it be necessary to enlarge the structure the bottom section will be extended the full length of the slots 15 in the plates 16 and the receptacle will be enlarged to twice its normal size, the intermediate section remaining within the top or cover. If more room is needed, the plate 16 will be slid down upon the strips or arms 12 and 13, which will cause the intermediate section to be extended, inasmuch as it is carried and supported by said plates, and at the same time the bottom will be forced away from the cover, allowing the device to accommodate nearly three times as much material as it would under ordinary conditions or when the telescopic sections were retracted.

From the foregoing it will readily be seen that I have provided a telescopic carrying-case simple of construction and one adapted to answer the demands of the trade, and while I have described in detail what to me appears to be the best means of accomplishing the desired result I would have it understood that I do not limit myself to the exact manner herein described, but reserve to myself the right to make such slight changes as would suggest themselves to an ordinary mechanic without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. A telescopic traveling-bag comprising a cover, a bottom section and an intermediate section, arms depending from the cover, slotted plates telescopically secured to said arms, fingers carried by said plates and bent back to embrace the said arms to prevent their displacement to said plates, whereby the several sections are held in operative engagement.
2. The combination with a top or cover and an extensible and contractible bottom section; of depending supporting-arms arranged within the cover, slotted plates slidably secured to said arms by means of overlapping fingers which embrace the said arms to prevent their displacement, and lugs or projec-

tions extending within the bottom section and loosely working in said slots.

3. In a device of the character described, the combination with a plurality of telescopic sections; of depending parallel arms projecting from one of the sections, slotted plates connected to the other sections to the arms, fingers projecting from the end of the plates and slidably embracing the arms to prevent their displacement, said plates being adapted to telescope one of the arms and support the bottom in intermediate sections.

4. In a device of the character described, the combination with a top section, a bottom section and an intermediate section; of slidable and slotted plates carried by the top section, telescopically secured to their support, headed lugs or pins secured to the bottom section, and slidably engaging the plate above referred to, and headed lugs projecting from the intermediate sections, and also engaging the slot in a plate whereby the several sections are held in operative engagement substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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