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CARRYING CASE

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Fig. 1.

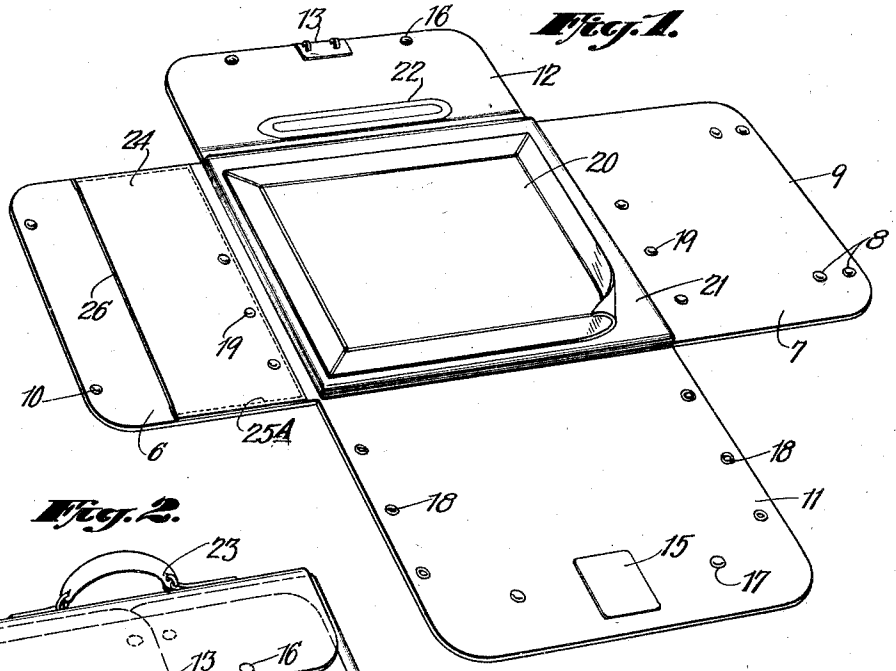


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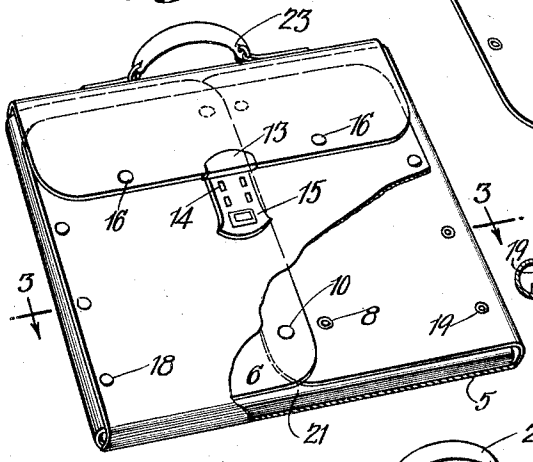


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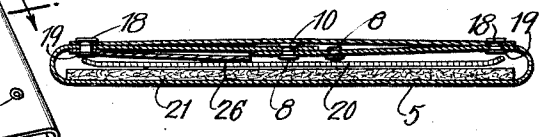
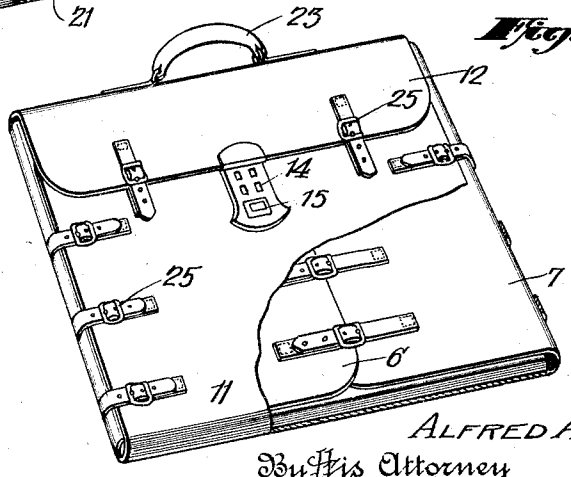


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to carrying cases and in particular to one especially designed for the purpose of carrying a piece of material without rolling or folding the same.

A particular object of the invention is to provide a carrying case for aprons or other lodge regalia through the medium of which, such apron or other device may be carried in its flat unfolded state.

Heretofore it has always been the custom to roll the apron in or around a form so that the same may be carried to lodge meeting but it has been found that this is objectionable due to the fact that the apron has a tendency of breaking the embroidery and cracking the satin after having been carried in its rolled state.

It is a particular object of my invention therefore, to provide a flat carrying case having incorporated therein a cushion upon which the apron may be placed so that the parts of the case can be folded therearound to maintain the apron in its flat, unfolded position.

The hand embroidery is made of metal bullion, and reposes in the case face downward, resting upon the cushion, thus preventing the moisture and dampness from tarnishing the metal bullion.

To enable others skilled in the art to fully comprehend the underlying features of my invention that they may embody the same in the various modifications in structure and relation contemplated, a drawing depicting a preferred form has been annexed as a part of this disclosure and in such drawing, similar reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout all the views, of which,

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my improved carrying case, the same being shown completely open and having disposed therein, an article of lodge regalia, such as an apron, for instance.

Figure 2 is a view in perspective of my improved carrying case closed, a portion of the front thereof being broken away to show the inner apron holding flap.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2 showing the construction of my improved pad and showing also how the folded over flap of the carrying case supports the apron in position upon the pad, and

Figure 4 is a view in perspective of a modified form of carrying case employing fastening straps instead of snap fasteners, a portion of the view being broken away to also show the inner folded flap members.

Referring to the drawing in detail, 5 indicates the body portion of a carrying case having at the opposite sides thereof, the inner flap extensions 6 and 7, in the latter of which there is provided, the spaced snap fastening members 8 which are not only spaced longitudinally of the flap 7 but are also spaced inwardly from the exterior edge 9 thereof whereby the mating portions of the snap fasteners 10, carried in the edge of the flap member 6 may be secured to either set of the snap fasteners 8 on the opposed flap portion 7. To the opposite edges of the body portion 5, there is formed the front flap 11 and top flap 12, in the latter of which is positioned the catch member 13, which cooperates with any one of a number of openings 14 in a latch plate 15 carried on the front flap 11. The flap 12 also carries a plurality of snap fasteners 16 which cooperate with the snap fastener elements 17 carried on the front flap portion 11, this portion 11 also carrying at its side edges, a row of snap fasteners 18 which are adapted to engage the snap fasteners 19 placed in the inner portion of the side flap members 6 and 7.

In order to provide a suitable space upon which the apron 20 may be disposed without wrinkling, I secure in any suitable manner, such for instance, as by gluing or otherwise to the body portion 5 of the carrying case, the soft cushion member 21. This cushion member may be made of fabric, stuffed with suitable hair or other material to form a yieldable base upon which the apron 20 may be placed in its flat condition. The upper flap 12 is also provided with a reinforce 22 which maintains on the exterior of the flap 12, the carrying handle 23.

It is evident that more than one apron or any number of aprons or any other lodge regalia may be carried in my improved carry-

ing case and in order to provide for a number of articles being carried on the cushion 21, I have made use of the snap fasteners 8 spaced inwardly from the edge 9 of the flap 7 and also the series of openings 14 in the catch member 15 and through the medium of these features it is possible to place on the pad 21 a pile of aprons or other articles of regalia and when the flaps 6 and 7 are folded, the snap fasteners 10 may engage the inner row of snap fasteners 8 or the outer row depending upon the contents of the carrying case. This is also true of the slot members 11 and 12, the latter of which is folded over the top edge of the former and through the medium of the openings 14 in the latch member 15, may be drawn thereover as far as possible depending upon the contents of the carrying case.

In order to carry some of the other articles necessary in lodge ceremony, I have provided in the slot 6, a pocket 24, made by stitching as at 25A to the flap 6, an additional piece of leather or other soft material 26.

Of course, it is understood that the carrying case will be made of soft leather or other suitable material and can be quickly folded to its closed position and will present a flat carrying case which will maintain the apron or other regalia contained therein in flat position so that when the same is taken out of the case, it is ready for use and need not be rolled in the hand or pressed to make it flat, which causes the same to get soiled and renders it unfit for use.

In order to provide for further adjustment of a case and to eliminate the use of snap fasteners, if so desired, I have shown, in Figure 4, a modified form providing for the use of strap members 25 which are used throughout to secure the flap members 6 and 7 together and to secure the flap members 11 and 12 together. It is evident that the straps used to hold the parts 6 and 7 together provide an adjustment between the parts to accommodate any number of aprons or other pieces of lodge regalia which may be enveloped in the carrying case.

It is evident, therefore, that I have provided a new and improved carrying case for aprons or the like consisting of a plurality of flap members which, when folded together will retain the apron in position upon its pad member to prevent the same from getting wrinkled or crumpled and also maintaining the same unsoiled so that it is instantly ready for use when removed from the carrying case.

While I have illustrated and described my invention with some degree of particularity, I realize that in practice various alterations therein may be made. I therefore reserve the right and privilege of changing the form of the details of construction or otherwise altering the arrangement of the correlated parts without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:—

A carrying case for lodge regalia comprising a body section of rectangular configuration, a stuffed cushion of substantially the same area as the body section and mounted thereon, side and end flaps integral with the body section, a handle on one of said end flaps, a pocket in one of the side flaps and means for securing the side and end flaps together in overlapping relation whereby the flaps are held in close relation with the cushion.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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