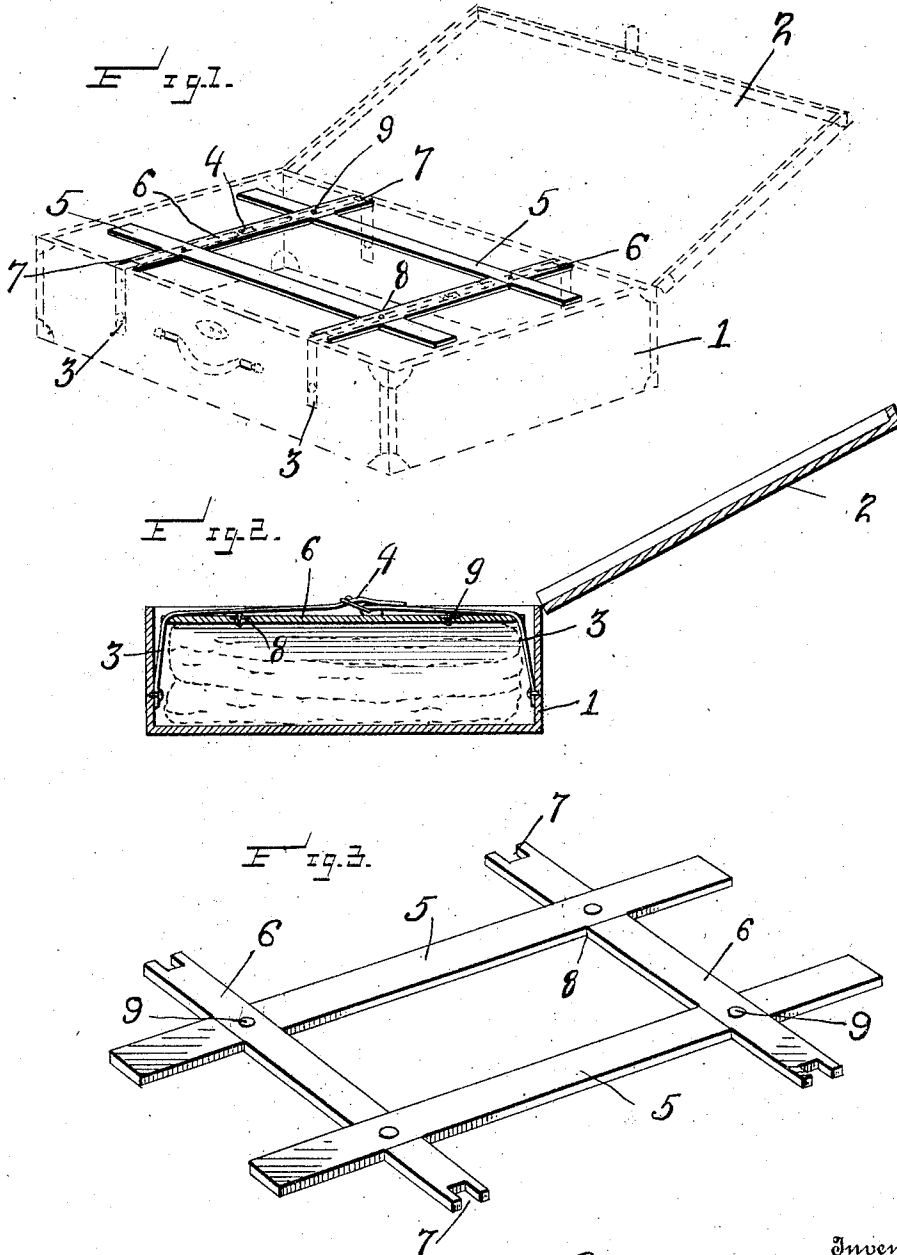


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW N. BOGEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Denver, in the county of Denver and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Followers for Traveling-Cases, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention is an improved follower for use in a suitcase, trunk or the like, for retaining the contents of the same in good order.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive and practical device of this character which may be used in any traveling case having straps or tapes for preventing the contents from shifting about in the case and becoming disarranged and creased.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved follower showing it arranged in the suitcase, the latter being indicated by dotted lines; Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view through the suitcase and the follower, and Fig. 3 is an enlarged perspective view of the follower.

In the drawings 1 denotes a suitcase or any other traveling box or case which may have a suitable cover 2, to the opposite side walls of which are attached straps or tapes 3 adapted to be brought over the top of the clothes or other contents of the body 1 of the case, and to have their ends tied together or adjustably united by a buckle 4 or equivalent device.

My improved follower is in the form of a frame adapted to fit within the body 1 of the case, to rest upon the top of the contents, and to be held in place by the straps 3. In its preferred form, the follower consists of parallel longitudinal strips 5 united by intersecting cross strips 6, the ends of which latter are provided with openings 7 for the reception of the straps 3. These openings may be in the form of slots or notches and when the straps 3 are arranged in them shifting movement of the follower frame will be prevented, and it will be effectively retained in the top of the clothes or contents of the body 1 to prevent such contents from

shifting around and consequently becoming mussed and creased. The intersecting strips or bars 5, 6, may be united by any suitable means and their points of intersection may be at any desired distance from their extremities; they are, however, so arranged that the transverse strips 6 will be arranged opposite, or substantially opposite the pairs of straps 3, and the strips are preferably mortised at their points of intersection, as shown at 8, so that their outer surfaces will be flush with each other, a rivet or other fastening 9 being passed through the mortised portions 8 to unite the strips or bars.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the invention may be produced at a small cost, will be light in weight, will not occupy much space in a traveling case, and may be readily placed in or removed from the case. When arranged in position on top of the contents of the case and secured by the straps 3 it will hold all parts of the contents against shifting movement, and the contents will consequently not become mussed and creased when the case is roughly handled during transportation.

While the preferred embodiment of the invention has been shown and described in detail, it will be understood that I do not wish to be limited to the precise construction set forth, since various changes in the form, proportion and arrangement of parts, and in the details of construction, may be resorted to within the spirit and scope of the invention.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

1. A device of the character described comprising a pair of parallel, longitudinal strips, a pair of transverse strips intersecting the longitudinal ones at points distant from their extremities and the extremities of the longitudinal strips, the extremities of the transverse strips being notched and both the longitudinal and transverse strips being mortised at their points of intersection whereby both pairs of strips will be disposed in the same plane, and fastenings uniting the intersecting strips at their points of intersection.

2. The herein described traveling case, comprising in combination with its rectangular body and its contents retaining straps, the latter being fixed at one end and having their free ends adjustably connected by

buckles, of a rectangular follower frame consisting of a pair of parallel longitudinal strips, and a pair of parallel transverse strips, the longitudinal and transverse strips intersecting each other at right angles adjacent their ends, and being mortised together at their points of intersection, whereby both pairs of strips will be disposed in the same plane, the extremities of the transverse strips being formed with notches to

receive said strips, and transverse fastenings passed through the strips at their points of intersection.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses. 15

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