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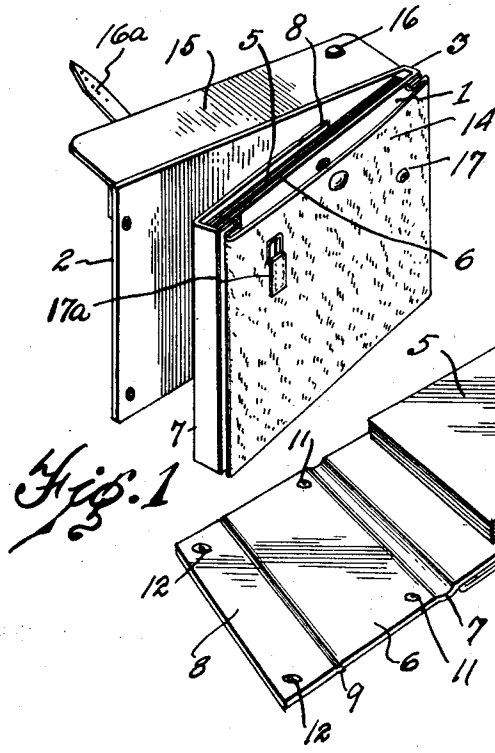


Fig. 1

Fig. 2

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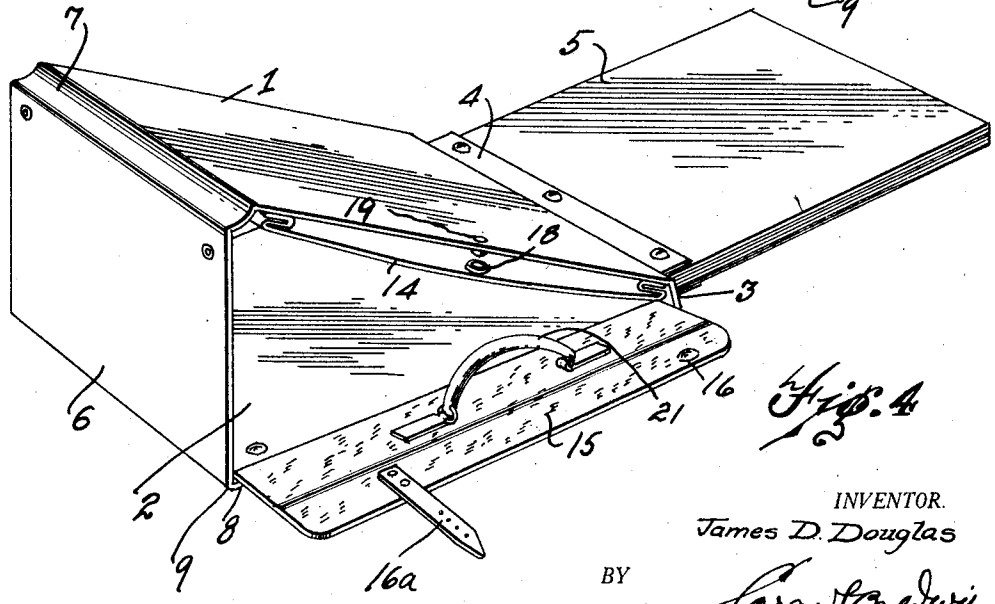


Fig. 4

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It is an object of this invention to provide a combination portfolio and briefcase so that in one article a salesman can carry descriptive and illustrated matter mounted in a binder in such form that the leaves therein may be readily shown to a customer, and at the same time to provide carrying capacity for correspondence and all other necessary data.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combination portfolio and briefcase wherein the former is adapted to open so that its covers form two sides of a triangular stand with a binder between the inner ends of the covers at the apex; and to attach a briefcase container to one of the covers, and a flap, to hold both the portfolio and briefcase container in closed position, to the other cover.

Having thus briefly outlined the major purposes of the invention, I will now proceed to describe an embodiment thereof with the aid of the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 illustrates the invention with the briefcase container open and the portfolio slightly opened.

Figure 2 shows the invention with the portfolio partially opened, and the briefcase container closed.

Figure 3 is a view showing the portfolio being used as a stand, and

Figure 4 is an enlarged view of the invention with the portfolio fully opened and on its side and the briefcase container open.

Referring to the drawings, 1 and 2 designate two substantially rigid covers connected at their inner ends by a flexible connection 3 to which a binder 4 to hold the leaves 5 is secured. 6 designates an extension, also substantially rigid, secured to the outer end of the cover 1 by a flexible portion 7; and to the outer end of the extension a holding strip 8 is connected by another flexible portion 9.

When the portfolio is closed the extension 6 and the holding strip 8 lie against the leaves 5 with the flexible portion 7 arranged around the outer ends of the said leaves. Fasteners 10 on the cover 2 towards its outer end usually engage corresponding fasteners 11 on the extension 6 to hold the latter in position. When the portfolio is in use the outer side of the covers 1 and 2 are turned towards one another as shown in Figure 3. The extension 6 is employed to form a third side of the triangular stand, and the fasteners 10 cooperate with fasteners 12 on the holding strip 8, which in this case is upturned from the flexible portion 9.

The cover 1 also forms the back of a briefcase container 14 which projects outwardly from the said cover, and extending laterally from the cover 2 is a flap 15 having fastening means, such as a fastener 16 or a strap 16^a thereon to coact with the fastener 17 or the buckle 17^a on the outer side of the container when the whole device is in closed position. On the inner side of the container 14 a fastener 18 is provided to engage a fastener 19 on the outer side of the cover 1, which also forms the back portion of the briefcase container. These fasteners 18 and 19 may be utilized to prevent the contents from falling out when the portfolio is in use as a stand. 21 indicates a handle secured to the flap 15 so that the whole device may be readily carried.

While in the foregoing the preferred embodiment of the invention has been described and shown, it is understood that the construction is susceptible to such modifications as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A combination portfolio and briefcase comprising two covers connected at their inner ends, one of said covers having an extension thereon adapted to engage the other cover when the covers are opened up to form a substantially triangular stand, means for supporting leaves between said covers, said extension disposed between the covers and over the leaves when the covers are closed, a briefcase container on the outside of one of the covers, a flap projecting from the other cover, and means for securing said flap over the open end of said container to hold the latter and said portfolio in closed position.

2. A combination portfolio and briefcase comprising two covers connected at their inner ends, one of said covers having an extension thereon adapted to engage the other cover when the covers are opened up to form a substantially triangular stand, means for supporting leaves between said covers, said extension disposed between the covers and over the leaves when the covers are closed, a briefcase container on the out-

side of one of the covers, said container having its open side substantially at right angles to the inner end of the cover on which it is mounted, a flap projecting laterally from the other cover, and means for securing said flap over the open end of said container to hold the latter and said portfolio in closed position.

3. A combination portfolio and briefcase comprising two covers connected at their inner ends, said covers being adapted to open so that their outer surfaces are towards one another to form two sides of a substantially triangular stand, means for supporting leaves between said covers, means for holding the outer ends of said covers in spaced relation to one another, a briefcase container on the outer side of one of said covers, a flap projecting from the other cover, means for holding the sides of the container together at its open end, and said flap being adapted to cover the open end of said container and hold the latter and the portfolio in closed position.

4. A combination portfolio and briefcase comprising two covers connected at their inner ends, said covers being adapted to open so that their outer surfaces are towards one another to form two sides of a substantially triangular stand, means for supporting leaves between said covers, means for holding the outer ends of said covers in spaced relation to one another, a briefcase container on the outer side of one of said covers having its open end substantially at right angles to the inner end of the cover on which it is mounted, a flap projecting laterally from the other cover, means for holding the sides of the container together at its open end, and said flap being adapted to cover the open end of said container and hold the latter and the portfolio in closed position.

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