

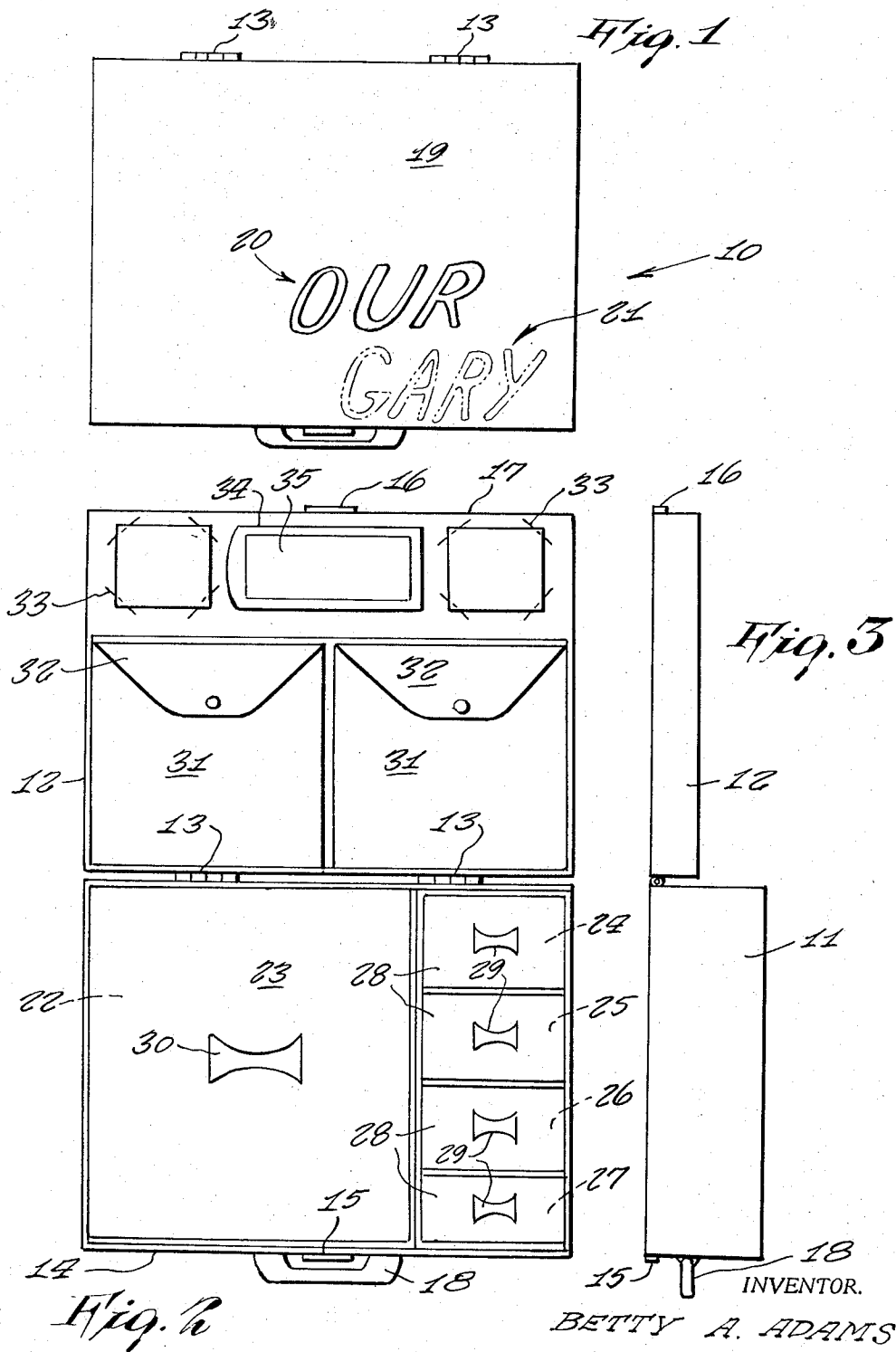
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention is essentially concerned with the provision of a case for the transportation and display of keepsakes, wherein a pair of hollow mating parts are hingedly connected together for swinging movement between open and closed positions, one of the hollow parts being shallower than the other, and containing a plurality of inserts for printed matter as well as pockets, while the deeper part contains compartments, one of which is relatively large for receiving and preserving clothing.

This invention relates generally to carrying cases. More specifically it relates to carrying cases having self-contained means for displaying a plurality of objects carried therewithin.

The principal object of the present invention is to provide a personalized keepsake case with a preservation and display of various sentimental objects used in bringing up a baby. Such objects may include photographs of the baby, various greeting cards, a baby's first lock of hair, a teething ring or feeding spoon or the like.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a personalized keepsake case having self-contained means for preserving and displaying very sentimental items used by the infant after he has become a child. Such objects may include school papers, childhood awards or certificates, various toys or other items associated with the child.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a personalized keepsake case having a plurality of compartments, each of which is designated for retaining certain of the above objects.

Other objects of the present invention are to provide a personalized keepsake case which is simple in design, inexpensive to manufacture, rugged in construction, pleasing to the eye and easily accessible in all parts.

These and other objects will be readily evident upon a study of the following specifications and accompanying drawing wherein:

FIGURE 1 is a slight elevation view of the present invention wherein the case is in closed position;

FIGURE 2 is an elevation view showing the case in opened up position, and

FIGURE 3 is a side elevation view of the present invention shown in open position.

Referring now to the drawing in detail numeral 10 represents a personalized keepsake case according to the present invention wherein there is a case 11 and a cover 12 elliptically secured together by means of hinges 13 secured to corresponding sides of the case and cover. The opposite side 13 of the case has a lock 15 which is engageable with a hasp 16 mounted upon the side 17 of the cover, whereby assuring the case to remain in a closed position when desired. A carrying handle 18 is also secured upon the side 13 of the case to permit convenient transportation of the device.

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Upon the front panel 19 of the cover there is an imprinted text 20, which may comprise the word "Our" or some such similar endearment term, to which the name of the child may be added as shown at 21. Thus the text upon the outer side of the case readily indicates the contents thereof.

Within the case 11 there are a plurality of compartments, one of which is a relatively deep compartment 22 having a hide plastic snap-on cover 23 which encloses a moth-proofed area for preserving articles of clothing such as christening dress, a first sweater and cap, first shoes, a dress or suit, undergarments, a rattle or small toy and the like. The case further includes a plurality of smaller and relatively shallower compartments for retaining other objects. Thus the compartment 24 is provided for a baby's first jewelry. Another compartment 25 is for preserving a baby's first lock of hair, another compartment 26 is for retaining an infant's birth bracelet or beads, and the compartment 27 being for retaining a first feeding spoon, a silver spoon or teething ring. It will be noted that all of the above compartments are provided with a cover 28 each of which have finger inserts 29 for lifting the cover from the compartment. Similarly the cover 23 has a finger insert 30 for the same purposes.

The cover No. 12 has a plurality of pockets 31 made preferably from plastic and used for preserving and retaining therein the first pictures taken of the child, a first Christmas card, birthday cards, drawings, school papers, letters and childhood awards or certificates. Each of the pockets 31 has a plastic snap-over enclosure cover 32.

The cover further includes a pair of inserts 33 for holding a child's first birthday photograph, a Christmas photograph or first photograph taken at birth. Additionally, the cover includes an insert 34 for holding birth records 35.

Thus it has been provided a personalized keepsake case for preserving and neatly displaying various sentimental belongings commemorating the growth and progress of an infant.

In operative use the keepsake case may be carried from a place of storage by grasping the handle 18. The lock may then be opened and the cover hinged away from the case. A person may then readily have access to any of the various compartments or pockets in which the different items are retained.

While various changes may be made in the detail construction, it is understood that such changes will be within the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A display case comprising a pair of internally hollow mating parts arranged with their hollows in facing relation and hingedly connected together along one pair of adjacent sides for swinging movement out of their facing relation into an open relation with their hollows facing in the same direction, one of said parts being of less depth than the other, a plurality of inserts removably fixed in said one part along the side thereof opposite to said hinged connection for displaying printed matter, a plurality of pockets in said one part adjacent to said hinged connection, a snap-over enclosure cover on each of said pockets along the side thereof remote from said hinged connection, a plurality of compartments in the other of said parts, and a snap-on cover removably se-

cured on each of said compartments, one of said compartments being larger than the remaining compartments, and being mothproof for receiving and preserving clothing.

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