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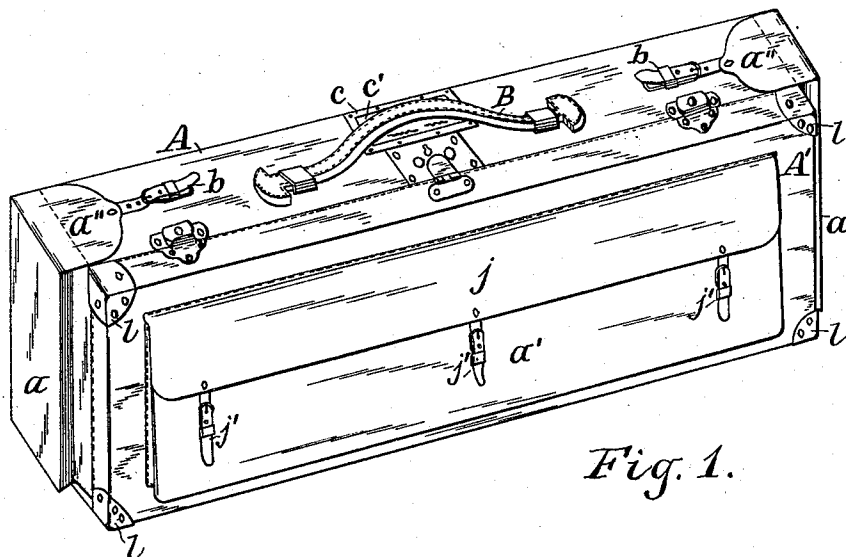


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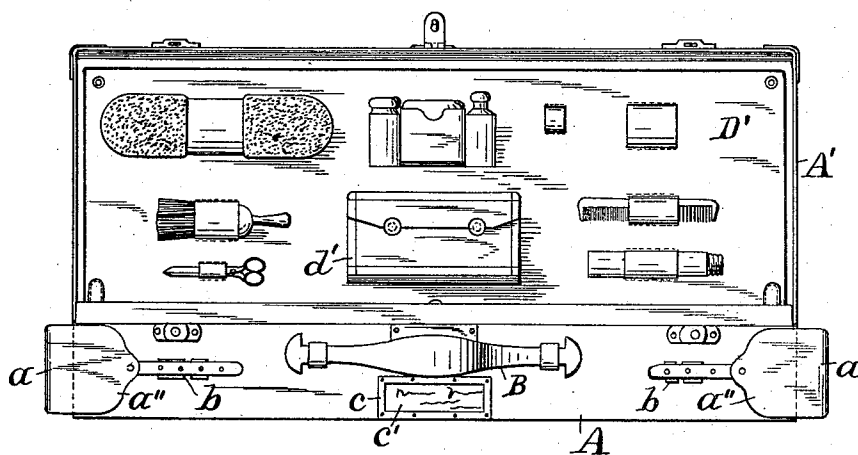


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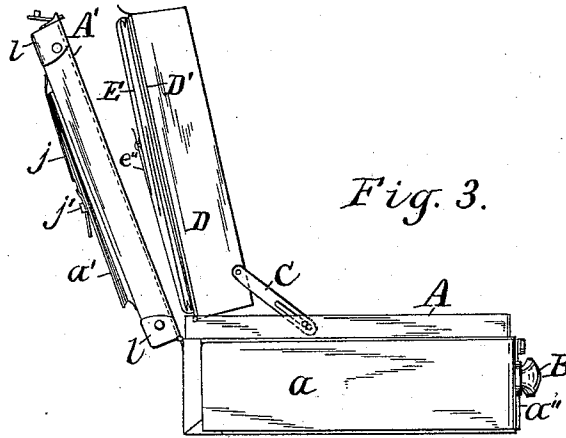


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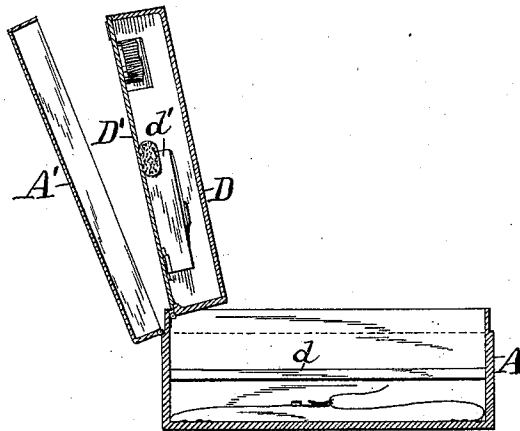


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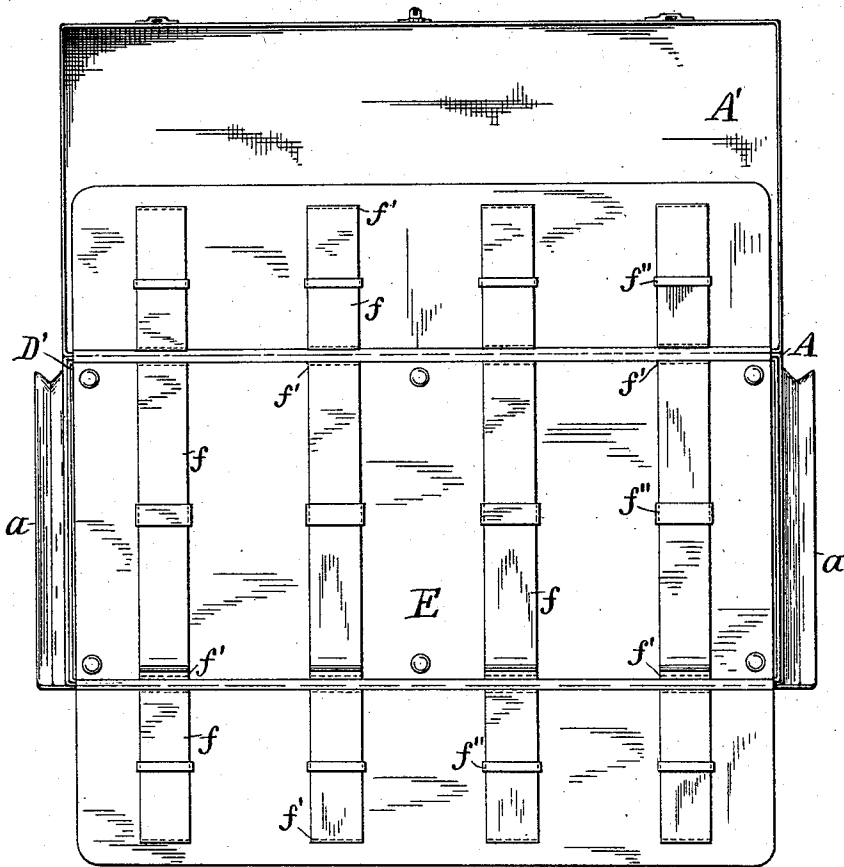


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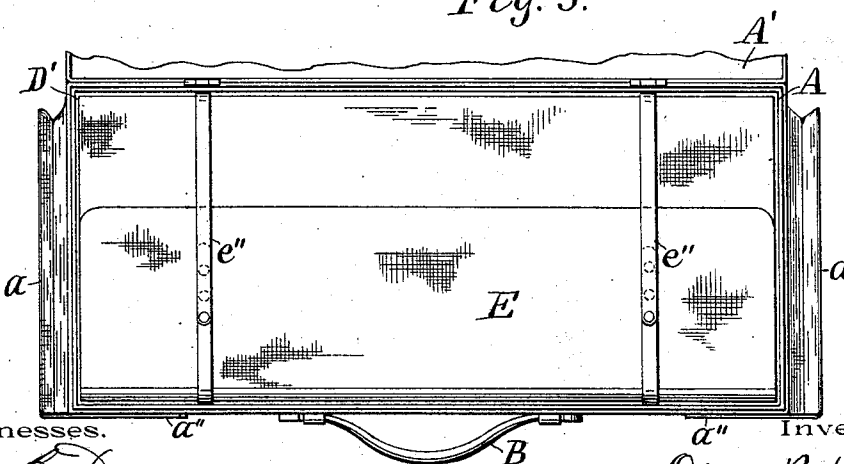


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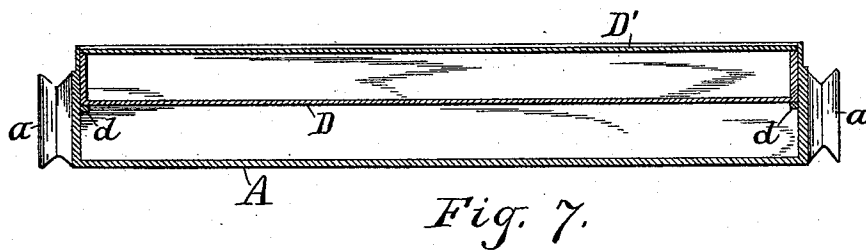


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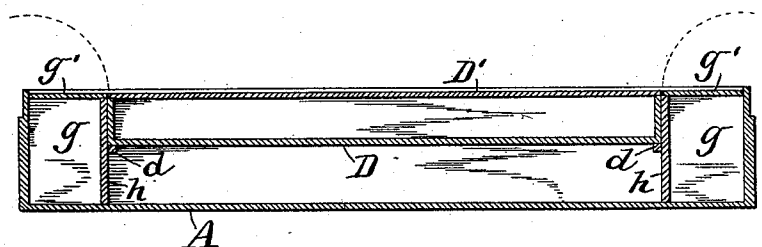


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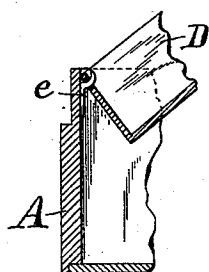


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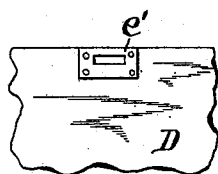


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR P. HURD, of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Traveling-Cases, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to traveling-cases, particularly those adapted for gentlemen's use in transporting a dress suit and toilet articles, and in fact all other desirable articles and materials necessary for the improvement and dress of the person.

To this end my invention consists in the combination, with an oblong rectangular case provided with carrying means, of expansion-pockets at each end, an expansion-pocket on the lid, a tray within the case supported at its ends above the bottom, a lid for the tray carrying on its inner side a plurality of pockets and loops to hold toilet articles, a flexible wrapper below the lid of the case containing parallel rows of loops, and suitable means to hold the tray in a raised position; and my invention consists also in certain other combinations of parts hereinafter described, and specifically set forth in the claims.

In the drawings hereto annexed and forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the case. Fig. 2 is a front side elevation showing the lid of the case and the lid of the tray open, exposing to view some of the toilet articles suspended on the latter lid. Fig. 3 is an end elevation with the lid of the case open and the tray in its raised position. Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view of the case and tray. Fig. 5 is a top plan view of the case with the lid wide open and the flexible wrapper secured to the upper side of the lid of the tray open, exposing to view the loops designed for holding articles of dress. Fig. 6 shows the flexible wrapper closed or folded and secured in place by straps. Fig. 7 is a longitudinal sectional view of the case without its lid. Fig. 8 is a similar view of a modification, and Figs. 9 and 10 are views showing a form of hinge that may be used for the tray, so that the latter may be removed entirely from the case when desired.

Referring specifically to the drawings, A is the oblong rectangular case, which may be

made of wood or a frame of metal and covered with leather or other suitable waterproof material. If constructed of a metal frame, I preferably use aluminium, as that is light and strong and will not rust.

A' is the lid of the case, which is hinged to the latter and adapted to fit over the upper edge of the case on all sides, and is provided with a suitable lock and side fastenings to securely hold it in its closed position. On the outer side of the lid is an expansion-pocket *a'*, provided with a flap *j* and several fastening devices *j', j'*. The corners of the case, together with its lid, are protected by corner-pieces *l l* of leather sewed and riveted in place. On the ends of the case, below the lid, are expansion-pockets *a a*, opening at the front of the case, or at the top when the case is closed and in a position to be carried. These pockets *a a* are suitable for shoes and rubbers, allowing one to carry them without placing them inside, but where they may be obtained readily without opening the case. These pockets *a a* are provided with flaps *a'' a''*, which cover the pockets and are secured by a strap and buckle *b* to the front of the case, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings.

B is a handle in the center on the front side of the case, formed of leather and adapted to slide in loops, so that it may be flat against the case. Below the handle is a small leather frame *c*, secured to the case, inclosing a card with the owner's address, and a sheet of mica *c'* covering the card to protect it. The frame *c* may be made of metal, if preferred.

Resting upon cleats *d d*, secured to the inner sides of the ends of the case, is a tray D. The tray is about half the depth of the case and its upper edge is but slightly below the upper edge of the case. The said tray is provided with hinges, preferably such as shown in Fig. 9, which allow the tray to be removed entirely from the case.

The hinge shown in Fig. 9 consists of a hook *e*, secured to the inner side of the case by screws or rivets, and a plate *e'*, containing a slot secured by like means to the back side of the tray. The hook enters the slot readily when the tray is held in a vertical position and of course may be removed when in this position.

In order to support the tray in its raised position, I preferably employ a slotted brace C, which is pivoted to one end of the tray and slides upon a pin or screw on the inner side of the end of the case.

When the tray is raised to the position shown in Fig. 3, it is balanced and cannot swing farther back because the end of the slot in the brace bears upon the screw in the case, and it cannot tilt forward, as the screw is driven in sufficiently to cause its head to bear on the side of the brace to hold the brace in place. The said tray is provided with a cover or lid D', which is hinged to the rear edge of the tray. On the inner side of the lid D' are receptacles and loops for holding desirable toilet articles and materials—viz., brushes and dressing for shoes, brushes for clothing, shears, and other tools and implements desirable and not necessary to be herein specifically described or named. Fig. 2 of the drawings shows this lid D' raised and resting against the lid of the case. The covered case d' shown secured to the lid contains the tools and dressing for shoes. As these materials are completely inclosed, they cannot soil clothing within the tray. Secured to the upper side of the lid D' by suitable and well-known fastening devices is a flexible expansion-wrapper E, constructed of cloth or leather, which is adapted to be folded and secured in a folded position by straps e'' e'', secured to the lid. The inner side of this wrapper is provided with parallel rows of loops f f f f for holding articles of wear. These loops are stitched at their ends to the wrapper at f' f', &c., the central part of each strap being secured by a band f'', so that each strap forms a pair of loops, as clearly shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings.

If desired, this flexible wrapper E may be secured to the lower side of the lid A' instead of on the lid D'.

In Fig. 8 I have shown end pockets g g on the inside instead of on the outside of the case. In this construction, however, said pockets are not expansion-pockets, but are formed by partitions h h, extending across near the ends of the case. These pockets h h are provided with hinged covers or lids g' g', which open outward, as indicated by the dotted lines in the figure. In this case the cleats d d are secured to the partitions and the tray with its lid are shorter.

I do not wish to be limited to the precise construction shown, as it will be obvious that the device may be constructed in various other ways without departing from my invention. For instance, the partitions h h may only extend to the bottom of the tray, and the tray may extend to the ends of the case, as shown in Fig. 7, and other partitions may be inserted in the case or in the tray.

The lid A' may be supported in its raised or open position by any suitable and well-known means.

When the frames of the case and the tray

are made of metal, the hinge members may be riveted to the frames, or they may be formed integral therewith.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a traveling-case, the combination with an oblong rectangular casing provided with a lid and carrying means, of an expansion-pocket on the outside of the lid, a pocket at each end of the case below the lid, a tray within the case supported at its ends above the bottom, a lid for the tray carrying on its inner side a plurality of pockets and loops, a flexible wrapper below the lid of the case containing rows of loops, and suitable means to retain the tray in a raised position, substantially as described and shown.

2. In a traveling-case, the combination with an oblong rectangular casing provided with a lid and carrying means, of an expansion-pocket on the outside of the lid, an expansion-pocket on the outside of each end of the case below the lid, a tray within the case supported at its ends above the bottom, a lid for the tray carrying on its inner side a plurality of pockets and loops, a flexible wrapper below the lid of the case containing rows of loops, and suitable means to retain the tray in a raised position, substantially as described and shown.

3. In a traveling-case, the combination with a rigid, oblong, rectangular casing provided with a lid and suitable carrying means, of pockets at the ends of the case below the lid, a tray within the case supported at its ends above the bottom, a lid for the tray carrying on its inner side a plurality of receptacles, a flexible folded wrapper secured to the upper side of the lid of the tray with means to retain it in its folded position, said wrapper containing receptacles on its inner side, and suitable means to retain the said tray in its raised position when desired, as set forth.

4. In a traveling-case, the combination with an oblong, rectangular casing provided with a lid and suitable carrying means, of pockets at the ends of the case, a tray within the case supported at its ends above the bottom, a lid hinged to the tray carrying on its inner side a plurality of receptacles, a flexible folded wrapper removably secured upon the upper side of the tray-lid and provided with means to retain it in its folded position when desired, and suitable means to support the tray in its raised position, substantially as described and shown.

5. In a traveling-case, the combination with an oblong, rectangular casing provided with a lid and suitable carrying means, of pockets at the ends of the case, a tray within the case supported at its ends above the bottom, a lid hinged to the tray carrying on its inner side a plurality of receptacles, a flexible folded wrapper removably secured upon the upper side of the tray-lid and provided with means to retain it in its folded position when de-

sired, and means to support the tray in its raised position consisting of a slotted brace pivoted to one end of the tray and engaging a screw on the case, as set forth.

5 6. In a traveling-case, the combination with an oblong, rectangular casing provided with a lid and suitable carrying means, of pockets at the ends of the case, a tray within the case supported at its ends above the bottom, hinges
10 for the tray comprising hook-shaped members secured to one part and slotted plates to engage said members secured to the other part, a lid hinged to the tray carrying on its inner side a plurality of receptacles, a flexible folded
15 wrapper removably secured upon the upper side of the tray-lid and provided with means to retain it in its folded position when desired, and suitable means to support the tray in its raised position, substantially as described and shown.

7. In a traveling-case, the combination with an oblong, rectangular casing provided with a lid and suitable carrying means, of pockets at the ends of the case, a tray within the case
25 supported at its ends above the bottom, hinges for the tray comprising hook-shaped members secured to the outer casing and slotted plates on the rear side of the tray to engage the said members, a lid hinged to the tray carrying on
30 its inner side a plurality of receptacles, a

flexible folded wrapper removably secured upon the upper side of the tray-lid and provided with means to retain it in its folded position when desired, and suitable means to support the tray in its raised position, substantially as described and shown. 35

8. In a traveling-case, the combination with an oblong, rectangular casing provided with a lid and carrying means, an expansion-pocket on the outside and on each end of the case
40 below the plane of the lid, said pockets being provided with covers and fastening devices, a tray within the case supported at its ends above the bottom, hinges for the tray comprising hook-shaped members secured to one
45 part and slotted plates secured to the other part, a lid hinged to the tray carrying on its inner side a plurality of receptacles, a flexible folded wrapper removably secured to the lid, and means to support the tray in its raised
50 position consisting of a slotted brace pivoted to one end of the tray and engaging means on the case to work in the slot, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
signed my name. 55

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