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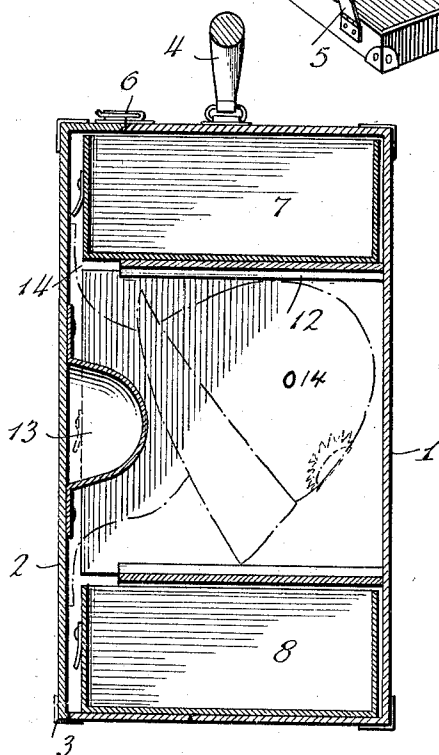
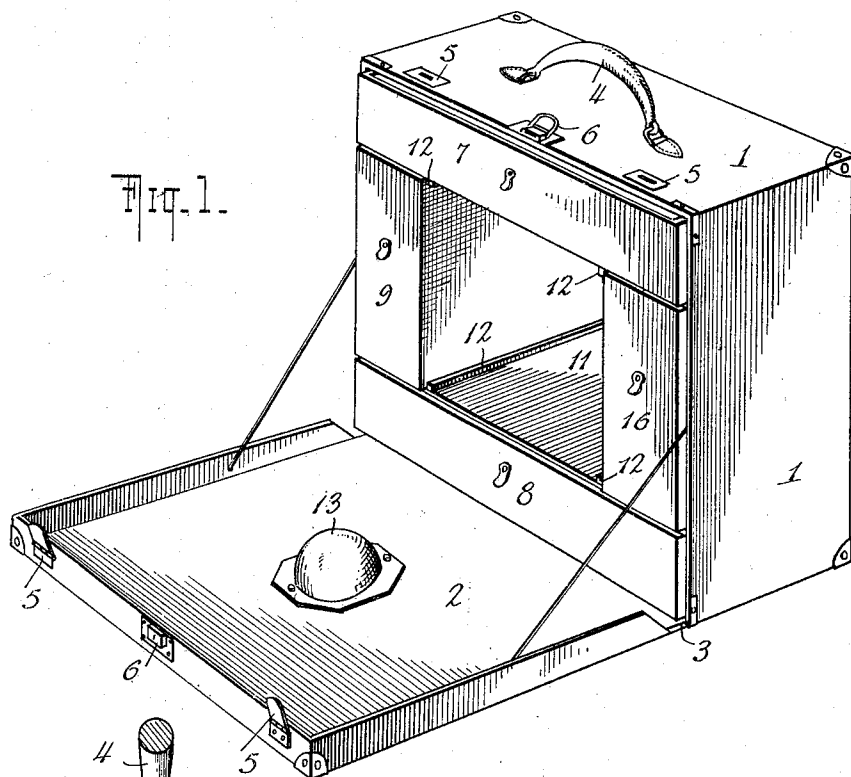


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Fig. 3.

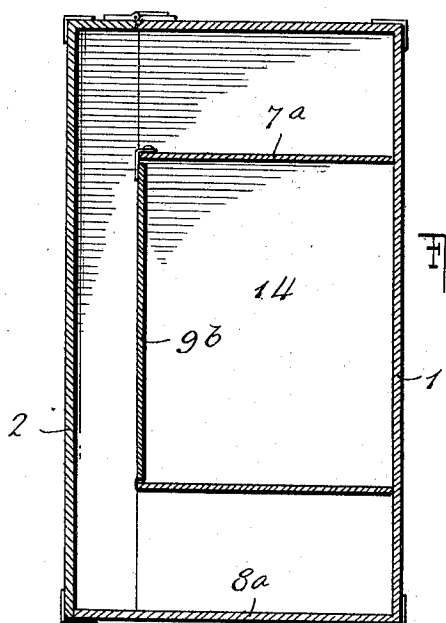
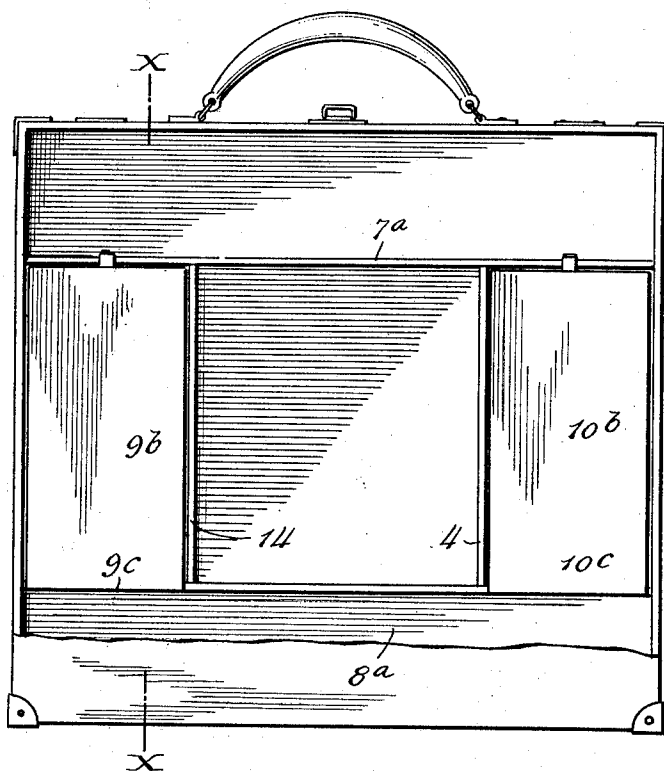


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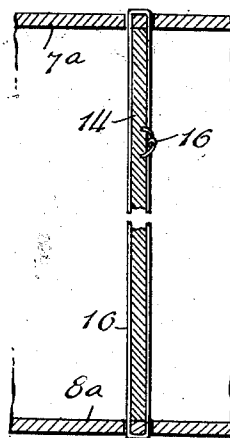


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My invention relates to improvements in cabinet suit-cases and has for its objects among others the providing of a suit case which may be carried and which enables a
 5 traveler to keep the various articles of clothing, hats, shoes, toilet articles, etc., properly separated one from another and in order. In the suit cases heretofore in general use all clothing and other articles carried are
 10 packed together in the deeper half of the case while the latter is in horizontal position. Articles of outer and under clothing are folded and laid flat in the case one above another, shoes are put at the ends, toilet articles are tucked in where convenient or possible, and there are no provisions for hats
 15 which are usually carried in separate boxes. When the packed suit case is closed and the traveler starts to carry it, the portion containing the clothing and other articles which
 20 was in horizontal position while being packed, now occupies a vertical position, and all garments which were lying flat when put into the case, now stand on edge. The result
 25 is that the clothing and other articles in the case soon become a more or less jumbled mass, with the clothing wrinkled and out of shape, and the various articles difficult to locate, particularly after the owner has
 30 had to open the case and consult its contents once or twice. With the object among others of curing said defects and of keeping all articles of clothing in proper condition, and of enabling one to know just where to find
 35 any article one needs without pawing over and disturbing any of the other contents, I provide a suit case which a traveler, man or woman, can carry and from which the owner can take any article needed without
 40 disturbing the other contents.

In the accompanying drawings Fig. 1 is a view in perspective showing the front, side and top of my case with the front open; Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof in section
 45 through the center of Fig. 1, looking toward the left; Fig. 3 is a front elevation thereof with the front partly removed showing a modification; Fig. 4 is a side elevation in section on line $x-x$ Fig. 3, looking toward
 50 the left; Fig. 5 is a detail.

Referring to the drawings, my case consists of a main portion 1 standing in its normally upright or vertical position and a front portion 2 secured to part 1 at the bottom by suitable hinges 3 and standing vertically when closed (Fig. 2), but lying horizontally when open (Fig. 1). A handle 4 is secured at the top of part 1 for carrying the case, and clasps 5 and a lock 6 may also be attached for keeping the case closed and
 60 locked if desired. In order to avoid jumbling clothing, shoes, toilet articles, etc., into a common mass, I divide the interior of part 1 into several compartments, as desired, there being five thereof in the present instance. In Fig. 1 drawers 7 above and 8 below, are
 65 inserted in two of said compartments each the full length and full width of part 1, and drawers 9 and 10 are inserted in two other compartments at the sides, the remaining or
 70 central compartment 11 being open and without a drawer. Ribs 12 are inserted as guides for inserting or removing the drawers.

For a woman's use I have designed the apparatus so that the several drawers are especially adapted, 7 for holding dresses properly folded, 8 for under garments, 9 for shoes and 10 for toilet articles, while compartment 11 is adapted for carrying hats. On the
 75 inner side of part 2 I have arranged a form 13 over which the crown of a hat may be placed so that it may be held in position, and its broad brim will occupy the narrow space between part one and the ends of said drawers when the case is closed. In Fig. 2 a large
 80 brimmed formal hat is shown in dotted outline and there is similarly shown a hat 14 in compartment 11, both hats in position for safe carriage. For a man's use the arrangement of clothing and other articles in
 85 the several drawers or compartments, so as to best serve his convenience, will readily suggest itself.

Figs. 3 and 4 show a modification in which the four drawers 7, 8, 9, 10 are dispensed with and the several compartments are used
 90 without the drawers for carrying the desired articles. A shelf 7^a forms the bottom of the upper compartment on which the garments are placed, and 9^a and 10^a form the bottoms
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of the two side compartments. Articles of clothing lying flat on 7^a, 8^a, will not be easily disturbed, but shoes and toilet articles in 9^a and 10^a may be jolted out, and to avoid this

5 I have arranged doors 9^b and 10^b which may be hung at the bottom on pieces of leather or stout cloth, 9^c, 10^c, as hinges, and secured at the top with a suitable latch after the case is packed. Central compartment 11 may be
10 closed similarly, if desired, when hats or other articles are to be confined therein.

Fig. 5 shows a detail in which shelf 7^a is supported by partitions 14 (Fig. 3) held in place by a wire 16 whose ends are twisted to-
15 gether and forced into 14 so as to avoid tearing the garments.

As illustrated herein my case is adapted more particularly for women's use, but it may be also used by men either as here shown
20 or with such modifications as their convenience will readily suggest. While I have divided the case into five compartments that number may be less or greater if desired. Part 7 may be united with part 8 and both
25 outer and under garments placed therein, though I prefer to have a separate compartment for each. A very important point is that garments lie in the same flat position in which they are put into the case, whether
30 the case is being carried or is standing in its normal position. To insure keeping the case in that normal position even when the traveler has it checked for carriage or handling as baggage, the owner may have it marked on
35 the top (Fig. 1): "This side up".

I claim:

1. A cabinet suit-case consisting of a principal portion divided into a central compartment adapted for carrying a broad brimmed
40 and a narrow brimmed hat and surrounding compartments severally adapted for carrying wearing apparel and toilet articles, said wearing apparel compartments having their bottoms parallel to the bottom of said suit-
45 case, so that folded garments shall lie flat when packed and when carried therein, and a second portion having a form secured thereon for holding a hat in position, which portion is hinged to said principal portion for
50 opening and closing said compartments, and spaced from said compartments to accommodate the brim of a broad brimmed hat between said two portions.

2. A cabinet suit-case consisting of a principal portion divided into a central compartment adapted for carrying a narrow brimmed
55 hat and the crown of a wide brimmed hat, a number of drawers in surrounding compartments severally adapted for carrying wearing apparel and toilet articles, and having their bottoms parallel to the bottom of said suit-
60 case, so that folded garments shall lie flat when packed and when carried therein, and a second portion hinged to said principal portion for closing the same and having a form

thereon for holding a hat in position and spaced from said principal portion to accommodate the brim of a broad brimmed hat between said two portions.

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