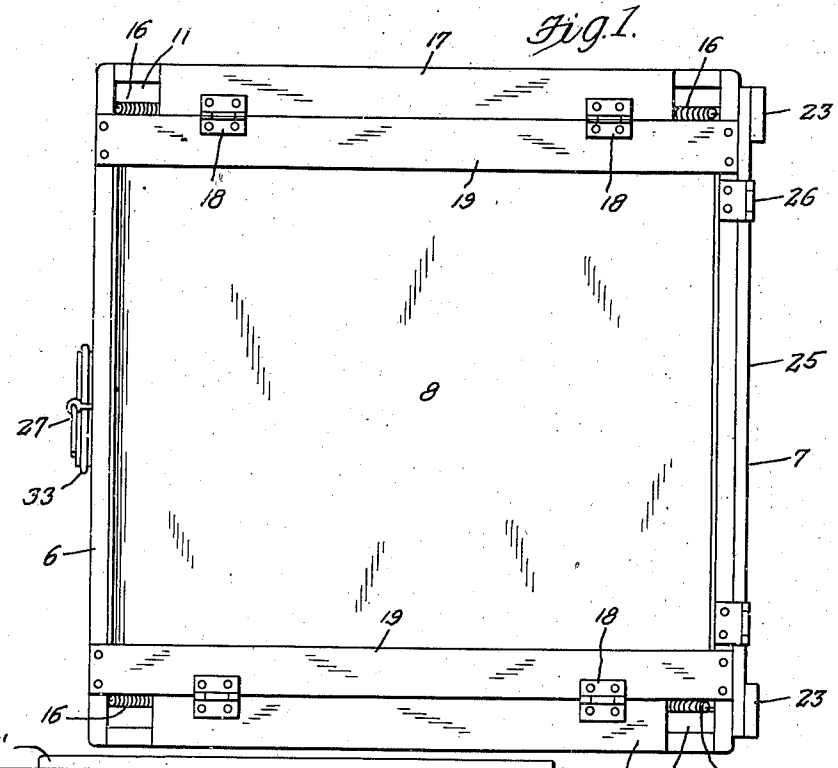
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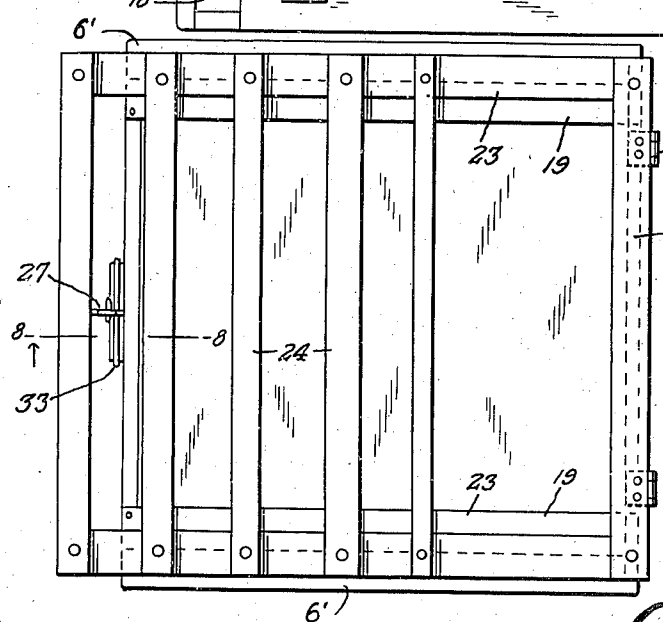


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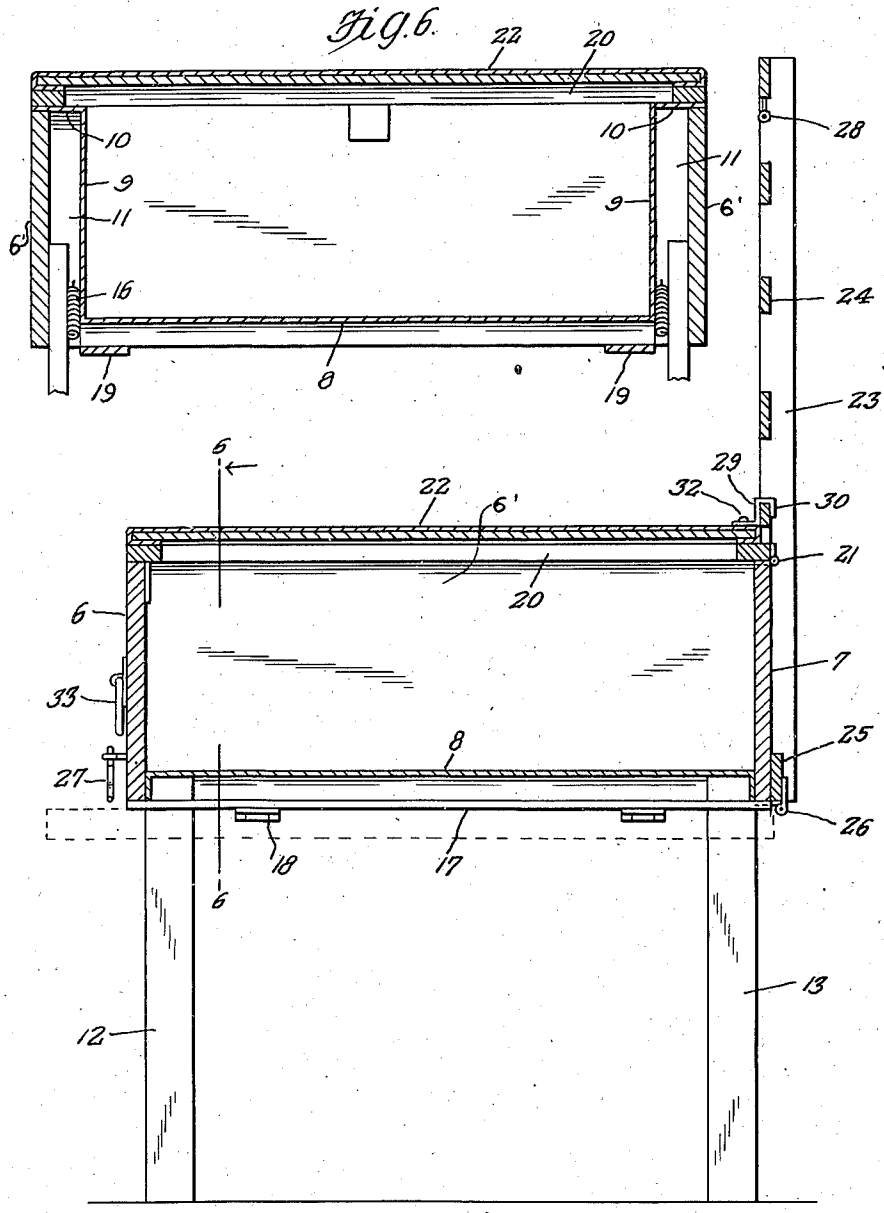


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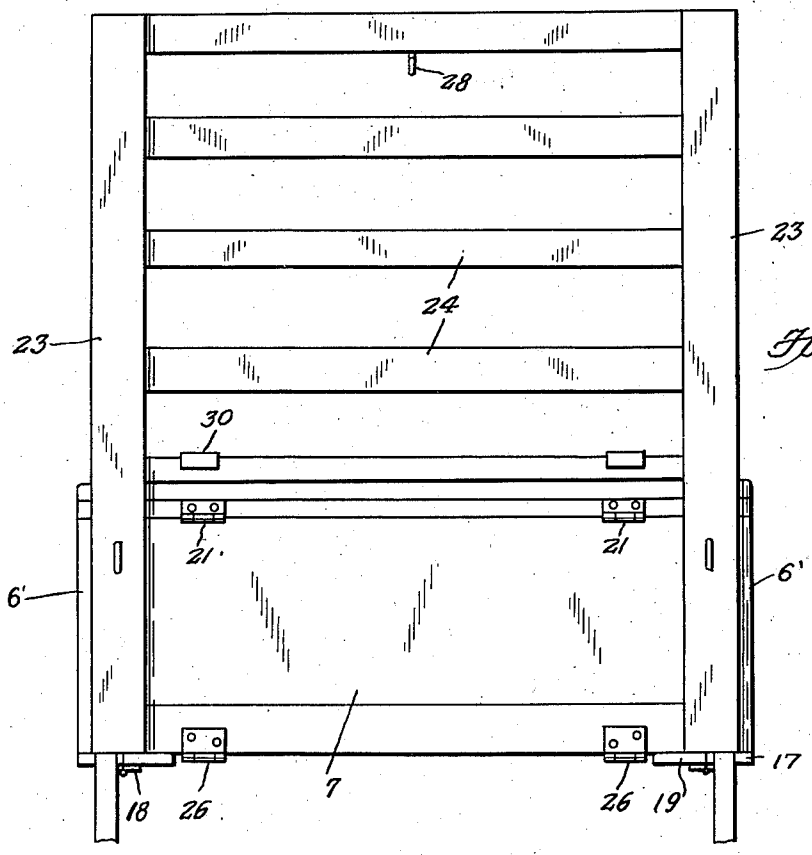
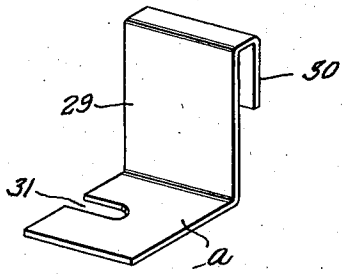


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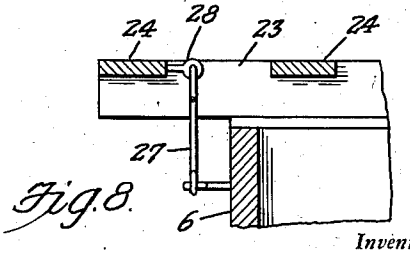


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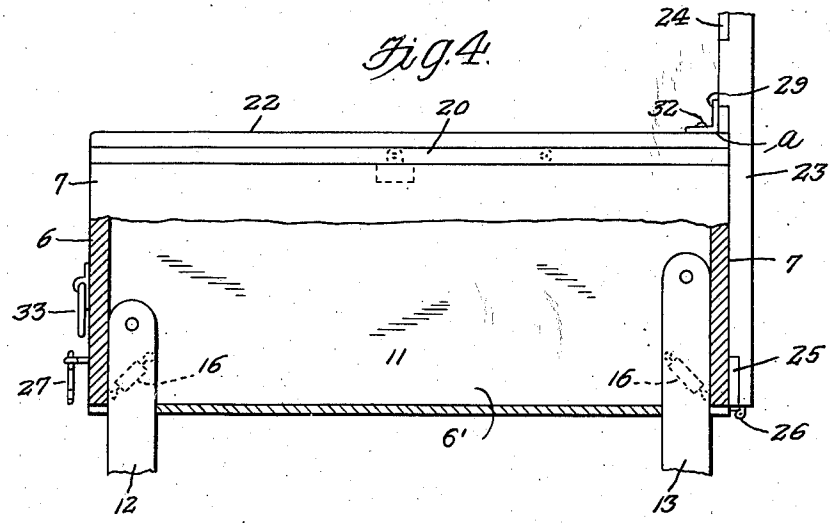
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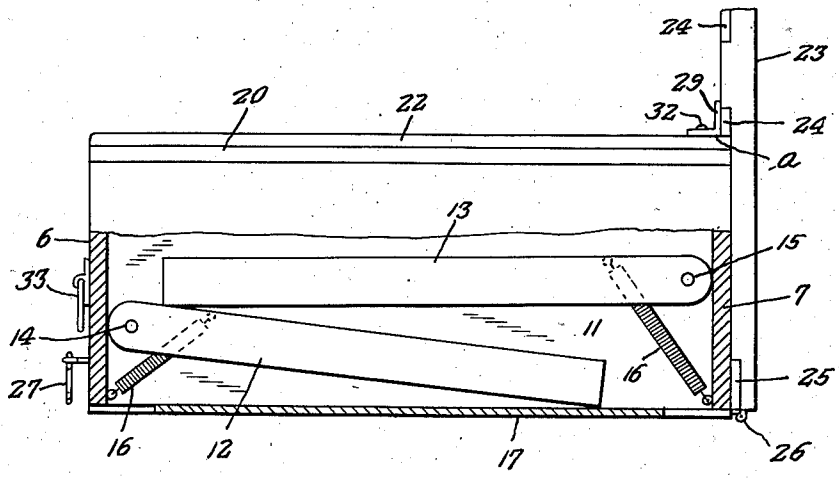


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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in combination devices of a personal nature and more particularly to a combination valise and chair.

The principal object of the present invention is to provide a valise and chair structure wherein the container forming the valise serves as a carrier for the chair which is collapsible and can be folded into position against and partly into the container.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a combination valise and folding chair structure wherein the chair structure can be readily extended to form legs and a back rest with the valise serving as a seat.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent to the reader of the following description.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 represents a bottom plan view showing only the legs in folded position.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view through the assembly converted to a chair.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary rear elevational view of the extended structure as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary detailed sectional view of the extended structure showing the manner in which the legs are secured in place.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary detailed sectional view showing the chair back in upright position, but showing the legs retracted.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary sectional view taken substantially on the line 6—6 of Figure 2.

Figure 7 is a bottom plan view of the assembly with the back in folded position.

Figure 8 is a fragmentary detailed sectional view taken substantially on the line 8—8 of Figure 7.

Figure 9 is a perspective view of the back holder.

Referring to the drawings wherein like numerals designate like parts, it can be seen that the valise proper consists of front, side and rear walls 6, 6' and 7 and a container within this enclosure consisting of a bottom 8 and side walls 9, 9, the upper edges of the side walls 9, 9 are provided with side flanges 10 which are secured to the upper edges of the side walls 6' in order to space the side walls 9 of the container from the side walls 6' of the enclosure in order to define pockets 11 for the reception of front and back legs 12, 13.

Each of the pockets 11 contains one of the front legs 12 and one of the rear legs 13. The front leg 12 being pivoted as at 14 to the corresponding side wall 6', while the leg 13 is pivoted at a higher point as at 15 to the same side wall 6' and tension springs 16 extend from anchoring points in the pocket 11 to the legs 12, 13 so as to pull the legs outwardly. The bottom of each pocket 11 is provided with a closure 17 hinged as at 18 to a corresponding member 19 bridging the lower edges of the front and rear walls 5, 7. (See Figure 1.) These closures 17 are shorter than the bridge members 19, the ends terminating short of the front and rear walls 6, 7 so as to leave openings through which the legs can depend, the walls of the enclosure, the bridge members 19 and the ends of the closure 17 coacting with the legs to brace the legs adequately.

The top of the valise consists of a frame 20 hinged as at 21 to the rear wall of the enclosure and a valise top 22 suitably secured to the frame 20.

A back structure consists of a pair of bars 23, 23 connected by horizontal slats 24.

The lower portions of the bars 23 are connected by a bridge member 25 which is hingedly secured as at 26 to the lower edge of the rear wall 7.

Of course, when the chair is collapsed, the back will assume the position shown in dotted lines in Figure 2, the bars 23 being disposed over the closures 17 for holding the same closed and the back, in turn, being held by a hook 27 engaged with an eye 28 located on one of the slats 24 of the back.

A fastener is provided for the back in the form of one or more angle members 29 having a hook portion 30 for engaging over one of the slats 24 of the back, the foot portion a of this fastener having a slot 31 extending inwardly from one edge to engage under the head of a stud 32 located on the valise top 22. Obviously, by shifting these fasteners laterally, the same can be disconnected from the head 32 in order that the back can be swung to the folded position shown in dotted lines in Figure 2.

With the legs folded into the pockets 11 as shown in Figure 5 and the back swung over the bottom side of the valise holding the closures of the pockets 11 in closed position, the thus folded structure can be easily carried by a handle 33 located on the front wall 6.

While the foregoing specification sets forth the invention in specific terms, it is to be understood that numerous changes in the shape, size and materials may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed hereinafter.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A combination valise and chair comprising a container including front, rear, side and top walls defining a valise, a back, hinge means securing said back to the rear wall of said container, a plurality of movable legs, means securing said legs pivotally in said container, said container defining a seat, and having pockets therein open at the bottom for receiving said legs, said back being foldable about said first-mentioned hinge means over the pockets to prevent displacement of the legs when folded into the pockets, and spring means for urging the legs from said pockets to extended position when said back is moved away from said pockets.

2. A combination valise and chair comprising a container including front, rear, side and top walls defining a valise, a back, hinge means securing said back to the rear wall of said container, a plurality of movable legs, means securing said legs pivotally in said container, said container defining a seat, and having pockets therein open at the bottom for receiving said legs, said back being foldable about said first-mentioned hinge means over the pockets to prevent displacement of the legs when folded into the pockets, and closure means for each of said pockets.

3. A combination valise and chair comprising a container including front, rear, side and top walls defining a valise, a back, hinge means securing said back to the rear wall of said container, a plurality of movable legs, means securing said legs pivotally in said container, said container defining a seat, and having pockets therein open at the bottom for receiving said legs, said back being foldable about said first-mentioned hinge means over the pockets to prevent displacement of the legs when folded into the pockets, spring means for urging the legs from said pockets to extended position when said back is moved away from said pockets, and removable fasteners for holding the back in upright position with respect to the container.

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