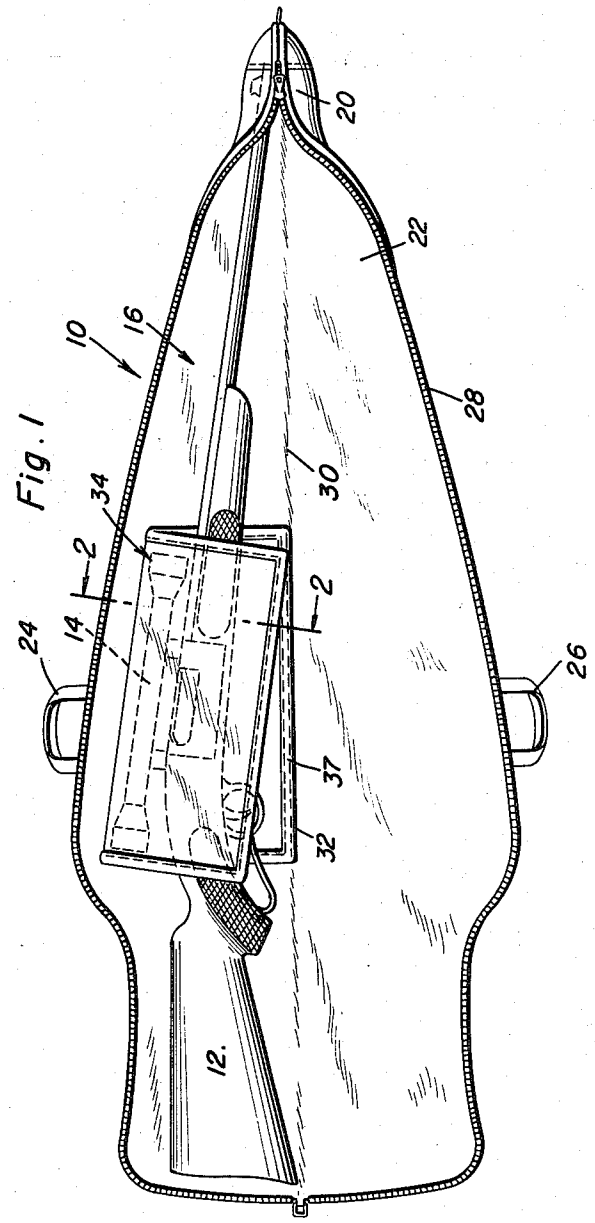
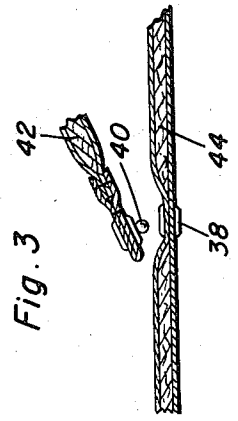
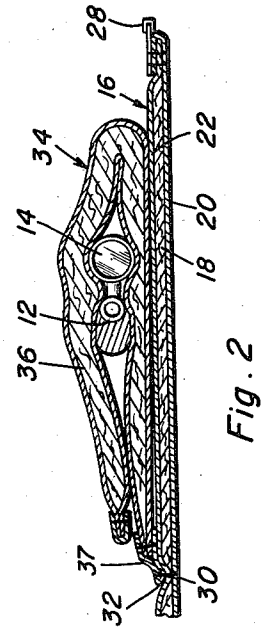
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This invention relates to a firearm case and more particularly to a protective carrying case for a rifle or shotgun so that the firearm may be readily carried in a set-up position in an automobile or other vehicle.

The primary object of the present invention resides in the provision of a firearm case having means for protecting a firearm having a telescopic sight mounted thereon while the firearm is being carried in a set-up position.

Many hunters and other firearm users employ telescopic sights which are mounted on the firearm. Usually, the telescopic sight is mounted at about the point of balance of the firearm so that when the firearm is disposed in a conventional carrying case, the telescopic sight is usually adjacent the handle and thus subject to stresses and strains resulting from the carrying of the firearm in the case. The present invention provides means for protecting the telescopic sight as well as the firearm so that protected against injury.

Still further objects and features of this invention reside in the provision of a firearm carrying case that is simple in construction, comparatively inexpensive to manufacture, and capable of being adapted for use with firearms of any selected size or type.

These, together with the various ancillary objects and the telescopic sight will not become misaligned and will be features of the invention which will become apparent as the following description proceeds, are attained by this firearm case and telescopic sight protective attachment, preferred embodiments of which have been illustrated in the accompanying drawings, by way of example only, wherein:

Figure 1 is an elevational view of the invention shown with the case in an open position and with a firearm disposed therein;

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view taken substantially upon a plane passing along section line 2—2 of Figure 1 with the case in closed condition and illustrating the manner in which the invention is adapted to protect a firearm having a telescopic sight mounted thereon; and

Figure 3 is a sectional detail view of a modified form of the invention employing detachable means for the telescopic sight protective attachment.

With continuing reference to the accompanying drawings wherein like reference numerals designate similar parts throughout the various views, reference numeral **10** generally designates the firearm case comprising the present invention which is adapted to receive a firearm such as a rifle **12** having a telescopic sight **14** mounted thereon. The telescopic sight is usually mounted by adjustable brackets and may in some instances be knocked out of alignment should the telescopic sight **14** be subjected to unnecessary strain. The present invention comprises means for protecting the telescopic sight **14**.

The firearm case **10** includes a sheet **16** which is padded yet formed of a flexible material such as leather or plastic,

which has an inner lining of a felt-like material or cloth, and which has suitable padding. The outer cover is shown at **20** and the felt lining at **22** with the padding designated at **18**. The firearm case **10** is provided with suitable handles such as are indicated at **24** and **26** which are in alignment with the balance point of the weapon to be carried in the firearm case **10**. It is noted that the telescopic sight **14** is usually mounted for convenience in use adjacent the balance point of the firearm **12** and therefore, in normal use, the firearm **12** when carried would have the telescopic sight **14** thereof subjected to certain undesired stresses.

The peripheral edge of the sheet **16** is provided with a slide fastener **28** which can be used to close the sheet **16** to form the case. The sheet **16** is foldable along a longitudinal center line **30**. Stitched to the sheet **16** by means of stitches as at **32** along the longitudinal center line **30** is a panel **34** of flexible material such as felt having an inner padding as at **36** with the inner edge **37** of the panel **34** lying along the center line **30**. This panel **34** is of rectangular shape and has a width greater than one-half of the greatest width of the sheet **16** when spread out as shown in Figure 1. This enables the panel **34** to be folded into overlying position relative to the telescopic sight **14** and to overlie the firearm **12** as can be best seen in Figures 1 and 2.

In lieu of the stitching arrangement as is shown in Figure 2, suitable staples or the like may be used or a detachable fastener such as the male and female snap fasteners as indicated at **38** and **40** in Figure 3 can be employed which enables the panel **42** to be readily detached from the sheet **44** of this embodiment of the invention when not necessary. Thus, the firearm case may be readily used to carry firearms without a telescopic sight and the panel **42** may be eliminated thus making the firearm easy to withdraw from the case.

The foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

A firearm case comprising a padded flexible protective sheet foldable about a central longitudinal line to form a casing substantially conforming to the contours of a firearm, and a flexible padded panel secured to said sheet for encompassing a telescopic sight on said firearm, said flexible padded panel having an inner edge thereof lying on and in longitudinal alignment with said central longitudinal line, a slide fastener extending about the peripheral edge of said sheet, said panel being rectangular in shape and having a width greater than one-half the greatest width of the sheet when it is spread out in open position for folding into enclosing relation to a telescopic sight, said panel being secured to said sheet by stitches adjacent to and along said inner edge thereof.

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