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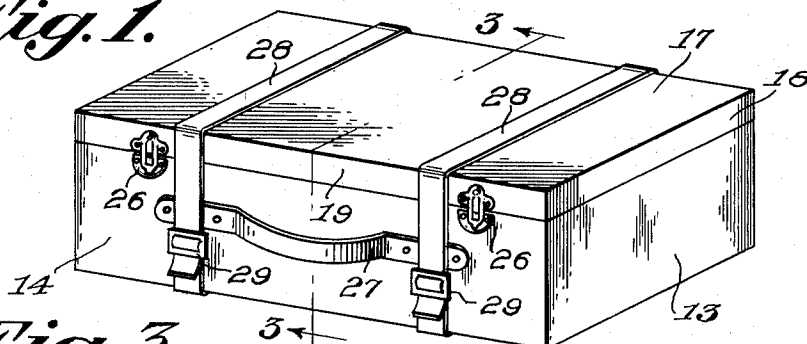


Fig. 3.

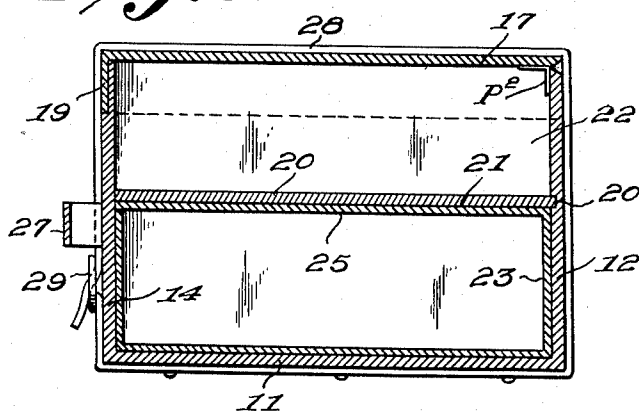


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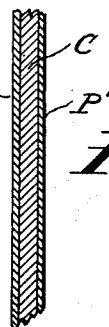
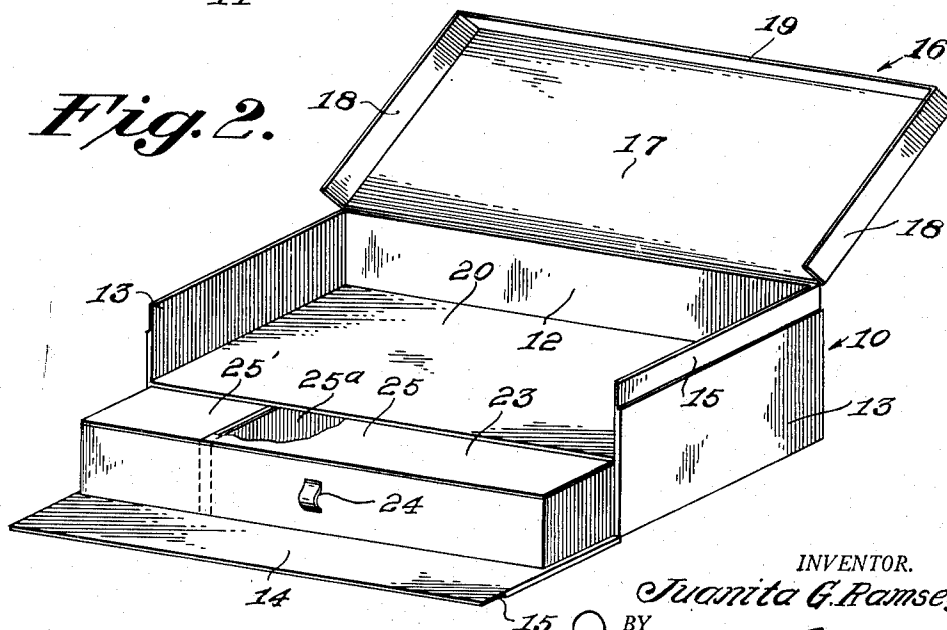


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to a compartmented case having interengageable closures.

The invention is more particularly concerned with a case similar to the well known form of suitcase.

The usual form of suitcase comprises a box-like body and a lid pivotally connected thereto, together with means for releasably holding the lid in closed position.

Furthermore, the usual form of suitcase presents a single compartment as afforded by the box-like body thereof since same is usually adapted for the carrying of suits and sundry articles of wearing apparel.

While some of the more usual forms of suitcases are provided with flexible partitions and straps associated therewith, such are still confined to the carrying of wearing apparel.

A primary object of the present invention is to provide a travellers' case which is of the general form of the well known suitcase, but which is so constructed that it has substantially greater serviceability than the usual form of suitcase.

A further object of the invention is to provide a travellers' case which embodies a box-like body having side and edge covers pivotally connected thereto, the body having two separate compartments which are respectively closed by the covers.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent in the course of the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the improved case in closed position.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the improved case in open position and showing the internal structural arrangement thereof.

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view in the plane of line 3—3 on Fig. 1, the view being on a substantially enlarged scale.

Fig. 4 is a fragmental sectional view illustrating a preferred construction of the case walls.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, the improved case in accordance with a preferred structural embodiment thereof comprises a rectangular body portion 10.

The body portion 10 includes a bottom wall 11, a side wall 12, and opposite end walls 13 rigidly connected with the bottom wall 11. The body portion further includes a second side wall 14 which has one side edge thereof pivotally connected with the adjacent edge of the bottom wall 11. The upper edges of the side wall 14 and the end walls 13 are preferably reduced in thickness in order to provide lid flange-receiving seats 15.

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The case includes a lid or cover 16 having one edge thereof pivotally connected to the upper edge of the side wall 12. The lid includes a rectangular cover portion 17 from whose opposite end edges and one side edge extend the flanges 18 and 19 for engagement within the seats 15 in the closed position of the lid.

A partition wall 20 is rigidly supported within the body portion intermediate the bottom and top edges of the side and end walls and in parallel relation to the bottom wall 11. The opposite end edges and one side edge of the partition wall 20 are preferably seated in grooves 20', as indicated in Fig. 3.

The partition 20 provides a bottom compartment 21 and a top compartment 22.

A drawer 23 is slidably supported in the compartment 21, and the front wall thereof is provided with a suitable pull tab 24. The drawer is normally concealed within the compartment, and includes suitable covers 25 and 25' forming its top wall. The drawer is preferably provided with a partition 25^a which is preferably removable from the drawer.

The lid flange 19 and side wall 14 are provided with the usual form of fasteners 26, and a suitable carrying handle 27 is connected with the wall 14, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 3.

In order to render the case more substantial when being carried, other closure means are preferably provided in the form of straps 28. The straps 28 may be secured to the bottom wall 11 and have suitable buckles 29 associated with their ends.

The case is preferably constructed of stiff cardboard C, covered on the outside by glossy, water-repellant paper P glued to the cardboard, and plain white paper P' is glued to the inside of the cardboard.

The pivotal connection above referred to as for the lid 16 and the side wall 14 is provided by bend lines in the cardboard, and the cardboard at such lines of bend is preferably reinforced by strips of heavy paper tape P² indicated in Fig. 3. Also such reinforcing strips may be used adjacent the notches 20' receiving the edges of the partition wall 20.

The improved case is shown in Fig. 1 closed and ready for carrying. The case is shown in Fig. 2 in open position, with the lid 16 thrown back and the hinged side wall 14 dropped to a position substantially in the plane of the bottom wall 11.

Thus, it will be seen that in the open position of the case garments or other articles in com-

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partment 22 are readily accessible and upon pulling the drawer 23 forwardly from within the compartment 21 and raising one or both of the covers 25 and 25' thereof, articles in the drawer are also readily accessible.

It is to be particularly noted that the drawer 23 provides for the carrying of toilet articles or the like, whereby same are maintained separate from the clothing or other articles in compartment 22, which arrangement avoids time-consuming searching for certain articles desired.

It is also to be particularly noted that the construction of the case is such that it can readily be opened in restricted confines, as, for example, on one's lap, for gaining access to articles in either compartment.

In the above description, the case has been considered in the position shown with the bottom wall 11 supported on a horizontal surface. The bottom wall 11 and lid 16 would, of course, be side walls in the carrying position of the case.

While I have disclosed my invention in accordance with a single specific structural embodiment thereof, such is to be considered as illustrative only, and not restrictive, the scope of the invention being defined in the following claim.

What I claim, and desire to secure by U. S. Letters Patent, is:

A traveler's case comprising a rectangular rigid body portion including a bottom wall, opposite end walls and a side wall, a second side wall having one edge thereof pivotally connected to an adjacent edge of the bottom wall, the upper edges of the end walls and the upper edge of the last-named side wall being reduced in thickness to provide lid flange-receiving recesses, a

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lid including a rectangular cover portion having one edge thereof pivotally connected to the upper edge of the first-named side wall and having marginal flanges on its opposite ends and one side receivable in said recesses in flush relation to the outer surfaces of the adjacent end and side walls, a partition rigidly connected to said end walls and said first-named side wall, said partition being disposed parallel to the bottom wall, and intermediate same and the upper edges of the end and side walls to provide a pair of superposed compartments, a drawer slidably disposed in the lower compartment and provided with a pair of covers, cooperating fastening means on the lid and second-named side wall, and a handle on said second-named side wall.

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