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Fig. 1.

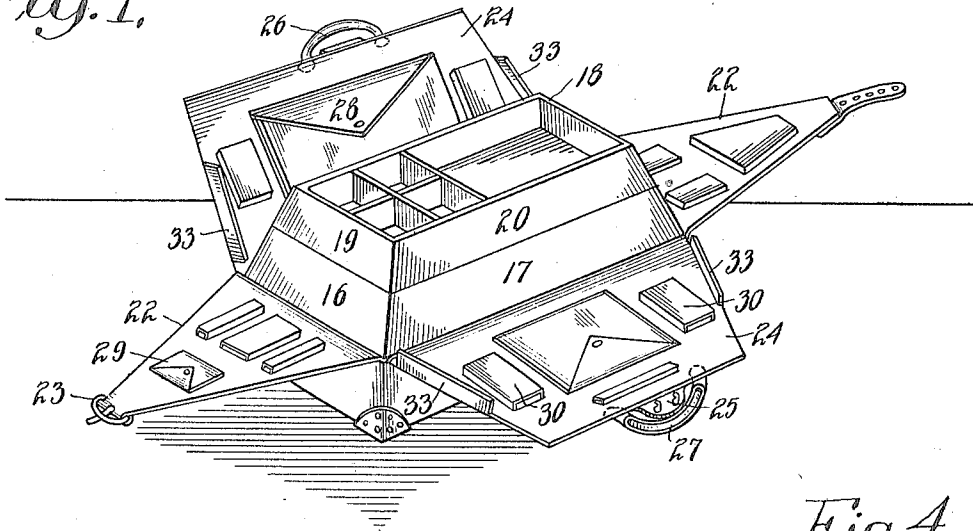


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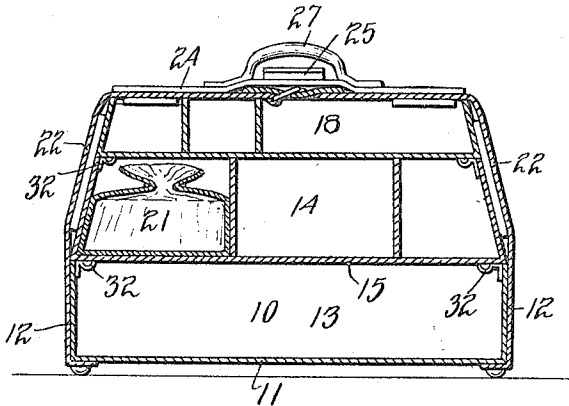


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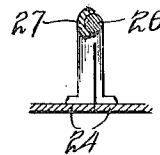
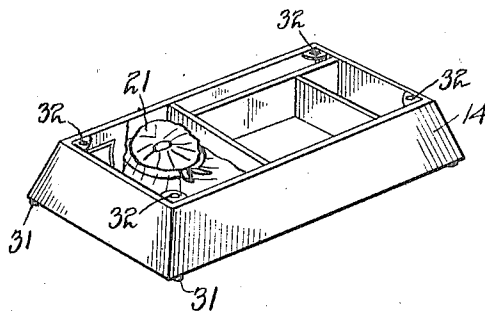


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL H. WALLACH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Traveling-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improvement in traveling bags and its main object is to facilitate easy access to any desired article stored within the bag and without necessitating the removal or unpacking of the main contents of the bag.

My invention relates to that type in which there are employed a series of superposed, separate trays to which access may be gained by opening up or separating the walls of the body portion of the bag. In my improved construction the bottom tray forms the body portion of the bag while the superposed trays are directly supported upon this bottom tray and are concealed and inclosed by folding walls forming extensions of the side and end walls of the bottom tray or body portion.

In the accompanying drawings, I have illustrated one embodiment of my invention although it is to be understood that various changes may be made within the scope of the appended claims and without departing from the spirit of my invention.

In these drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bag constructed in accordance with my invention, the parts being shown in open position; Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section, the bag being closed; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the intermediate or middle tray; and Fig. 4 is a section in a plane substantially at right-angles to the plane of Fig. 2 and through the handle.

In the form shown, the body portion of the bag is in the form of a shallow tray having a bottom wall 11, end walls 12 and side walls 13. These are all rigidly connected together and may be reinforced at the corners or provided with suitable supports or constructed similar to the body portion of rigid frame bags. The side and end walls of this body portion are preferably substantially vertical and at their upper edges serve to support a tray 14. This has a bottom wall 15 of substantially the same size as the bottom tray or body portion 10 and has end walls 16 and side walls 17.

These preferably taper upwardly so that the open top of the tray is somewhat smaller than the bottom.

Directly supported upon the tray 14 is a tray 18 having a bottom of substantially the same size as the top of the intermediate tray and end walls 19 and side walls 20 which may converge upwardly at approximately the same or a somewhat greater angle than the angle of the walls of the intermediate tray. The bottom tray or body portion 10 is preferably without partitions so that larger articles of clothing may be stored therein, whereas the intermediate and upper trays 14 and 18 are preferably subdivided by partitions so as to form separate compartments for particular articles. The intermediate tray 14 may have one compartment 21 provided with a fabric top and draw-string so as to receive and retain collars, while other compartments may serve for handkerchiefs, neck-ties, socks, etc. The upper tray 18 may have smaller compartments to receive smaller articles.

The end walls 12 of the body portion or lower tray have extensions 22 which are of such shape and width that when they are folded against the end walls of the trays 14 and 18 and are securely fastened together above the upper tray 18 by any suitable means, such for instance as a buckle 23, the trays will be held in position and access to them will be prevented. The side walls 13 of the bottom tray or body portion 10 have extensions 24 of such shape and size that they may be folded against the side walls of the trays 14 and 18 and may be firmly secured together along their upper edges by suitable clasps or fastening devices or preferably by a lock 25. These two flaps each have handle sections 26 and 27, the handle section 27 being preferably crescent shaped in cross section so as to receive the handle section 26, whereby the two handle sections together may form a single handle for carrying the bag.

The inner surfaces of the several extensions 22 and 24 may be provided with pockets or compartments to receive toilet articles. For instance, one extension 24 may have a large envelop-shaped compartment 28 with accordion-plaited sides for soiled linen, and other extensions may have a pocket 29 of waterproof material to receive a wash-cloth, compartments 30 to receive

brushes, and various other compartments to receive combs, razors, tooth-brushes, brush-brooms, etc.

Although the extensions of the body portion, when connected together, hold the trays in position and prevent access to them, yet I may, if desired, provide the middle and intermediate trays with small projections or pins 31 at their lower corners adapted to fit into smaller sockets 32 in the corners of the tray beneath so as to prevent any lateral movement of one tray in respect to the others. The extensions may be made of flexible material such for instance as leather or cloth or they may be made of more rigid material with folding lines registering with the upper edges of the top tray. The walls of the several trays may be made of any suitable material but are preferably substantially rigid.

My improved traveling bag, when opened, permits access to the contents of any of the pockets or compartments on the inner surface of the wall extensions and permits direct access to the upper tray. By leaving off this tray or the intermediate one, access may be gained to any of the trays without disturbing the contents of the others. As the strap and buckle of the end wall extensions 22 are beneath and concealed, and protected by the side wall extensions 24, it will be evident that only a single lock is necessary to prevent access to any and all parts of the bag. To prevent any possible opening up along the corners where the extensions meet, flaps may be provided on certain of the extensions for folding over or beneath or buttoning to the adjacent sections. As shown, the side extensions 24 have flaps 33 which project therefrom substantially at right angles and are adapted to engage with the outer sides of the end flaps 22.

I do not wish to be limited to the particular number, shape or arrangement of pockets or compartments on the inner surfaces of the extensions, to the particular arrangement of compartments in any of the trays, nor to the particular fastening means shown. A greater or lesser number of parts might be employed and various other details may be varied.

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

1. A traveling bag including a substantially rigid shallow bottom tray, a plurality of superposed trays each having upwardly and inwardly inclined walls, two pairs of

walls constituting extensions from the upper edges of the walls of the bottom tray, the walls of one of said pairs folding over to meet above the top tray and a pair of handles secured to the last mentioned walls adjacent to their meeting edges and adapted to be gripped together in carrying the bag.

2. A traveling bag including a shallow, rectangular bottom tray or body portion, a plurality of superposed trays disposed thereon, each tray being directly supported by the tray beneath, means for preventing lateral sliding movement of each tray with respect to the other trays, a plurality of flaps or extensions from the upper edges of the bottom tray, means for securing together two opposed flaps or extensions, and separate means for securing together the other two flaps or extensions and concealing and protecting the first mentioned fastening means.

3. A traveling bag including a bottom tray or body section, a separate tray directly supported thereon, a pair of flaps secured to opposite sides of said bottom tray, means for fastening said flaps together over the second mentioned tray, a pair of flaps secured to the other two sides of the bottom tray, separate handle sections on said last mentioned flaps, and means for securing said last mentioned flaps together over the second mentioned tray and the first mentioned flaps.

4. A traveling bag including a body portion, a plurality of separate flaps extending from the upper edges of the walls thereof, a tray supported directly upon said body portion, means for securing two of said flaps together above said tray and separate handles secured to said last mentioned flaps and adapted to be gripped together in carrying the bag.

5. A traveling bag including a rectangular body portion, two pairs of separate flaps extending from the upper edges of the walls thereof, a series of separate receiving pockets upon the inner surfaces thereof, a tray supported directly upon said body portion and held from sliding movement in respect thereto, means for securing together the flaps of one of said pairs above said tray, and auxiliary flaps or flanges along the side edges of said last mentioned pair for over-lapping the edges of the flaps of the other pair.

Signed at New York, in the county of New York, and State of New York, this 20th day of July, A. D. 1916.

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