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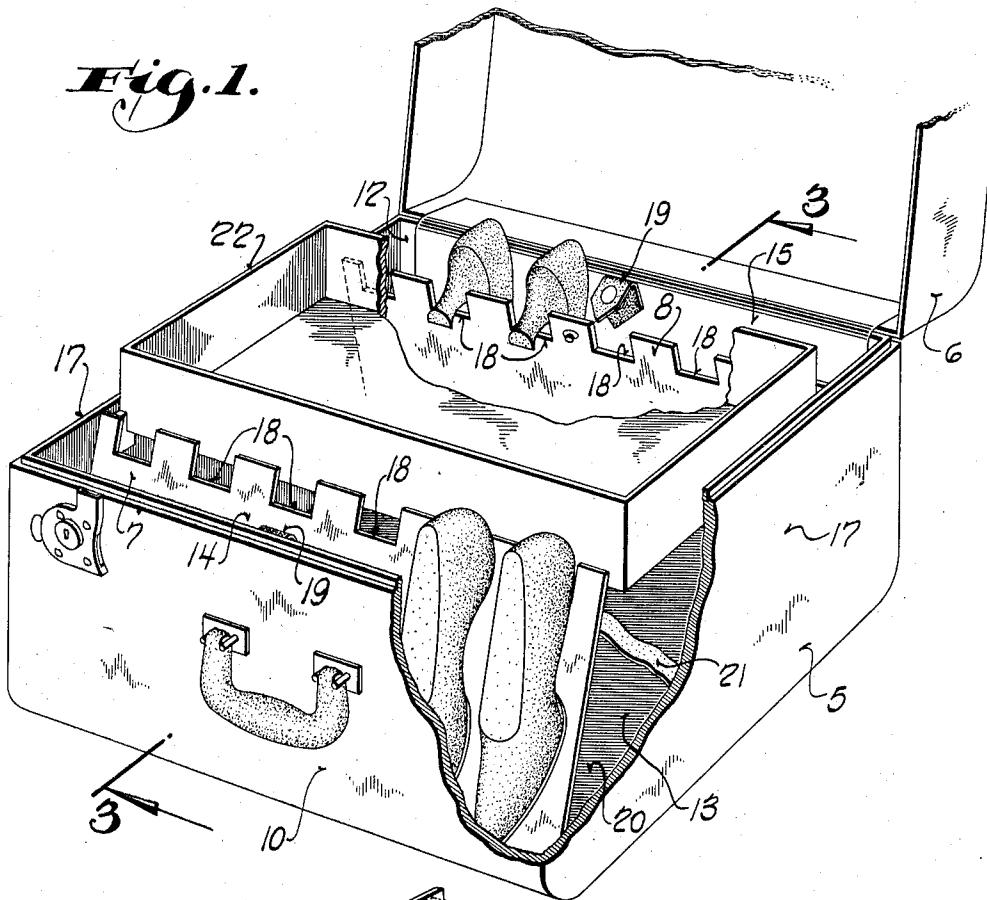
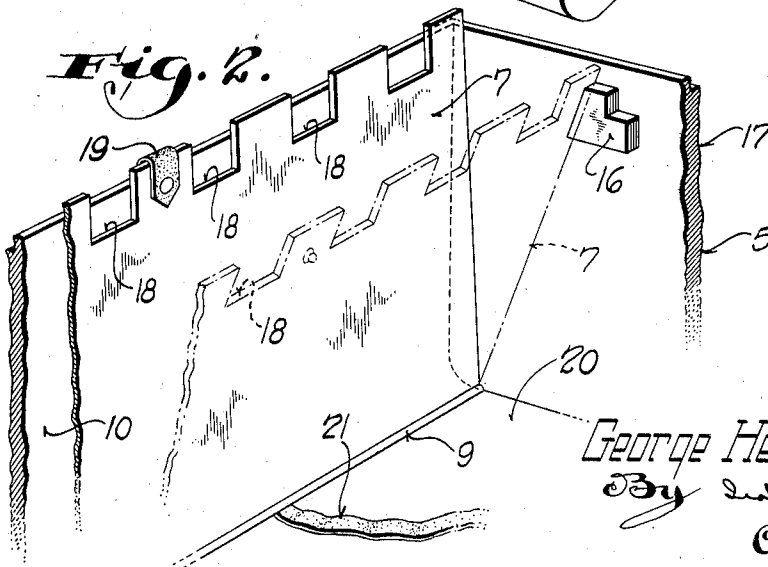


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.

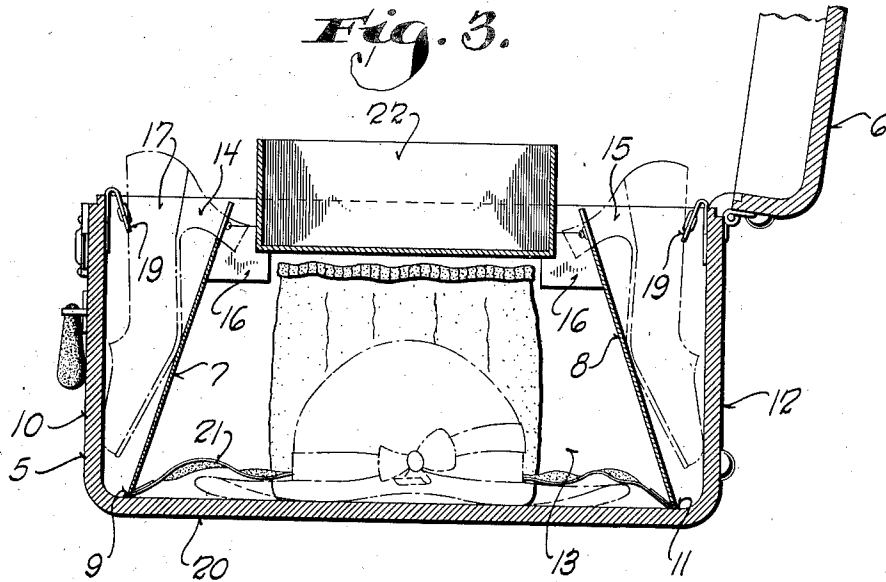
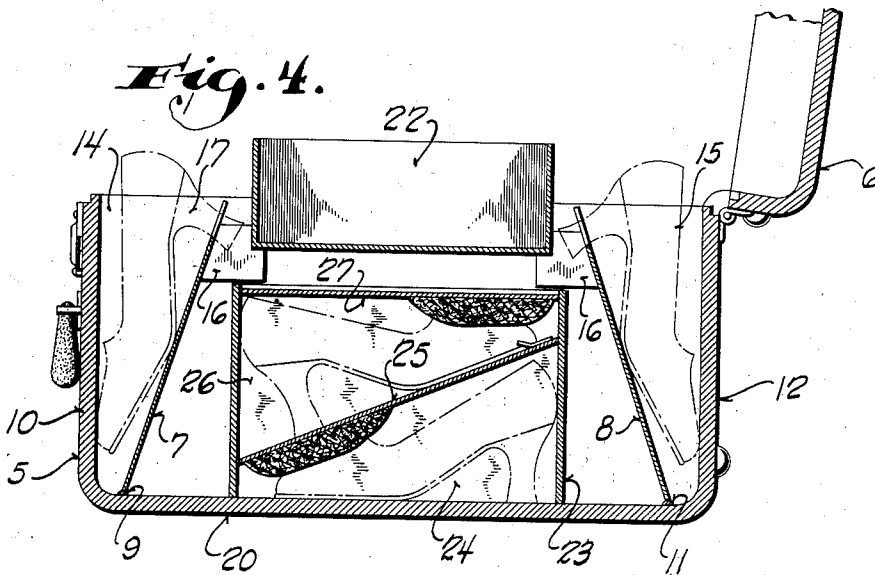


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in luggage carriers and has as a general object to provide a convenient, compact hand luggage case for ladies' shoes and hats.

Another object of this invention is to provide a combined hat and shoe carrying hand luggage case having compartments to receive and hold against shifting a number of pairs of shoes in such a manner as to conserve a maximum amount of unrestricted space for the reception of hats.

A further object of this invention resides in the provision of shoe supporting means for a hand luggage case, which may be readily collapsed or folded out of the way to make the entire interior of the case available for general carrying purposes when desired.

Another object of this invention resides in the provision of common means for supporting a removable tray in the top of a hand luggage case and for holding a plurality of shoe carriers in their positions of use.

A further object of this invention resides in the provision of a hand luggage case of the character described which is ordinarily designed for the carrying of shoes and hats, but which may be readily converted into an all shoe carrying case.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, my invention resides in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts substantially as hereinafter described and more particularly defined by the appended claims, it being understood that such changes in the precise embodiment of the hereindisclosed invention may be made as come within the scope of the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, I have illustrated two complete examples of the physical embodiment of my invention constructed according to the best modes I have so far devised for the practical application of the principles thereof, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hand luggage case embodying this invention, the case being shown open and portions thereof being broken away to show its internal construction;

Figure 2 is a detail perspective view of one inside corner of the case showing one of the shoe carriers in its collapsed or inactive position;

Figure 3 is a cross section view through the case taken on the plane of the line 3—3 of Figure 1, and

Figure 4 is a cross section view similar to Figure 3 showing the manner in which the case may be converted into an all shoe carrying case.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawings in which like numerals indicate like parts throughout the several views, the numeral 5 designates the main section of a hand luggage case having a cover 6 hingedly connected thereto. The external fittings of the case comprising the hinges, the latches, and the carrying handle are of conventional construction.

Mounted within the main section 5 are two, flat, stiff shoe supporting partitions 7 and 8. The partition 7 is hingedly mounted at its lower edge 9 adjacent the front wall 10 of the main section, which, when the case is in carrying position, is uppermost, and the partition 8 is hingedly mounted at its lower edge 11 adjacent the rear wall 12 of the case to which the cover 6 is hingedly attached.

The partitions 7 and 8 are movable to and from their operative positions shown in Figure 1, dividing the main section into a central hat compartment 13 and two shoe compartments 14 and 15. Stop abutments 16, fixed to the side walls 17 of the main section, hold the partitions 7 and 8 in their proper operative positions inclined with respect to the adjacent main section walls 10 and 12. By reason of the inclination of the partitions, the shoe compartments are wedge shaped with their apexes innermost.

As shown in Figure 1, the shoes are placed in the compartments 14 and 15 with their toes foremost, and are held against sidewise shifting by having their heels engaged in notches 18 formed in the upper edges of the partitions. The shoes are thus positively held against shifting and are protected against contact with each other and against contact with other articles carried.

If the number of shoes to be carried does not require both compartments 14 and 15, either of the partitions may be secured flat against its adjacent main section wall, as shown in Figure 2, by means of a snap fastening 19.

Inasmuch as the partitions 7 and 8 are rigid and inclined outwardly from the front and rear walls 10 and 12, respectively, the entire area of the bottom wall 20 is left unobstructed for the reception of large hats. The hats to be carried are received in the central compartment 13 and may be secured in place by tie straps 21 extending from side to side and from the front to the rear of the compartment. The partitions 7 and 8 being rigid, prevent crushing of the hats or other articles carried in the central compartment, by the shoes.

The supporting abutments 16, which hold the partitions 7 and 8 in their operative positions, also afford convenient supports for a removable tray

22, which projects above the open top of the main section into the cover 6.

It is noted that the heel portions of the shoes also project into the cover when the case is closed, so that the cover holds the shoes in place.

When it is desired to convert the case into an all shoe carrier, the space between the partitions which is ordinarily used as the hat compartment, receives a removable box-like structure 23 (Figure 4). This box-like structure embodies the general principle shown in the application of George Henry Wheary, Serial No. 425,616 filed February 3, 1930, Patent No. 1,921,110, Aug. 8, 1933.

A plurality of partitions 24 extend across the lower portion of the structure to define a number of compartments each adapted to receive one pair of shoes. The shoes received in these compartments rest on the bottom wall 20 of the case with their heels all in line. An inner cover 25 rests on the upper inclined edges of the partitions 24.

The space above the cover 25 is divided into compartments by other partitions 26 and the shoes positioned therein are held in place by a cover 27. The height of this removable box structure 23 is such as to permit the regular tray 22 to be disposed thereover.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains, that this invention affords a very convenient hand luggage case for carrying ladies' shoes and hats and that the manner of carrying the shoes allows maximum space for hats.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A hand luggage case comprising a pair of hingedly connected sections, means to carry shoes in one of the sections comprising a wall inclined with respect to an outside wall of the case and forming therewith a compartment wide at its open top and narrow at its bottom to receive shoes toe foremost, and means on said inclined wall to hold the shoes against sidewise movement.

2. In a hand luggage case, means to carry a plurality of pairs of shoes comprising a rigid wall inclined with respect to an outer wall of the case and cooperating therewith to form a shoe compartment into which shoes are inserted toe foremost, and the outer edge portions of said wall being cut away at spaced points to receive the heels of shoes and thereby hold the same against sidewise movement.

3. In a hand luggage case having a main section and a cover hingedly connected thereto, a shoe compartment composed of rigid walls some of which are the outside walls of the main section, means on one of the walls of the shoe compartment engageable with the heels of the shoes inserted in said compartment to hold the shoes against sidewise movement and support the same with their heel portions outwardly of the open top of the main section to project into the cover when the case is closed and be thereby held against displacement.

4. In a hand luggage case having a main section and a cover hingedly connected thereto, a shoe compartment to carry a plurality of pairs of shoes comprising a rigid wall located adjacent one of the outer walls of the main section and inclined with respect thereto so that the top of the compartment is wider than the bottom and into which the shoes are inserted toe foremost, means on the outer edge portion of said inclined wall with which the heels of the shoes engage to hold the shoes against sidewise movement and support the shoes with their heel portions projecting beyond the open top of the main section to extend into the cover and be held against displacement by the cover when the case is closed.

5. In a hand luggage case, means to carry a plurality of pairs of shoes comprising a rigid partition wall dividing the case into separated compartments and having cut out portions to receive the heels of shoes placed in one of the compartments toe foremost.

6. In a hand luggage case, means to carry a plurality of pairs of shoes comprising a partition wall hingedly mounted at its inner edge adjacent an outer wall of the case, means to hold the partition wall at an inclination with respect to said outer wall of the case whereby said partition wall and outer wall of the case define a wedge shaped shoe compartment into which shoes are inserted toe foremost, and means on the outer edge portion of the wall engageable with the heels of the shoes to hold the shoes against sidewise movement.

7. In a hand luggage case including a main section and a cover hingedly connected thereto, two opposed partition walls in the main section adjacent opposite outer walls of the main section, said partition walls being inclined with respect to their adjacent outer walls with their inner edges near the outer walls of the case and their outer edges spaced therefrom so that the main section is divided into two wedge shaped shoe compartments into which shoes are insertable toe foremost and a central hat compartment wider at its bottom than at its top, and means on said partition walls to hold shoes against sidewise movement.

8. In a hand luggage case having a main section and a cover hingedly connected thereto, two spaced partition walls in the main section, means hingedly mounting the inner edges of the partition walls adjacent two opposite outer walls of the main section, stop abutments engageable with the partition walls to hold the same at a definite distance and at an inclination to the adjacent outer main section walls to define wedge shaped shoe compartments into which shoes are insertable toe foremost, the outer edge portions of said partition walls being notched to receive the heels of the shoes and thereby hold the same against sidewise shifting, and a removable tray supported by the stop abutments to form an internal cover for the compartment between the partition walls.

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