MILITARY HAT BOX

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This invention relates generally to travelling bags; and more particularly to a travelling bag peculiarly adapted for storing and transporting military hats and caps whereby the brim and center of the hat and metal parts are protected and held in perfect condition until needed. This protection may be reenforced as desired. As shown in Figure 1 of the drawing, the lower lefthand compartment is provided with a pair of parallel brim irons 18 and 19, the iron 19 being suitably secured to one of the cleats 14 while the iron 18 is suitably secured on a spacing cleat 20 of substantially the same thickness as the opposite cleat 14. Obviously, the opposed cleats 14 and 20 should be of sufficient thickness to permit the brim of the hat to slide under the inwardly projecting parts of the plates 18 and 19 for the purpose of holding the hat securely in position in its compartment.

Each of the other compartments of the box has a cloth covered spring metal retaining strip extending lengthwise and centrally of its compartment and suitably secured at its opposite ends, slightly spaced apart from its supporting partition 9, or side 13 as the case may be, to receive frictionally a tongue 22 projecting laterally from a cap prop 23. The cap prop 23 extends at right angles to the tongue 22, and perpendicular to the supporting wall or partition of the box when in use. The prop 23 is provided with a pair of slots or notches 24 and 25 equi-distantly spaced from the ends of the prop and with their outer edges spaced apart at a distance somewhat less than the width of the cap band at points corresponding to the position of the ears of the wearer. This spacing of the slots 24 and 25 is designed to force inwardly the sides of the cap band and impart to the visor thereof an exaggerated pinched shape. This lateral pinching prevents the visor from becoming flattened or fan-shaped when not in use, as would be the case where caps of this type are merely laid on a flat surface without any intermediate support.

The invention is not concerned with the particular materials from which the bag may be made. Preferably, it should be made of light, strong fibre commonly used at present in the construction of so-called “airplane luggage.” In any event, it should be of such material as to retain its shape in order to avoid crushing of the contents thereof. The inner walls of the various compartments are preferably entirely covered with fabric or some suitable soft material to prevent creasing of the contents and to give an attractive finished appearance to the interior of the bag.

The bag is designed to make it thoroughly satisfactory as a carrier for the hats of the military man. The caps are kept separated from each other, and when the bag is closed are completely housed and protected. When the bag is open, the caps are readily accessible and exposed for identification and selection, but are held securely.
located in supported position in their various compartments.

The removal partition adapts the bag for ready conversion in the carrying of articles of different character, shape and sizes; and this feature of convertibility is secured without in any way complicating the structure of the bag. In its entirety, the bag is extremely simple in construction and strong and durable throughout.

While I have shown and described the bag in a preferred form, the invention is not to be considered as limited to this particular form nor in any other manner except as indicated by the scope of the claims appended hereto.

What I claim is:

1. A travelling bag comprising a rigid box-like body, a partition rigidly connected to opposite ends of said body and dividing it into two main compartments, partitions subdividing said compartments into smaller compartments, a strap extending across one of said smaller compartments, and a cap holder having a flange adapted to extend under and be held frictionally by said strap, said holder being provided with notches adapted to engage the opposite outer sides of the stiff band of a military cap for holding the same frictionally in any of the smaller compartments.

2. A travelling bag comprising a rigid box-like body having a compartment provided with a strap extending across one wall thereof, a holder for a military cap comprising a plate provided with notches spaced apart to receive and frictionally hold the outer opposite sides of the stiff band of a military cap, said plate being provided with a flange at right angles thereto extending under the strap to be held frictionally thereby in fixed position in said compartment.

3. A supporting form for a military cap comprising a plate having notches spaced apart to engage and slightly pinch inwardly the opposite sides of said cap and thereby slightly pinch the visor of said cap to preserve its shape when not in use.

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