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Fig. 1.

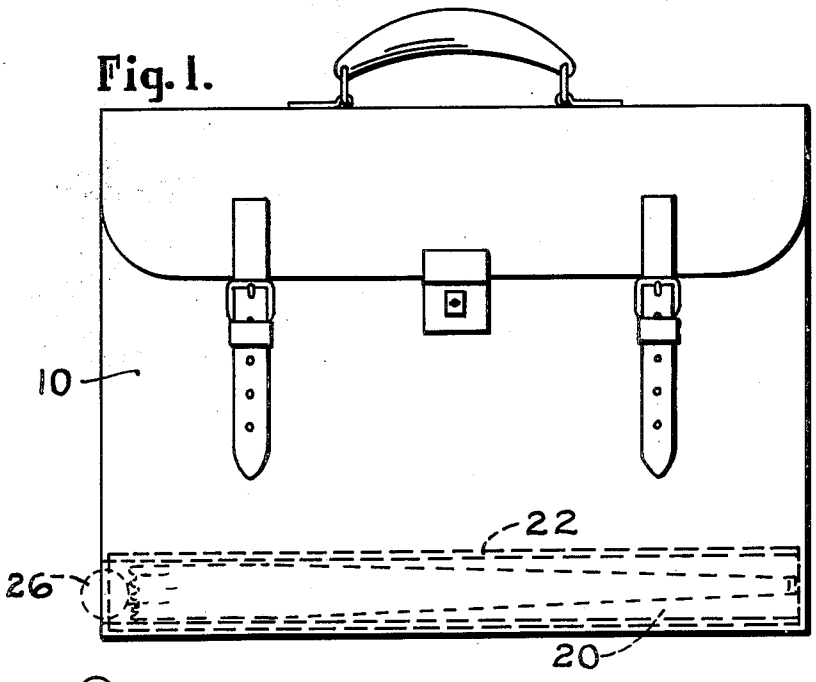


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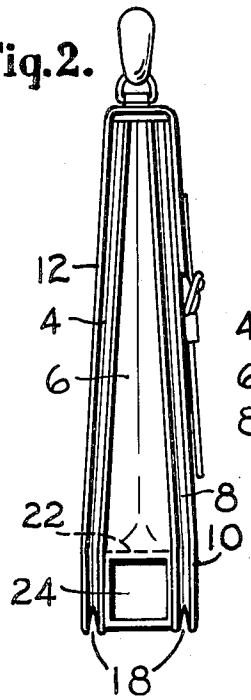
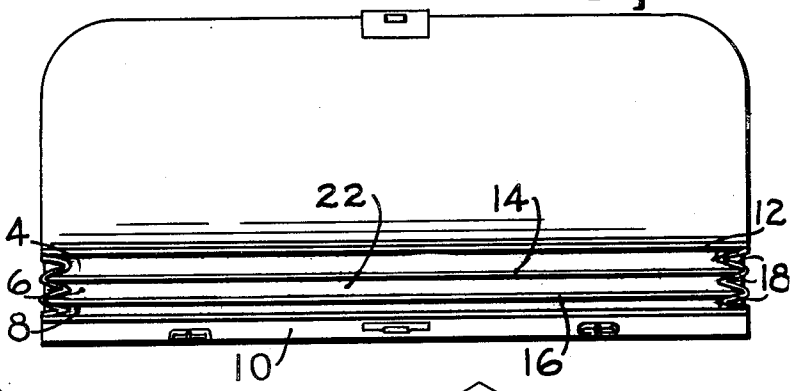


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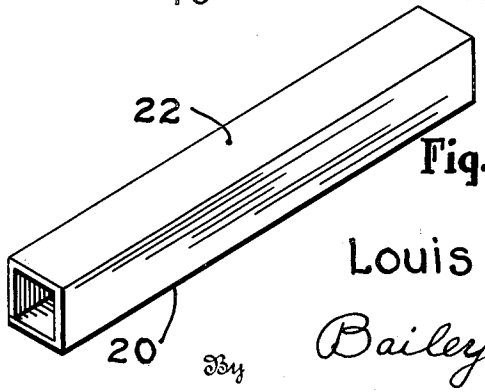


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This invention relates to hand bags of the brief case type. More particularly it relates to a brief case provided with means for housing a small umbrella.

Umbrellas, while of unquestionable advantage, are considered by many a nuisance, particularly when not in use. Especially are they a disadvantage when travelling since no convenient manner of carrying them has been devised. It is a practical impossibility to carry an umbrella when both hands are occupied carrying grips or brief cases and moreover they are very likely to be misplaced or lost.

While many schemes have been thought of for attaching umbrellas to suit cases or brief cases, no satisfactory arrangement was ever devised to my knowledge before my invention.

In my arrangement the central compartment of a brief case is provided inside at the bottom with an elongated compartment open at one end. This compartment is of a size just sufficient to permit a closed umbrella to be inserted therein.

The advantages of this arrangement are many and these advantages as well as the superiority of the arrangement over prior devices will be apparent from the following description.

One object of my invention is to provide a brief case with means for conveniently retaining an umbrella.

Another advantage is to provide such an arrangement in which the umbrella, though wet, will not come in contact with the contents of the brief case.

A further advantage is the provision of such an arrangement in which the umbrella will be kept clean, neat and out of the way.

The invention has as a further advantage the provision of an arrangement which will not detract from the appearance of the brief case and which will also permit the same to stand by itself when placed on a floor or table.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a brief case embodying the invention, the umbrella and umbrella compartment being shown in dotted lines.

Fig. 2 is an end view of the arrangement.

Fig. 3 is a plan view looking into the brief case, and,

Fig. 4 is a perspective of the reinforcing means used in forming the invention.

The usual brief case is provided with a number of compartments, usually three. These compartments are formed by leather pieces, the bottom and side edges of which are connected by or formed into gussets to permit expansion. The brief case shown in the figures of the drawing is such a brief case, although as will be described it is provided with a special arrangement for conveniently housing an umbrella.

As shown in Fig. 2, the brief case 2 is provided with three compartments 4, 6 and 8. These compartments are formed from front and back portions 10 and 12 respectively and interior partitions 14 and 16. These members 10, 12, 14 and 16 are connected together by gussets 18 at the bottom and sides which permit the brief case to be extended as necessary to contain more articles.

The central compartment 6 differs from the others, however, in that a reinforcing member 20 is secured into the bottom so as to extend the gussets as will be clear from Fig. 2. This member 20 may be of any suitable light but strong material and may be stitched, glued or otherwise held in place. If the member is of a material other than leather it is preferably covered on top 22 by leather so that the interior of the brief case will present a uniform appearance.

The side gusset at one end of the member 20 is cut away so as to provide an opening 24 from the outside. The inner surfaces of this compartment around the opening 24 may also be covered with leather if desired. It will be evident that this compartment forms an excellent means for retaining an umbrella 26. It should be of a size just sufficient to permit a closed umbrella to be inserted therein, and when this is the case it will be found that no additional securing means need be provided. The invention thus does away with expensive and complicated clamps or other securing means and consequently permits the invention to be made inexpensively. My invention also possesses the additional advantage that it is not necessary to open the brief case or even loosen the straps, to insert or remove the umbrella.

Moreover, it will be found that a brief case provided with my invention possesses the added advantage that it will stand by itself since the umbrella compartment provides a flat bottom and lends it stability.

Furthermore it is often necessary to carry valuable books in such cases. If these are placed in the central compartment 6 the chance of injury to the bottom edges will naturally be materially lessened.

A brief case constructed according to my invention will be found completely satisfactory. The contents of the case cannot be injured by dripping water from the wet umbrella and furthermore the umbrella itself will be kept clean

and out of the way while at the same time it is always ready for immediate use should the occasion demand.

The simplicity and handiness of the arrangement, the fact that it obviates all the disadvantages usually attendant in such devices, renders it a striking and most desirable improvement.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

A brief case comprising front and back portions and at least two interior partitions all connected at their side and bottom edges by gussets, a rigid hollow rectangular tube member disposed in said brief case at the bottom thereof between the interior partitions, said member extending the length of the brief case and having a cross sectional area just sufficient to contain a closed umbrella, said member being secured to the bottom of said case so as to extend the bottom gusset and form a flat bottom between the interior partitions, one side gusset between said interior partitions being provided with an opening in alignment with said hollow member to provide an entrance thereto from the outside.

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