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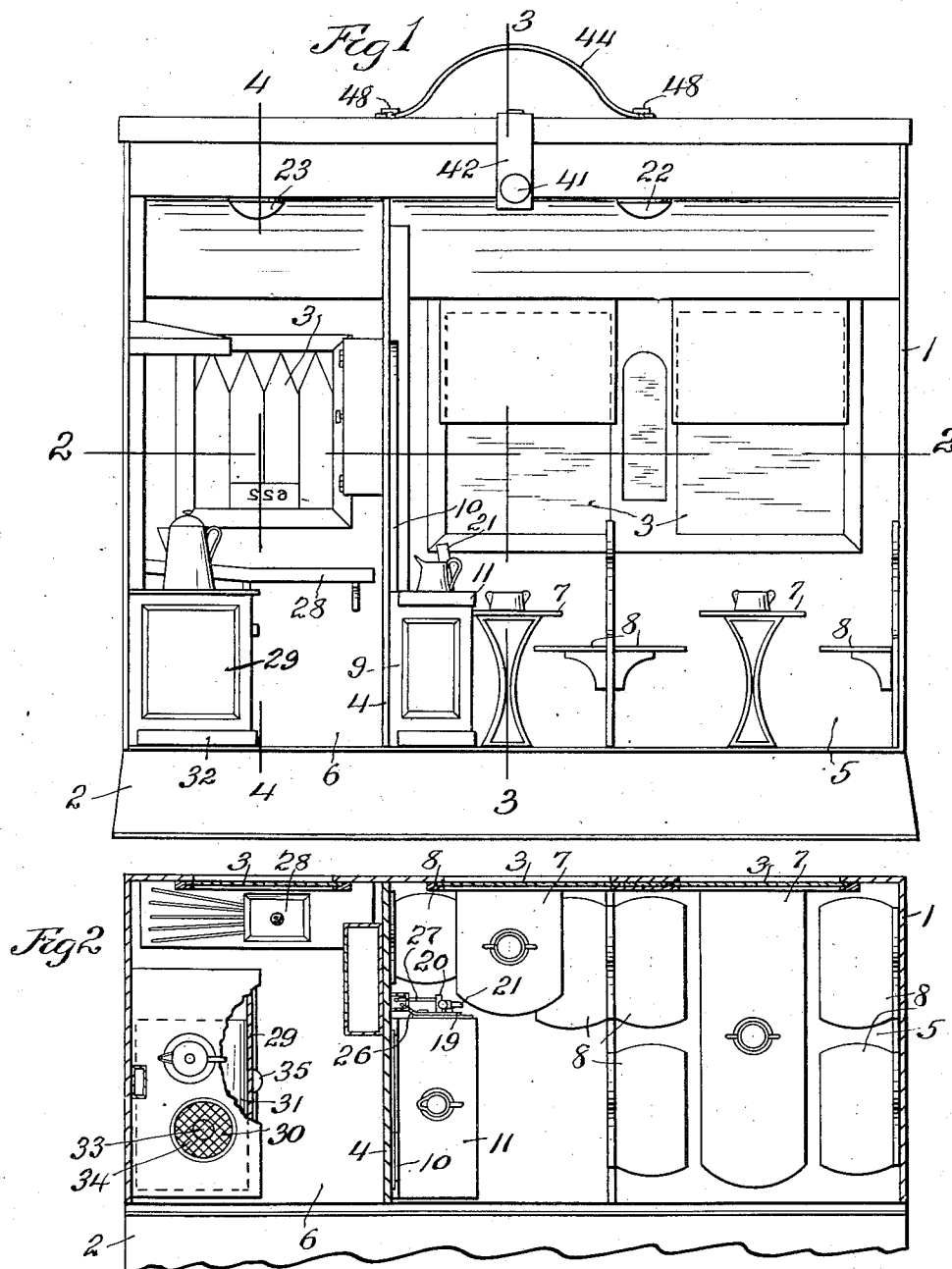
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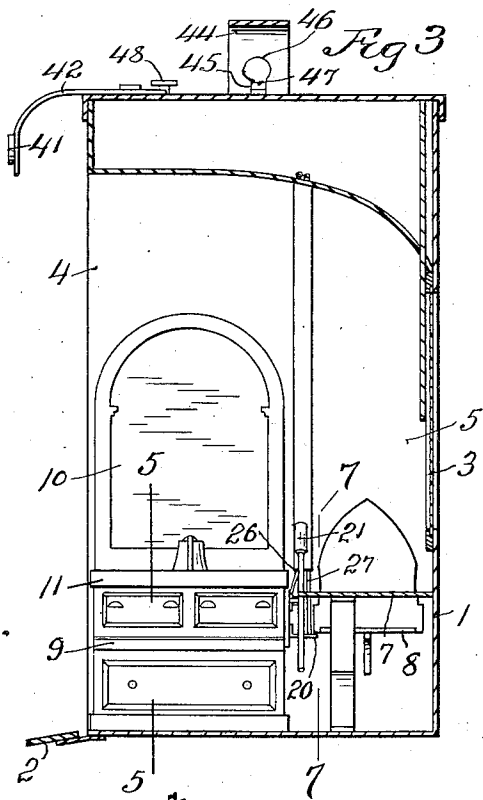
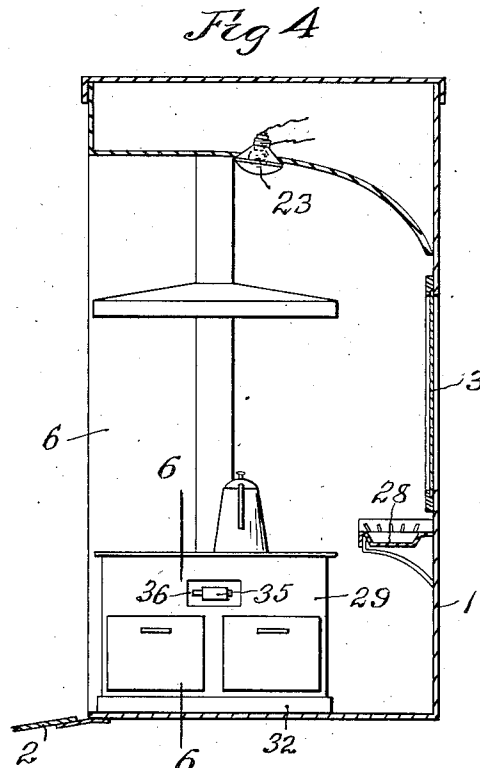
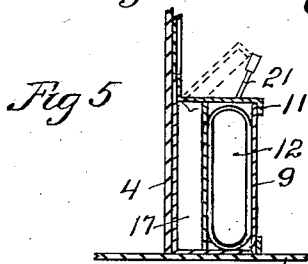
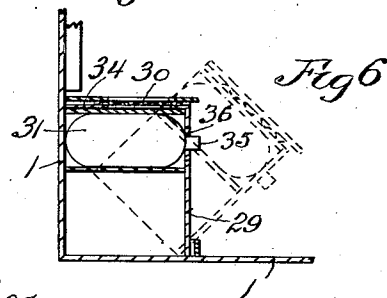
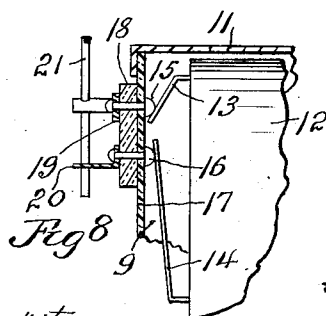
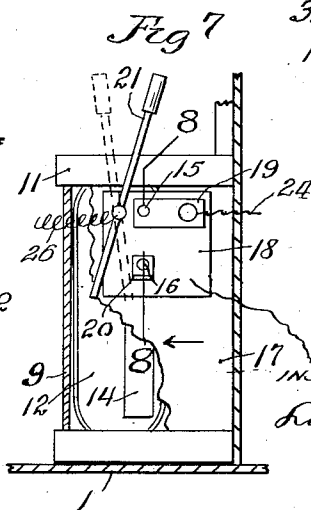
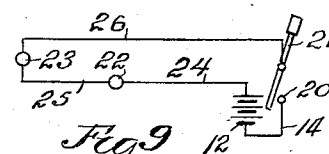
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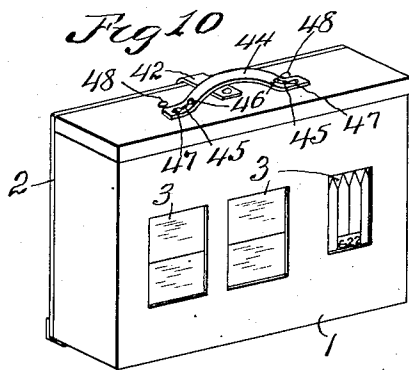
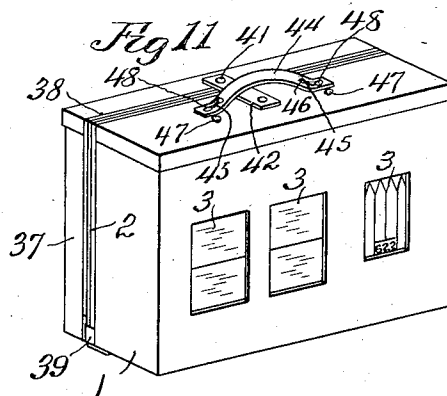
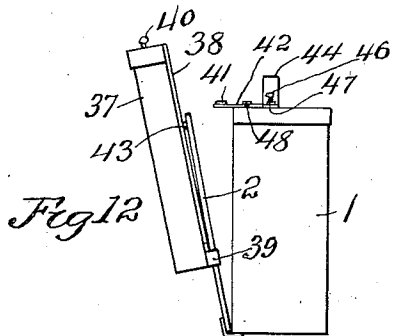
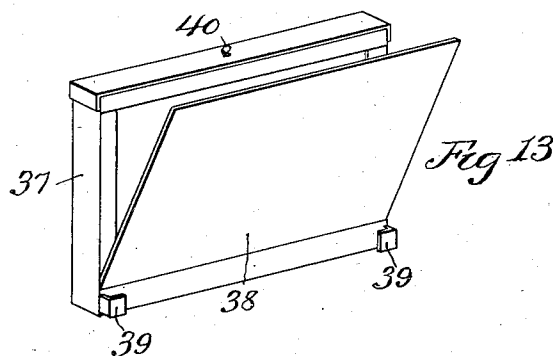
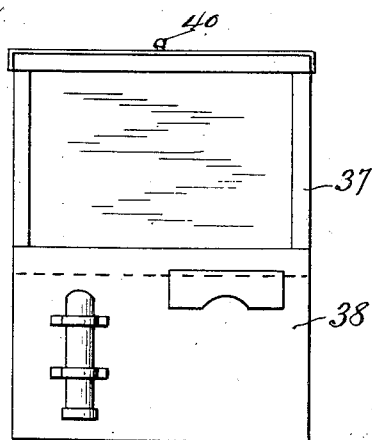
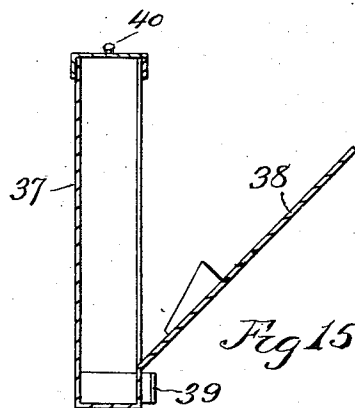


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My invention relates to toy valises. One of the objects of my invention is to provide a toy valise with novel interior equipment simulating in miniature furnished rooms in a dwelling or car.

A further object is to provide novel interior equipment in a toy valise simulating in miniature the furnishings of a dining room and kitchen of a dwelling or a dining car, together with novel means for illuminating the interior.

Still another object of my invention is the provision of a device simulating in miniature a stove with a grill combined with novel means for simulating a flame under the grill.

A further object of my invention is the provision of novel means for removably attaching an auxiliary case to a valise at one side thereof, combined with a handle on the valise adapted for being disposed in different positions, whereby the balance of the valise is preserved when the case is attached thereto or removed therefrom.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the kind described, which is simple, cheap, durable, not likely to get out of order, and which is attractive in appearance and will afford amusement for children.

The novel features of my invention are hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate my invention,

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of my improved toy valise, showing the cover in the open position and the interior of the valise.

Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, parts being broken away.

Fig. 3 is a section, partly broken away, on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a section, partly broken away on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 6 is a section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 4.

Fig. 7 is an enlarged section on the line 7—7 of Fig. 3, parts broken away.

Fig. 8 is an enlarged section on the line 8—8 of Fig. 7.

Fig. 9 is a diagrammatic view of the circuit which includes the room illuminating lamps.

Fig. 10 is a reduced perspective view of the valise with the cover closed and fastened.

Fig. 11 is a reduced perspective view of the auxiliary case attached to the valise, with the cover of the latter closed.

Fig. 12 is a reduced end elevation of the valise

and auxiliary case, the latter being shown partly detached from the cover of the valise, the cover being shown partly opened.

Fig. 13 is a perspective view, enlarged, of the auxiliary case the cover of which is shown partly opened.

Fig. 14 is an enlarged elevation of the auxiliary case with its cover fully opened.

Fig. 15 is an enlarged cross section of the auxiliary case, the cover of which is shown partly opened.

Similar characters of reference designate similar parts in the different views.

1 designates the rectangular body of the toy valise, which has an open side adapted to be closed by a cover 2 hinged to the body 1 at the bottom thereof adjacent to the open side.

The opposite closed side of the body 1 is provided with mica covered openings 3 simulating windows of a dwelling or of a car.

The interior of the body 1 has a vertical transverse partition 4 which divides the interior into two compartments 5 and 6. Compartment 5 is provided with furnishings simulating in miniature a dining room equipment. Compartment 6 is provided with furnishings simulating in miniature a kitchen equipment.

In the dining room compartment 5 are provided tables 7 at opposite sides of which are seats 8. Also in compartment 5 is provided a furnishing simulating in miniature a buffet comprising a box like body 9 open at the top, and above it and attached to the partition 4 is a device simulating in miniature as a part of the buffet, a mirror 10. A cover 11 hinged on a horizontal axis to the partition 4, normally covers the open top of the body 9.

Removable in the body 9 through the top thereof is a small battery 12 provided at one end with two spring contacts 13 and 14, Figs. 5, 7, and 9, which, when the battery 12 is properly disposed in the body 9 of the buffet, respectively contact with two contacts 15 and 16 which extend through the adjacent insulating end 17 of the body 9, and through a block of insulation 18, to the outer side of which the contacts 15 and 16 respectively hold a conductive plate 19 and a contact plate 20.

A circuit closer comprising a conductive switch lever 21 pivoted to the insulation block 18 is movable into and out of contact with the contact plate 20.

Located in the ceilings of the rooms 5 and 6 respectively are two small electric lamps, which are in circuit with the battery 12, the switch

lever 21, the plate 19 and the contact plate 20, said lamps are respectively designated 22 and 23.

As shown in the circuit diagram in Fig. 9, a conductor 24, which includes the contact 15 and the plate 19, connects the terminal 13 of the battery 12 with one terminal of the lamp 22, the other terminal of which is connected by a conductor 25 with one terminal of the lamp 23, the other terminal of which is connected by a conductor 26 with the switch lever 21, the other terminal 14 of the battery 12 being connected to the contact plate 20.

When the switch lever 21 is swung to contact with the contact plate 20, the circuit will be closed, and current from the battery 12 will flow therefrom by the terminal 13 through the conductor 24, lamp 22, conductor 25, lamp 23, conductor 26, switch lever 21, contact plate 20, and contact 16 to the other terminal 14 of the battery 12. The lamps 22 and 23 will light and will respectively illuminate the rooms 5 and 6.

When a battery 12 becomes exhausted, it may be readily removed from the buffet body 9, by lifting the cover 11, and a new battery inserted into the body 9 with its terminals respectively contacting with the contacts 15 and 16.

In the kitchen 6 are provided furnishings 28 and 29 respectively simulating in miniature a sink and a stove or range.

The stove or range 29 comprises a box like body having in its top a grill 30. The stove 29 has an open back normally closed by the adjacent wall of the kitchen. A battery 31 is removably insertable and removable through said open back, when the stove 29 is removed from a U shaped flange 32 fastened to the floor of the kitchen, the stove being designed for such removal.

The battery is provided on its upper side with a flash light lamp 33 adapted to project light through the grill 30 and through a red tinted translucent sheet 34 fastened to the under side of the top of the stove 29 under the grill 30, so as to simulate a red flame under the grill.

The battery 31 is provided at its front side with a switch button 35, which registers with a hole 36 in the front of the stove, Figs. 1, 2, 4, and 6. By sliding the switch button 35 the lamp may be lit or extinguished. The battery 31, lamp 33 and switch button 35 comprise a small flash light of a type now on the market, and available for use in the stove 29, as described.

When it is desired to replace the battery 31 with a fresh one, the body 29 is removed from the U shaped flange 32, after which the replacement may be made through the open back of the body 29.

The bodies 9 and 29 thus serve as battery containers and as buffet and stove bodies respectively.

An auxiliary case or etui comprising a body 37, having an open side and a lid 38 hinged to the body 37, so as to be swung to and from a position closing said open side, is provided at the open side with two inwardly extending hooks 39 below the lid 38.

The hooks 39 are adapted, as shown in Fig. 12 to slidably engage opposite side edges respectively of the cover 2, so as to be supported thereby in a position side by side with the body 1 of the valise, as shown in Fig. 11, or to be wholly removed therefrom.

For retaining the auxiliary case in the supported position, shown in Fig. 11, the upper edge of the body 37 is provided with a button 40, adapted for releasable holding engagement with

a socket portion 41 on a flexible strap 42 fastened to the upper side of and projecting from the body 1, as shown in Fig. 11.

The button engaging socket portion 41 of the strap 42 is adapted for holding engagement with a button 43, Fig. 12, on the outer side of the cover 2, for holding the cover closed, when the auxiliary case is not engaged with the cover 2, as in Fig. 10.

For carrying the valise when supporting the auxiliary case, or when detached from the case, there is provided a flexible strap 44 having adjacent to its ends respectively two slots 45 having at their inner ends enlarged portions 46 adapted to respectively receive therethrough two buttons 47 located in alignment on substantially the longitudinal medial line on the top of the valise, as shown in Fig. 10.

The heads of the buttons 47 are wider than the slots 45 through which they extend, excepting at the enlarged portions 46 of the slots. After the buttons 47 have been inserted through the enlarged portions 46 of the strap 44, the strap is drawn upwardly so that the buttons 47 pass respectively to the outer ends of the slots, thereby securely fastening the strap releasably to the valise in substantially the middle of the top thereof.

In order that the strap 44 may be fastened to the valise body 1 between the buttons 47 and the open side of the body, so as to preserve the balance of the combined load, when the auxiliary case is supported by the valise, two buttons 48 are fastened to the upperside of the body 1 respectively intermediate of the buttons 47 and the open side of the body 1. The buttons 48 are adapted for releasable engagement of the strap handle 44 upon insertion of the buttons 48 through the slots 45, after the manner of the engagement of the buttons 47 with the strap, as has been described.

Many modifications of my invention, within the scope of the appended claims, may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim is:—

1. In a toy valise having a compartment having furnishings including a toy stove having a grill and an opening, the combination with said stove, of a flash light, comprising a battery, a lighting bulb and a switch united together to form an integral structure, removably insertable through said opening to a position in the stove in which said bulb will project light through said grill and said switch will be accessible from the exterior of the stove, the latter being movable to and from an operative position in which said opening will be closed by a part of the valise.

2. In a toy valise having a compartment having furnishings including a toy stove having a grill and an opening, the combination with said stove, of a flash light, comprising a battery, a lighting bulb and a switch united together to form an integral structure, removably insertable through said opening to a position in the stove in which said bulb will project light through said grill and said switch will be accessible from the exterior of the stove.

3. In a toy valise having a compartment having furnishings including an electric lamp, and a toy buffet having an opening, the combination with said buffet, of two electrical contacts in said buffet in circuit with said electric lamp, and a battery removably insertable through said opening to a position in said buffet in which the terminals of said battery will respectively operatively engage said contacts.

4. In a toy valise having a compartment hav-
ing furnishings including an electric lamp, and a
toy buffet having an opening, the combination
with said buffet, of two electrical contacts in said
5 buffet in circuit with said electric lamp, circuit
opening and closing means in circuit with said
lamp and said contacts supported by said buffet
at the outer side thereof, and a battery remov-
ably insertable through said opening to a position
10 in said buffet in which the terminals of said bat-
tery will respectively operatively engage said con-
tacts.

5. In a toy valise having a compartment hav-

ing furnishings including an electric lamp, and
a toy buffet having an opening, the combination
with said buffet, of two electrical contacts in said
buffet in circuit with said lamp, circuit closing
means in circuit with said lamp and said contacts
5 including a switch lever pivoted to said buffet and
movable thereon to positions opening and closing
the circuit, and a battery removably insertable
through said opening to a position in said buffet
in which the terminals of said battery will re- 10
spectively operatively engage said contacts.

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