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## TRAVELER'S DRESS CASE.

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Fig. 1.

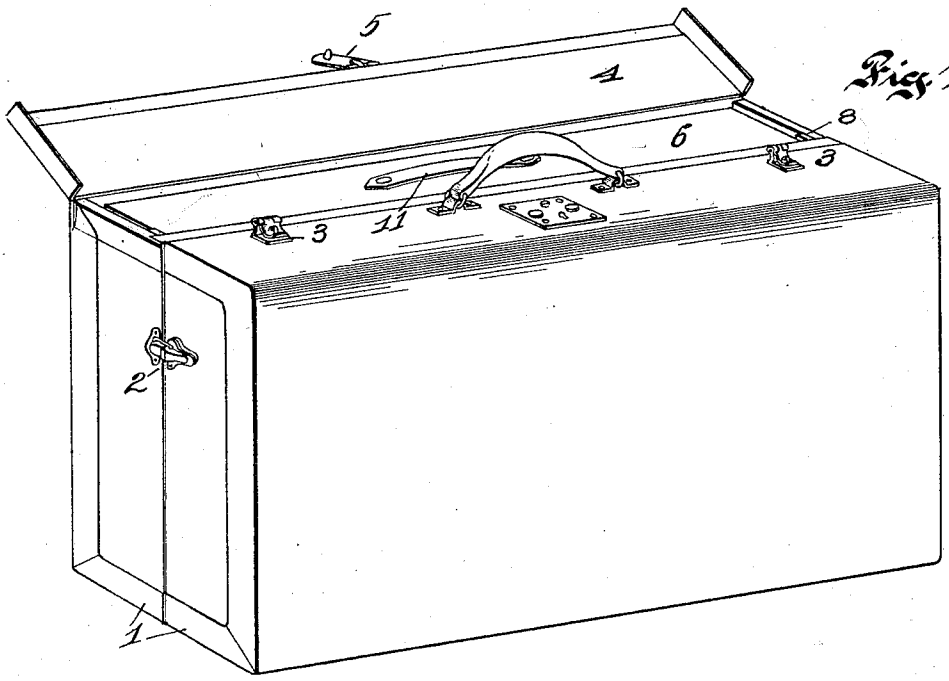
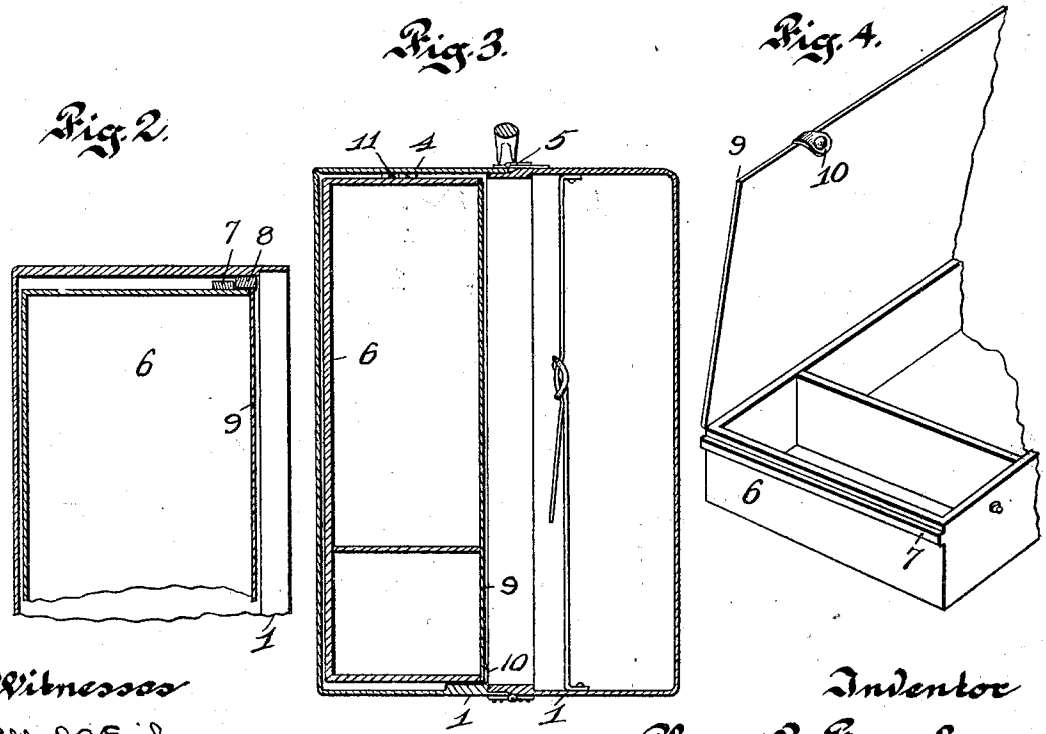



Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.

Fig. 2.




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## TRAVELER'S DRESS-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES B. FRENCH, of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Travelers' Dress-Cases, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

This invention relates to travelers' dress-cases; and it consists of the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter shown, described, and claimed.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved dress-case consisting of two parts hinged together to form the case and having an interior tray carried within one-half of the case and which may be removed from the case through a small door without opening the two parts forming the outer case.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail section showing a portion of the inner and outer case. Fig. 3 is a cross-section showing the tray located within the outer case. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of part of the tray.

The outer case consists of the two parts 1, hinged together at the bottom, as is usual, and adapted to open away from each other. The said parts are provided with the usual fastening devices 2 at their ends and with the clamps 3 on their upper sides. The top 4 of one of the parts is hinged thereto and may be opened or closed and is provided with a lock 5, whereby it may be retained in a closed position and be locked to the other part of the outer case. The inner tray 6 is of suitable size to be readily passed through the door 4 into the case and to occupy about one-half of the case. The said tray is held in position by the strips 7, attached to its ends and bearing against the strips 8, secured to the inner side of the case. The inner portion of the tray 6 may be divided into any number of parts in order to hold the articles contained therein out of contact with each other. The said tray is provided with a door 9 on one side, which is held closed by means of clasps 10 or other desired fastening devices. The strip 11 affords means for removing the tray from the case when the door 4 is open.

My improved case will be found especially useful to travelers and others who require frequent access to their traveling case or grip and avoids the necessity of opening the entire case each time any article is needed, and the articles most in demand are preferably kept within the tray 6, which may easily be removed from the case 1 by opening the door 4. Access may then be had to the articles within the tray 6 by opening the door 9, which occupies less space than the case 1 if entirely opened.

I claim—

The improved traveler's dress-case, comprising the two sections 1 hinged together at their bottom edges and adapted to open away from each other, the usual fastening devices, the hinged top 4 extending the full length and width of the edge of one of said sections only, strips 8 on the inside of the latter, the tray 6 extending the full length and width of the section which has the hinged top, the door 9 covering one entire side of said tray, and the strips 7 on the ends of the tray, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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