

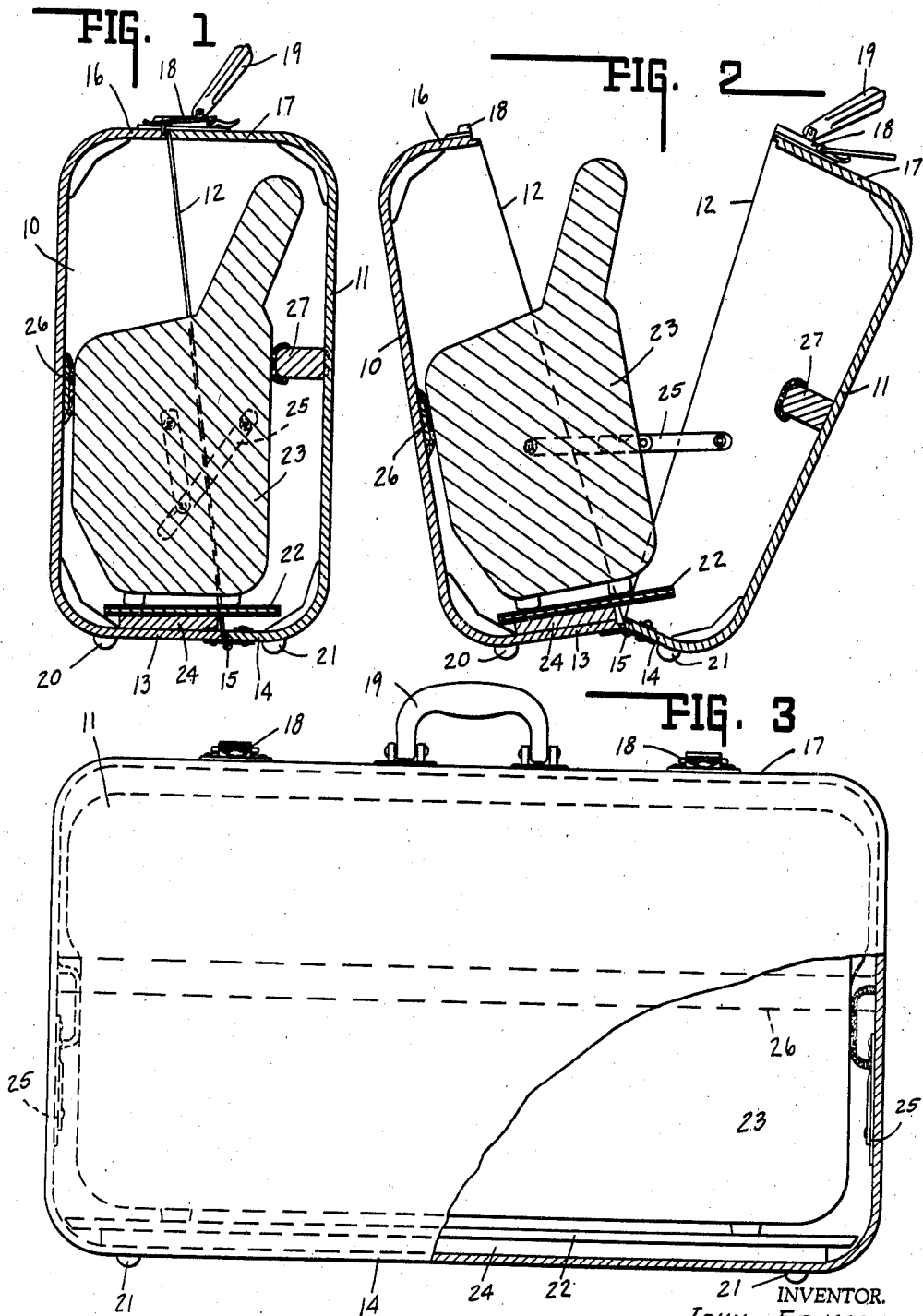
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This invention relates to a carrying case for accordions, the principal object being to provide a case which may be conveniently opened and closed from the top and when in open position will support the accordion upright on its feet so that it may be lifted vertically upwardly from the case.

The particular object of the invention resides in an accordion case which is split substantially vertically and hinged longitudinally at the bottom so that its two sides will open laterally and away from each other while still resting upon its feet to expose the accordion in its upright position and conveniently accessible for removal upwardly through the opened top of the case.

Another feature of the invention resides in the provision of a false bottom upon which the accordion rests, and which bottom is mounted upon one side of the case to freely extend over the opposed hinged portion of its bottom. This permits the accordion to remain at rest upon the false bottom, irrespective of the hinged brake in the true bottom panel of the accordion when it is opened.

The full nature of the invention will be understood from the accompanying drawing and the following description and claims:

Fig. 1 is a transverse sectional view through the case illustrating the mounting of an accordion therein when in closed position. Fig. 2 is the same as Fig. 1 showing the case in open position. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the case when in closed position and with a portion thereof in section.

In the drawing there is shown an accordion case split longitudinally from top to bottom to provide a half section 10 and an opposing half section 11. The split dividing said sections extends at a slight upward angle, as indicated at 12. At the lower end of the split the two sections are hinged together longitudinally of the bottom panels 13 and 14 by the hinge 15. At the upper end of the split the top panels 16 and 17 are locked together or released through the medium of a latch 18. The case is provided with a handle 19 secured to the top panel 17 and is provided with supporting feet 20 on the bottom panel 13 and supporting feet 21 on the bottom panel 14.

Mounted within the case there is provided a false bottom 22 upon which an accordion 23 rests. The false bottom extends throughout the major portion of both halves of the case and over both bottom panels 13 and 14. However, the false bottom is supported by a block 24 in raised

spaced relation to said bottom panels and entirely upon and within the bottom panel 13 to one side only of the split 12 and hinge 15. This leaves a portion of the false bottom extending freely over and in spaced relation to the hinge 15 and bottom panel 14. The two sections of the case are linked together by a hinge strap 25 which permits them to be closed, as illustrated in Fig. 1, but wherein their open position is limited, as shown in Fig. 2.

On the inner wall of the section 10 of the case there is provided a curved and cushioned bracing block 26 against which the front of the accordion abuts. Also, on the inner wall of the section 11 there is provided a bracing block 27 which is cushioned for bracing engagement by the rear surface of the accordion.

As best illustrated in Fig. 2, it will be noted that when the case is unlatched and the two sections are separated to the extent permitted by the strap 25, the case will still rest upon the feet 20, 21, but with the bottom panels extending upwardly at an angle. In this position the false bottom will continue to support the accordion on its feet and in substantially upright position in such fashion that the accordion may be directly removed upwardly through the open top of the case. By reason of this arrangement it is not necessary in opening the accordion case to lay it on its side, resulting in the accordion being then supported upon its side close to the floor level, requiring bending down and lifting the accordion while in an awkward position, as in the conventional type of case.

The invention claimed is:

1. An accordion case comprising two side sections adapted to embrace an accordion when in closed position, one of said sections being provided with a bottom supporting panel for said accordion, the other of said sections being provided with a corresponding bottom panel of less width than said supporting panel and free from supporting relation with respect to said accordion, a hinge connection joining said bottom panels along their adjacent longitudinal edges throughout the length of the case, said bottom panels forming a support for said case in both open and closed position, a collapsible brace connecting said sections above the said bottom panels hinged to permit said sections to be moved toward each other into closed position and provided with a lock to positively maintain them in an open position at an acute angle, with said case supported by the respective bottom panels extending at an angle with each panel sloping downwardly from

the other, and a false bottom member upon which the accordion is mounted secured to said supporting bottom panel to slope substantially parallel therewith when said case is in open position and extend forwardly over said second-mentioned bottom panel into its side section in free and spaced relation thereto for supporting an overhanging portion of the accordion.

2. An accordion case comprising two side sections adapted to embrace an accordion, one of said sections being provided with a bottom supporting panel for said accordion, the other of said sections being provided with a corresponding bottom panel free from supporting relation with respect to said accordion, a hinge connection joining said bottom panels along their adjacent longitudinal edges throughout the length of the case

to permit relative movement therebetween to open and closed supporting position, a collapsible brace connection between said sections to maintain them in an open position at an acute angle, with said case supported by the respective bottom panels extending at an angle with each panel sloping downwardly from the other, and a false bottom member upon which the accordion is mounted secured in parallel relation to said supporting bottom panel to slope therewith when said case is in open position, said false bottom member extending forwardly beyond said supporting bottom panel to lie over said second-mentioned bottom panel in free and spaced relation thereto for supporting an overhanging portion of the accordion.

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