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Fig. 1.

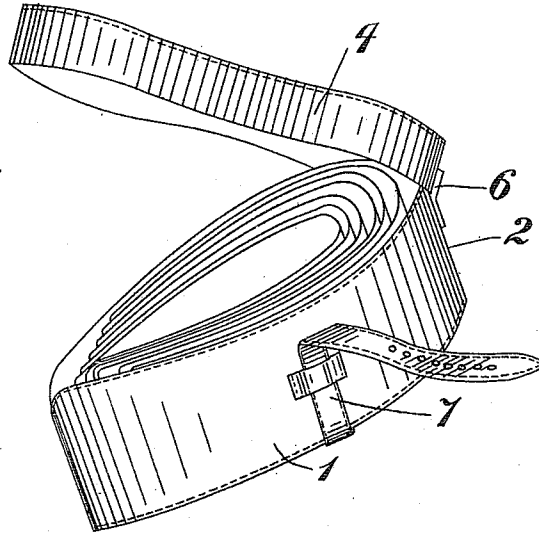


Fig. 2.

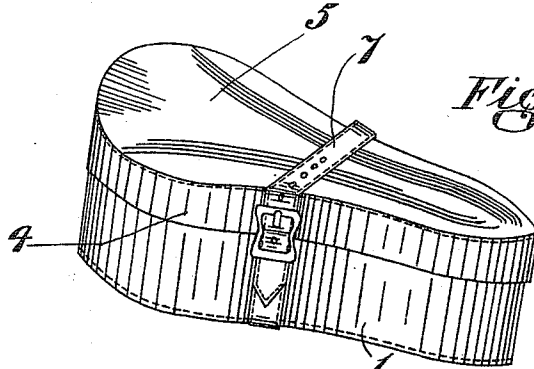


Fig. 3.

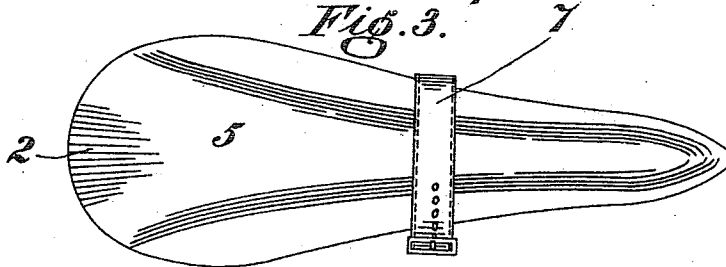
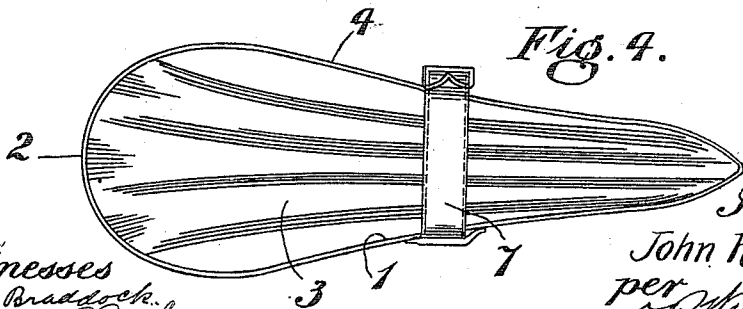


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN REID, a subject of the King of Great Britain and Ireland, residing at London, in the county of London, England, (whose post-office address is 3 Pump Court, Temple, London, England,) have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collar-Boxes and the Like; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in collar boxes and the like and has for its object to provide a collar box of simple construction capable of accommodating a maximum number of collars (for example, a dozen collars) in a minimum space while at the same time efficiently preventing damage to the collars. A tie or ties may be also placed in the box together with the collars, the box with its contents taking up a very small space (as compared with collar boxes heretofore used) in a kit bag or other traveling bag or receptacle.

The invention consists principally in a flexible, or collapsible box which may be constructed of leather or other material, and the box according to this invention,—instead of being circular in form,—is oblong, the box being made more or less in the shape of a slipper or of a wedge, and the top and bottom of this box are made of a suitable thin or flexible material so that by means of a strap or other suitable fastening device the box can be compressed or collapsed, the box being such that it can be compressed without injury to the linen or fabric of the collars and without spoiling their shape for wear.

The accompanying drawing illustrates the invention, this drawing showing the form of construction of the collar box which is considered preferable.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the box constructed in accordance with this invention, the box being shown open and with collars packed therein. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the box closed and compressed or collapsed laterally ready for packing in a kit or other traveling bag. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the box showing clearly the lid or cover of flexible material. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the bottom of the box

showing clearly the soft or flexible material of which the bottom of the box is formed.

Like reference numbers indicate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

The box is preferably constructed of leather, although it might be, if desired, constructed of some other suitable material or materials.

The body 1 of the box, comprising its sides, is according to the construction illustrated made of a single piece of stiff or comparatively thick leather cut to the required size and shape and bent into the form of the box as shown in Fig. 1 the ends of this piece of leather, which are brought together so as to form a vertical joint at the wide end 2 of the box, being sewn or otherwise suitably secured together.

To the lower edge or edges of the body 1 of the box there is secured, by sewing or otherwise, a piece of comparatively thin, soft and flexible leather 3 which forms the bottom of the box this piece of soft leather being cut to suit the extended shape of the box as when packed with collars and open as shown in Fig. 1. The side or vertical rim 4 of the lid of the box is also, according to the construction shown formed of a single piece of stiff or comparatively thick leather cut to the required size and shape, the ends of this piece of leather being brought together, so as to form a vertical joint at the wide end 2 of the box, and sewn or otherwise suitably connected together; to the top edge or edges of the part or rim 4 of the lid there is sewn or otherwise suitably secured a piece of comparatively thin, soft and flexible leather 5, the width of which is preferably, but not necessarily, slightly less than the width of the piece of flexible leather 3 that forms the bottom of the box. By making the piece 5 slightly smaller, as above described, than the bottom 3 of the box the vertical rim 4 of the lid will to some extent grip the sides or body 1 of the box when the lid is applied so as to close the box. The lid consisting of the parts 4 and 5 is preferably connected to the body 1 of the box by means of a hinge or tab 6 of leather which may be sewn to the body 1 of the box and to the vertical rim or side 4 of the lid at the wider or larger end of the box. 7 is a strap adapted to encircle the box as shown at or about the middle of its length

or at its narrow part; this strap is preferably secured to the body 1 of the box for instance in the known manner by sewing the strap to the body of the box.

5 Instead of the ends of the leather forming the body 1 of the box being connected together as hereinbefore described, the leather might be continuous at the wide end of the box and the vertical joint might be made at
10 the narrow end of the box and in this case the ends of the leather forming the body 1 might if desired be sewn to the edges of a vertically arranged strip or tongue of soft or thin leather which might be a part of
15 the flexible leather 3 forming the bottom of the box. Similarly the vertical joint of the ends of the leather forming the sides or rim 4 of the lid might be made at the narrow end of the box and these ends might also be connected to a narrow strip or tongue of thin
20 flexible leather which might be a part of the flexible leather 5 forming the main portion of the lid.

A stiffening strip or strips of leather or

other suitable material might if desired be 25 inserted in or applied to the body 1 of the box at its larger or wide end.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

A collar box comprising an oblong body 30 part having a rounded enlarged portion at one end and tapering to a pointed portion at its opposite end, said body part having its encircling wall of relatively stiff material and a bottom of relatively flexible material, 35 a cover of the same shape as the body part, and consisting of a cover piece of relatively flexible material and a rim of relatively stiff material, and an adjustable fastening device arranged to encircle both the body, and 40 its cover, and comprising means for placing said body and cover under compression.

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

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