No. 830,396. PATENTED SEPT. 4, 1906.

C. J. WINTER.

CASE, BAG, PORTFOLIO, AND THE LIKE.

APPLICATION FILED JUNE 17, 1905. RENEWED JULY 16, 1906.

3 SHEETS—SHEET 1

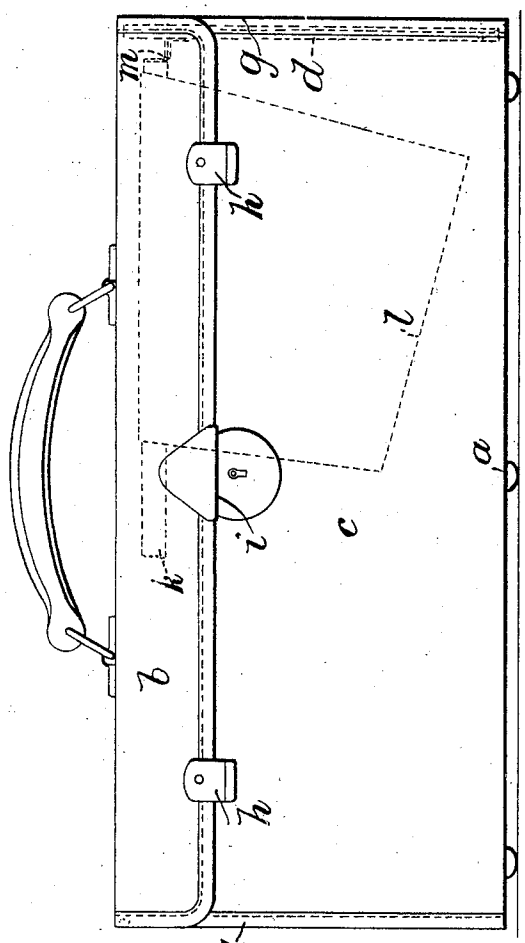


Fig. 2.

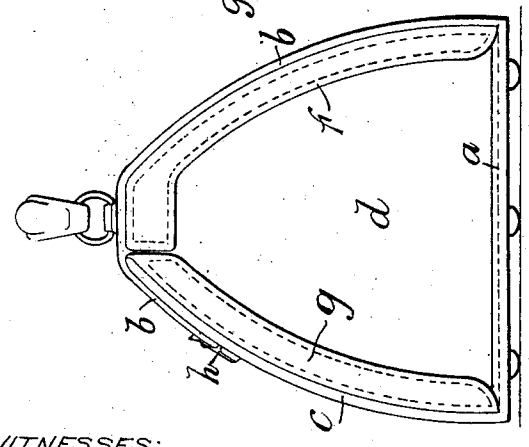


Fig. 1.

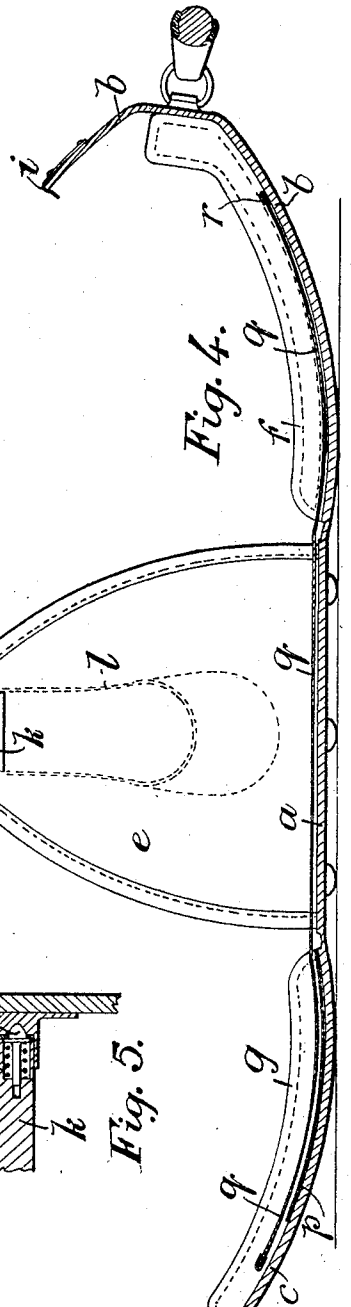


Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.

WITNESSES:
William M. Hilbert
Bertha Schmier

INVENTOR
C. J. Winter
BY Albert Nathan
ATTORNEY

THE NORRIS PETERS CO., WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 830,396. PATENTED SEPT. 4, 1906.

C. J. WINTER.

CASE, BAG, PORTFOLIO, AND THE LIKE.

APPLICATION FILED JUNE 17, 1905. RENEWED JULY 16, 1906.

3 SHEETS—SHEET 2.

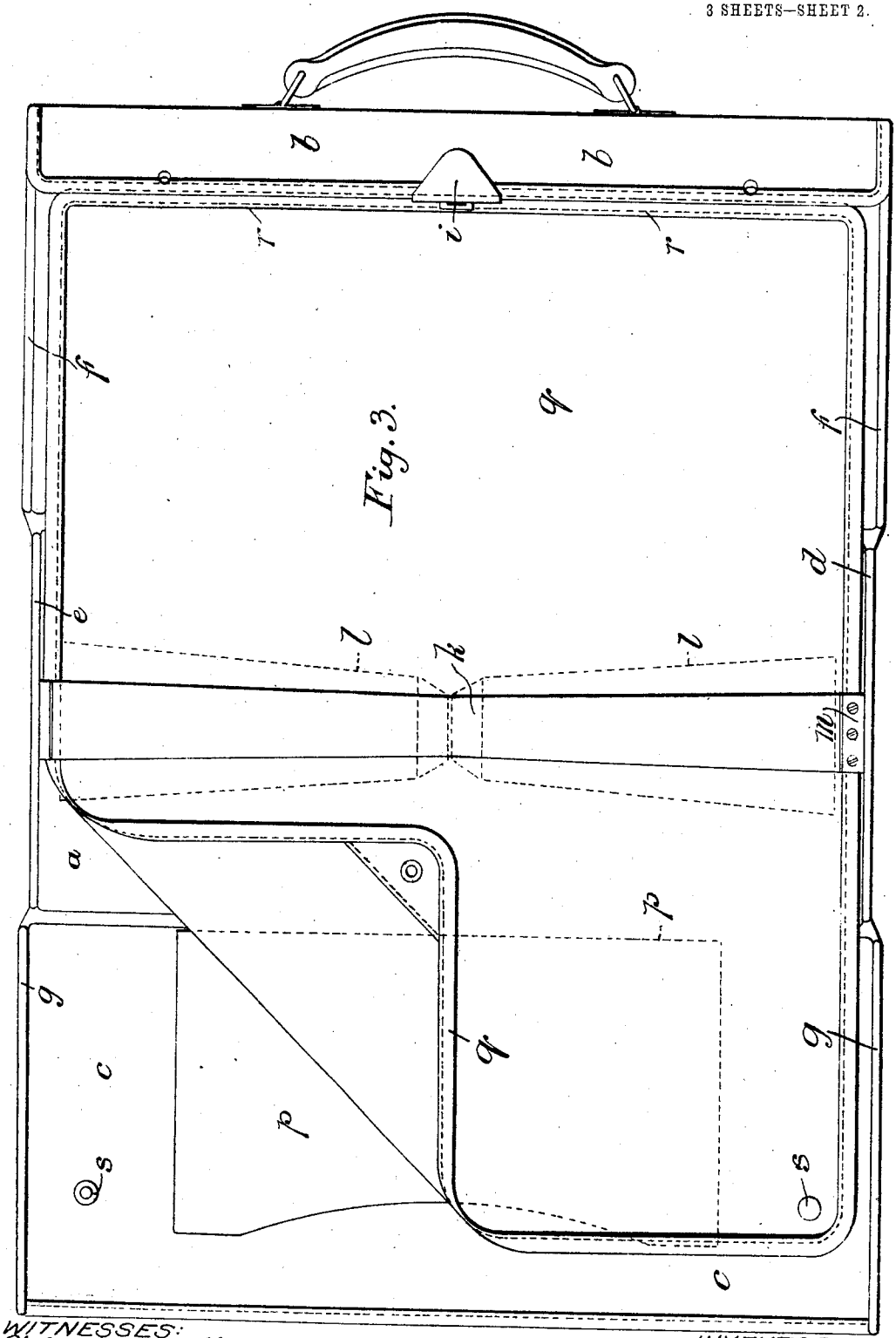


Fig. 3.

WITNESSES:
William M. Hilbert
Bertha Schmier

INVENTOR
C. J. Winter
by Albert G. Hatton
ATTORNEY

THE NORRIS PETERS CO., WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 830,396. PATENTED SEPT. 4, 1906.

C. J. WINTER.

CASE, BAG, PORTFOLIO, AND THE LIKE.

APPLICATION FILED JUNE 17, 1905. RENEWED JULY 16, 1906.

3 SHEETS—SHEET 3.

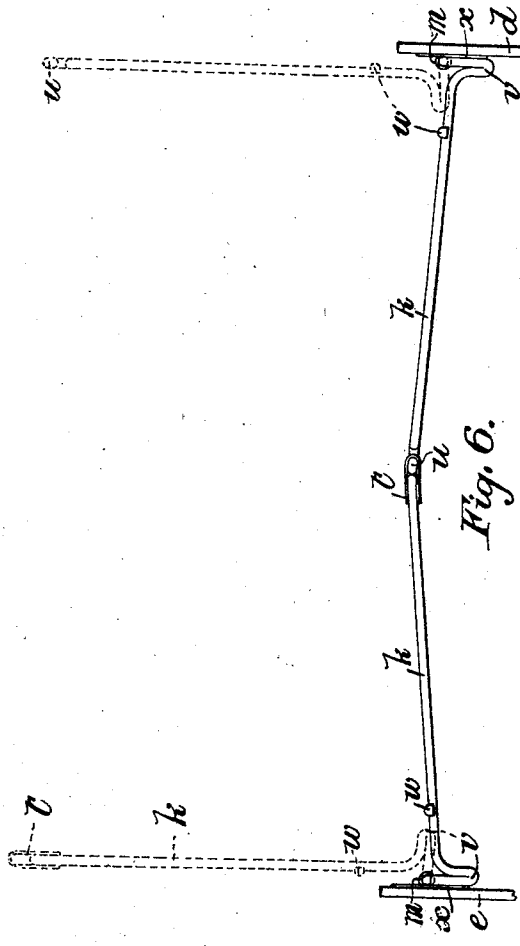


Fig. 6.

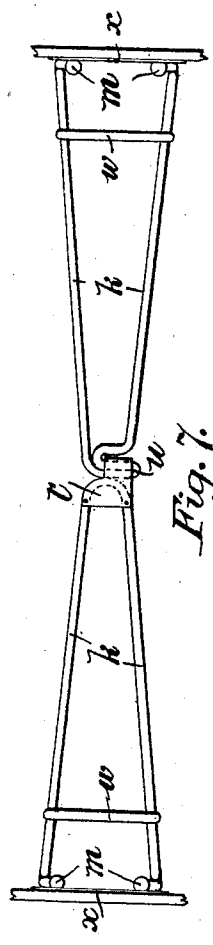


Fig. 7.

WITNESSES:
William M. Hilbert
Bertha Schmier

INVENTOR
C. J. Winter
BY Albert G. Nathan
ATTORNEY

THE NORRIS PETERS CO., WASHINGTON, D. C.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

CHARLES JOSEPH WINTER, OF LONDON, ENGLAND.

CASE, BAG, PORTFOLIO, AND THE LIKE.

No. 830,396. Specification of Letters Patent. Patented Sept. 4, 1906.

Application filed June 17, 1905. Renewed July 16, 1906. Serial No. 326,499.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES JOSEPH WINTER, artist, a subject of the King of Great Britain and Ireland, residing at 20 St. George's avenue, Tufnell Park, London, N., England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cases, Bags, Portfolios, and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cases, bags, portfolios, or the like, and more particularly to cases or the like employed for carrying masonic or other insignia, the object being to provide a form of case in which the insignia, especially the gauntlets, can be arranged in such a manner as to obviate creasing when the case is closed, such case also being of such a nature that when opened the apron and collar or the like are laid out flat ready for use. The case is obviously also applicable for carrying other articles than insignia.

In order that the invention may be understood, reference will be made to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figures 1 and 2 are respectively end and side elevations of a case according to the invention in its closed condition. Figs. 3 and 4 are respectively a plan and cross-sectional elevation of the case in its opened condition. Fig. 5 is a detail hereinafter referred to. Figs. 6 and 7 are respectively elevation and plan of an alternative form of gauntlet or like support.

In carrying out the invention according to one mode and as illustrated a case is made with a rigid base or bottom *a*, two curved sides *b c*, and rigid ends *d e*. The sides *b c* are hinged at their lower edges to the base and when closed they meet at the apex or top, the side *b*, however, overlapping the other side to a more or less extent. The ends of the sides are also provided with flaps *f* and *g*. The overlapping side or flap *b* is adapted to be fastened to the other side or flap *c* by any suitable fastenings—such as, for example, snap-fastenings *h h* and a lock *i*.

Within the case and between the two ends *d e* is a cross-bar *k*, preferably of semicircular cross-section and of the tapered form in plan, as shown in Fig. 3. This bar is intended to support the gauntlets or cuffs in order that when the case is closed such gauntlets will not be crushed or creased. Gauntlets are indicated in position by dotted lines at *l* in the drawings. The bar *k* also acts as a strut for the ends. The cross-bar *k* may be detachable to facilitate insertion of the gauntlets, and it may be held in any suitable manner. For instance, it may be hinged at one end *m*, while the other end is provided with a spring and ball snap *n o*, adapted to snap into a socket on the end *e*. This is shown in detail in Fig. 5. The bar *k* may, if desired, be divided and both parts hinged to the respective ends *d e* and adapted to snap together or be secured in the middle, for instance, as shown in Figs. 6 and 7, where the bar is shown as made of wire. The two halves hinged at *m m* are fitted with a fastening of any convenient type, that shown comprising a socket *t* on the end of one half adapted to receive the turned end *u* of the other half. The ends *m m* are bent, as at *v*, and cross-ties *w* are provided to stiffen or prevent spreading of the bars or supports, the ends being hinged by ball or other hinges to plates *x*, secured to the rigid ends *d e* of the case. The bar *k*, as before stated, is preferably of the form indicated in plan in Figs. 3 and 7—that is to say, tapered from each end toward the middle—so as to conform somewhat to the shape of the gauntlets to prevent them shifting.

The apron or collar or other insignia are laid upon the parts *a b c*, when they are opened out, as in Figs. 3 and 4, and when in position are protected by a cover sheet or apron *q*, which may be detachable or permanently secured at one end *r* and temporarily secured at the other end by means of snap or other fasteners *s*. A pocket *p* for papers or other articles may also be provided. The case is fitted with a suitable handle, as shown. It will thus be clear that the apron, collar, or other flat insignia can be readily laid in the case without being folded to any undesirable extent, that the gauntlets can also be carried intact without being crushed or pressed, and that, further, even when the case is closed none of the articles are crushed or creased.

It will be understood that any suitable material may be employed for the case, such as leather or canvas, and that the case may be lined with velvet or other suitable material. Similarly, the shape of the ends *d e* and the corresponding shape of the flaps or sides *b c* may be varied as well as the other details to suit the shape or type of insignia or other articles to be inclosed without creasing.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A case for insignia and other purposes comprising a rigid base and ends, sides hinged to the base, and cross-bars hinged to the ends and adapted to meet in the middle.

2. A case for insignia and other purposes comprising a rigid base and ends, sides hinged to the base, one side overlapping the other when closed, end flaps on both of said sides, a divided cross-bar extending between and hinged to the ends, and a fastening between the halves of said bar, substantially as and for the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

3. A case for insignia and other purposes comprising a rigid base and ends, sides hinged to the base, one side overlapping the other when closed, end flaps on both of said sides, a divided cross-bar hinged to the ends of the case and adapted to meet, and a cover-sheet attached to one side and adapted to be temporarily fastened to the other.

4. A case for insignia and other purposes comprising a rigid base and ends, sides hinged to the base, one side overlapping the other when closed, end flaps on both of said sides, a divided cross-bar hinged to the ends of the case the halves of said bar consisting of tapering wire frames, a socket on the end of one frame and an inturned end on the other adapted to engage in said socket, substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

5. A case for insignia and other purposes comprising a rigid base and ends, sides hinged to the base and adapted to be laid out, a cover-sheet permanently attached to one side extending to and adapted to be temporarily fastened to the other, a divided cross-bar hinged to the ends of the case, and a fastening between the meeting ends of the halves, said halves tapering toward their meeting ends, substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

CHARLES JOSEPH WINTER

Witnesses:
FREDERICK TAYLOR,
A. W. MATHYS.