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FIG. 1

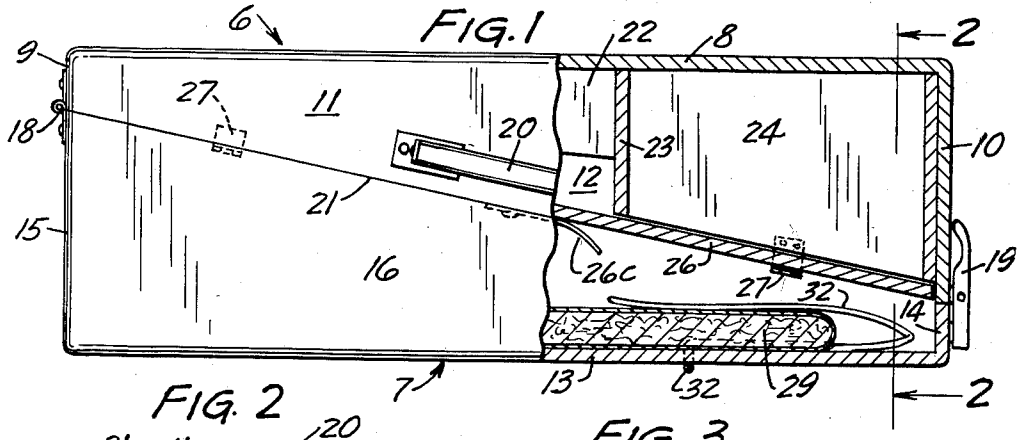


FIG. 2

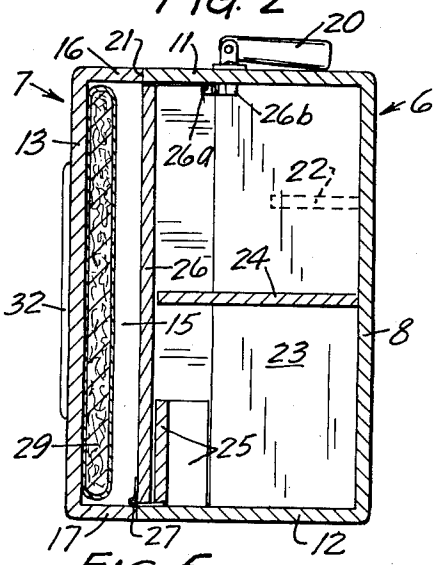


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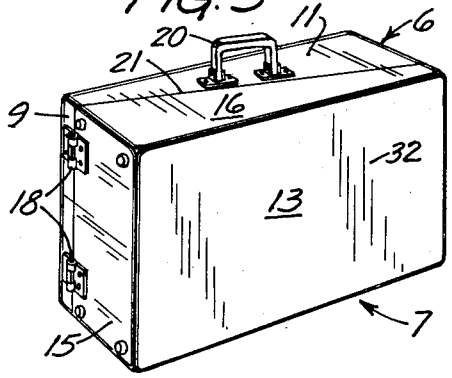


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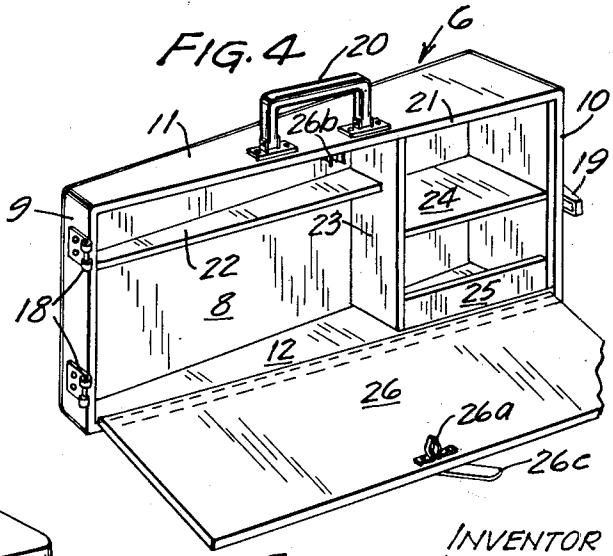
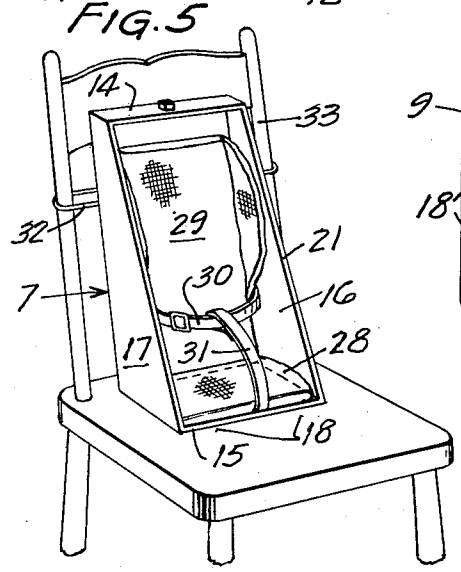


FIG. 5



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This invention relates to a combination infant's supply carrier and seat and has for its principal object the provision of a simple, compact carrying case comprising a tray adapted to support an infant in sitting position and another tray of complementary shape which is divided into a plurality of compartments for infants' supplies, whereby the care and transportation of infants is facilitated.

My invention also includes certain novel features of construction which will be described and particularly pointed out in the following specification and claims.

Heretofore various types of bags and carrying cases have been used to carry supplies for infants when on trips away from home, but such luggage has not been entirely satisfactory because of the lack of properly arranged compartments and shelves for carrying cans and jars of food, bottles and cosmetics, and separate compartments for such items as diapers and clothing. Seats have also been provided of special construction for infants as separate pieces of luggage in which the infants are confined.

My invention greatly facilitates the care of infants by their parents both at home and when traveling in a car or other vehicle and when visiting away from home by providing a compact combination of seat and supply trays which may be detachably connected as a readily portable unit.

Referring to the accompanying drawing which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, by way of example and not for the purpose of limitation:

FIGURE 1 is a part top plan view and part horizontal sectional view of my improved supply carrier and seat;

FIG. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a perspective view showing the case with the tray members in closed relative positions;

FIG. 4 is a perspective view showing the supply carrier tray in open position, and

FIG. 5 is a perspective view showing the infant's seat tray supported in position for use.

As shown in the drawing, I provide a pair of complementary trays indicated generally by the numerals **6** and **7** respectively. The tray **6** has an oblong back wall **8** and four wall members disposed substantially at right angles to the back wall. The wall members comprise a narrow end wall member **9**, a relatively wide end wall member **10** and a pair of elongated wall members **11** and **12** connecting the member **9** to the member **10**. The tray **7** has a back wall **13**, a narrow end wall member **14**, a relatively wide end wall member **15**, and elongated wall members **16** and **17** connecting the wall members **14** and **15** together. The several wall members of the tray **6** fit in edge-to-edge contact with the complementary wall members of the tray **7** so that when the trays are in case closing relative positions they form a rectangular carrying case.

At one side of the trays **6** and **7** are detachably connected together by a pair of hinges **18** and at the opposite side by a toggle type latch **19**. A handle **20** for use in carrying either the closed case or the supply tray **6** separately is provided and, as shown, is secured to the wall member **11**. The elongated wall members of each tray have open side edges **21** which extend in a common plane obliquely relative to the back walls **8** and **13**. Partitions **22**, **23**, **24** and **25** divide the interior of the supply tray **6** into a plurality of compartments for supplies of various kinds, sizes and shapes. For example, the partition **22** provides a shelf for small articles and containers of food and cosmetics, and the compartment below this shelf is adapted to carry larger bottles, containers and other articles. The compartments in the larger end of the tray are separated by the partitions **23** and **24** to provide separate holders for diapers and articles of clothing. A closure **26** fits in the open side of the tray **6** and is preferably connected by hinges **27** to the elongated wall member **12**. Friction type catch members **26***a* and **26***b* may be used to secure the closure **26** in closed position and a flexible tab **26***c* is accessible at the outer side of the closure **26** for use as a handle.

Fittings for the infant's seat tray **7** include a cushion having a seat portion **28** and a back rest portion **29** disposed as shown in FIG. 5 when the seat tray is in use. A safety belt **30** is secured to the back wall **13** of the tray **7** and is adapted to coact with the strap **31** for confining an infant in the tray. There is also a flexible cord **32** extending through openings in the back wall **13** for fastening the tray in upright position to a suitable support such as the chair **33** shown in FIG. 5.

The seat tray may also be used to hold an infant on the seat of an automobile or other vehicle, and the supply tray **6** may be carried separately when the seat tray is in use. At times when the seat tray is not needed as a seat, this tray becomes a useful enlargement of the supply tray for containing clothing and other articles.

I claim:

1. A combination infant's supply carrier and seat comprising, a pair of complementary seat and supply trays each having a unitary, rigid, oblong back wall and four side wall members disposed substantially at right angles to said back wall, said side wall members for each tray including a narrow end wall member, a relatively wide end wall member and a pair of unitary, rigid elongated wall members of substantially greater length than the length of either of said end wall members connecting the narrow end wall member to the relatively wide end wall member of each tray, each of such elongated wall members being substantially equal in length to said oblong back walls, the several wall members of one of said trays fitting in edge-to-edge contact with the complementary wall members of the other tray when the case is closed, means for detachably securing said trays in case closing relative positions, means dividing said supply tray into a plurality of compartments for infant's supplies, said seat tray, when detached from said supply tray being adapted to support an infant in sitting position on the relatively wide end wall member thereof with the oblong back wall as a back rest.

2. A combination in accordance with claim 1 in which said seat tray is fitted with a seat and backrest cushion and a safety belt for confining an infant therein.

3. A combination in accordance with claim 1 in which

said pair of elongated wall members of each tray have open side edges extending obliquely relative to the back wall of the tray and in a common plane.

4. A combination in accordance with claim 1 in which said supply tray includes closure means for closing the open side of said tray independently of the seat tray.

5. A combination in accordance with claim 4 in which said closure means is hingedly connected to one of said wall member of the tray.

6. A combination in accordance with claim 1 in which said means dividing the supply tray into compartments comprises a plurality of shelves for supply items of various sizes and kinds.

7. A combination in accordance with claim 1 in which

said means for detachably securing said trays in case closing relative positions comprises hinge means connecting the trays at one side and latch means connecting them at the opposite side.

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