

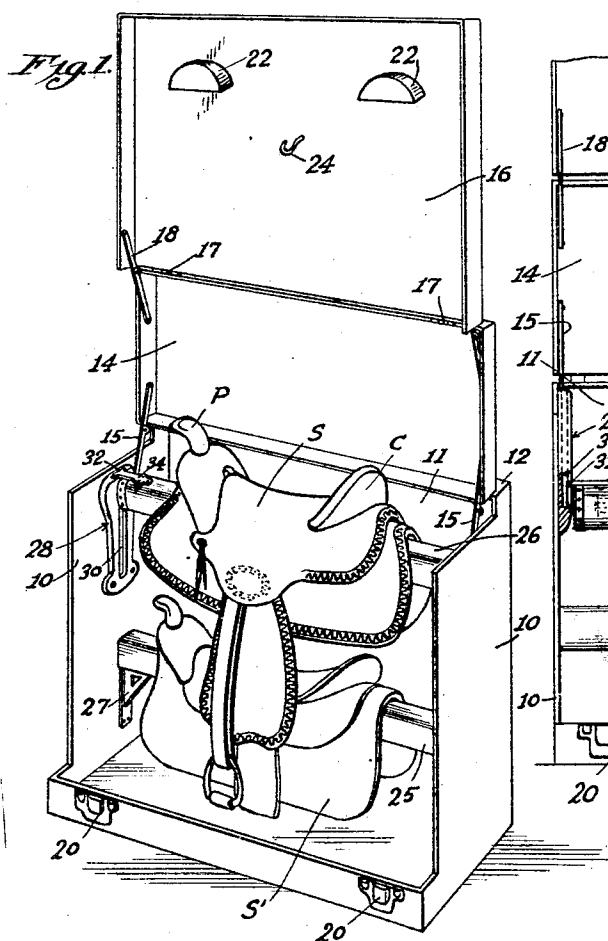
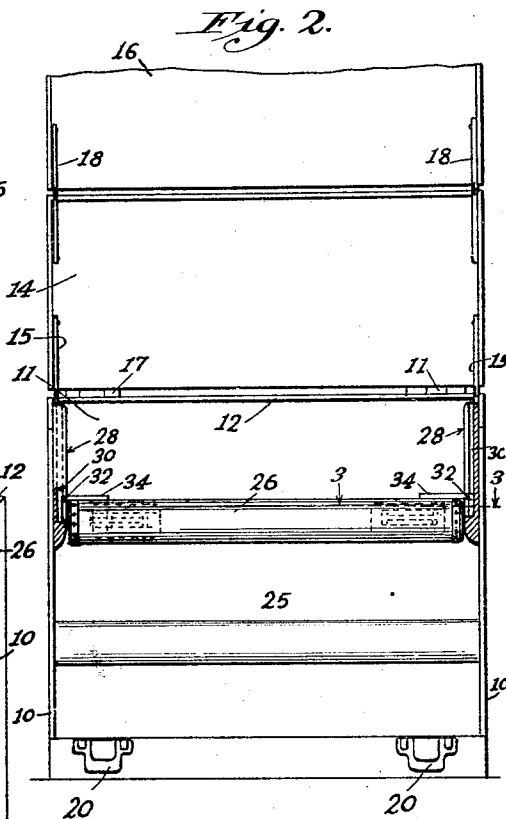
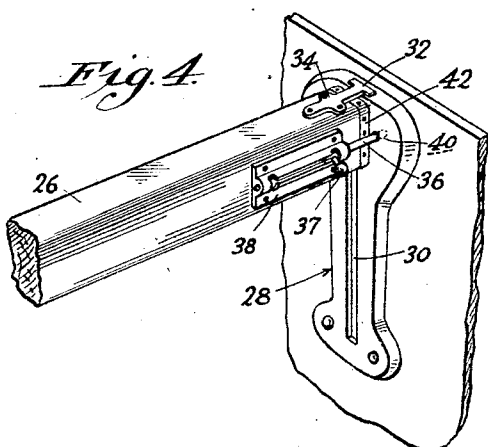
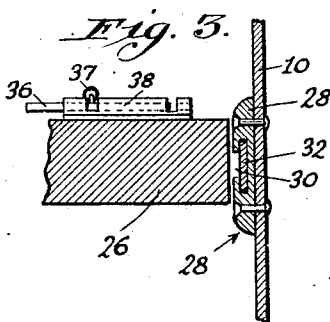
Dec. 31, 1929.

M. H. HELLMAN

1,741,771

SHIPPING AND DISPLAY CASE FOR SADDLES

Filed Dec. 10, 1927



Inventor.
Marco H. Hellman
Edmund A. Stange.
Attorney.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

MARCO H. HELLMAN, OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

SHIPPING AND DISPLAY CASE FOR SADDLES

Application filed December 10, 1927. Serial No. 239,071.

This invention relates to cases for transporting saddles. Chiefly, the object thereof is to provide such a case which may also be used for displaying the saddles, together with 5 bridles and the like, without removing the saddles from the case. A further object is to provide such a case which will hold the saddles against dislodgment during transportation.

10 Briefly stated, the invention comprises a container equipped with a plurality of saddle supporting rails, the lowermost of which may be stationary, but the upper of which is movable into elevated position for the combined 15 purpose of better displaying both the upper and lower saddles and permitting more ready access to the lower one for removal thereof. When the movable saddle rail is in lowered position it assists in holding the lower saddle 20 during transport. The container also carries a movable closure which may be swung back to expose the saddles and to permit elevation of the upper one, this closure according to a preferred form carrying bridle-displaying 25 means. When the upper saddle is in lowered position and the closure is in closed position, the latter assists in retaining said upper saddle in place during shipping. The invention also resides in such other novel features as 30 may be herein set forth.

In the accompanying drawings wherein one embodiment of the invention is disclosed by way of illustration,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a case and its 35 saddle supports;

Fig. 2 is chiefly a front elevation thereof, parts however being broken away to show the adjustable mounting of the upper saddle support;

40 Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional detail taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective view showing the relation of the parts of the saddle-support mounting when in elevated position. 45

The case as shown comprises end walls 10, a back wall 11, and a top strip 12 to which is hinged a cover 14 adapted to be held in open position by locking braces 15, and to 50 which a flap 16 is in turn hinged at 17 and

adapted to be held in open position by locking braces 18. When this jointed closure is lowered, the cover 14 closes the top of the case and the flap 16 closes the front, suitable fastenings being employed as indicated at 20. 55

When said closure is elevated as shown, it may serve to support and exhibit bridles through the medium of supporting blocks 22 thereon and may also separately exhibit bits as by means of a hook 24. 60

Within the case there is disposed a plurality of horizontally extending saddle-supporting rails 25 and 26, the lower rail 25 being permanently positioned by means of brackets 27, while the upper rail 26 is adjustably carried 65 for vertical movement in guide plates 28 having vertically disposed guide slots 30, the lower ends of which serve to support the rail when in lowermost position. Said slots 30 are of T-shape and receive T-shaped tongues 32 carried on the ends of guide fingers 34 secured to the upper side of the rail 26 at each end. Since said tongues 32 have appreciable 70 vertical length, as best seen in Fig. 2, they serve effectually as guiding and positioning means. When said rail 26 is moved into elevated position, it is adapted to be there retained through the medium of a bolt 36 actuated by a projecting knob 37 carried by a plate 38 mounted on each end of the rail, the 80 bolt entering a recess 40 in the adjacent plate 28, as seen in Fig. 4. If desired, the ends of the rail 26 may be bound with reinforcing bands 42.

When in the elevated position of Figs. 1 85 and 4, the rail 25 presents the upper saddle S for display and likewise exposes the lower saddle S' either for view purposes or for removal, and by hanging bridles upon the bridle supports 22 and a bit upon the hook 24, 90 a complete exhibit is provided. When it is desired to transport the outfit, the bridles are removed, the bolts 36 are withdrawn thereby permitting the upper saddle to be lowered, and the cover 14 and flap 16 are moved to closed position. In this position, said cover 14 will engage the pommel P and the cantle C of the upper saddle S to retain the position thereof during shipping, and the rail 26 will 100

engage the pommel and cantle of the lower saddle S' for the same purpose.

It is evident therefore that I have provided a convenient case for both transporting and displaying saddles without removing them from the case. While the embodiment herein disclosed is a preferred form, it is obvious that many modifications may be made within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A shipping and display case for saddles comprising a container, a plurality of saddle-supporting rails mounted therein in super-imposed relation, one of said rails being movable vertically with respect to the other, means to retain said one rail in elevated position, and a closure for said container to overlie the upper rail when in lowered position and adapted to retain a saddle on said upper rail when in such lowered position.

2. A case for saddles, a plurality of super-imposed saddle supports mounted in horizontal position therein, one of said supports being movable vertically with respect to another, guides on the case for the ends of said movable support, means to retain the movable support in elevated position, and means to support said movable support in lowered position, whereby saddles on both supports may be exhibited when the movable support is elevated, and whereby saddles on both supports may be disposed in compact relation for transport.

3. A display case for saddles comprising a container, a relatively stationary saddle support horizontally disposed in said container, a second saddle support in vertical alignment with the stationary support and movable vertically with respect thereto, means to support said movable support in lowered position, and means to hold said movable support in elevated position.

4. A shipping and display case for saddles comprising a container, a relatively stationary saddle support in the lower portion thereof, a saddle support disposed thereabove and movable into elevated position above the stationary support, means to retain the movable support in elevated position, a closure for said container adapted to be closed when the movable support with its saddle is moved to lowered position.

5. In combination, a case for saddles, a vertically movable saddle support therein, a relatively stationary saddle support mounted therein below the movable support, a saddle on each support, the upper support when in lowered position being adapted to engage the lower saddle, a closure adapted when closed to engage the upper saddle when in lowered position, and means to hold the upper support in elevated position when the closure is open.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

MARCO H. HELLMAN.