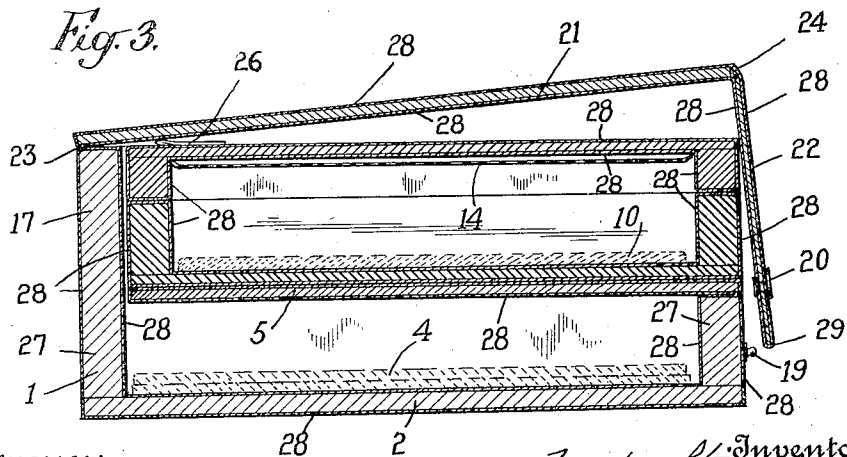
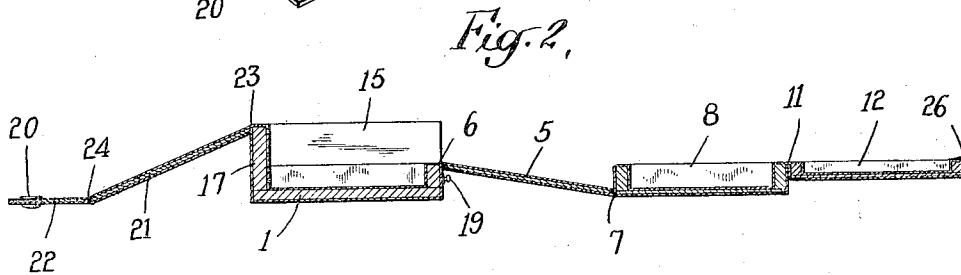
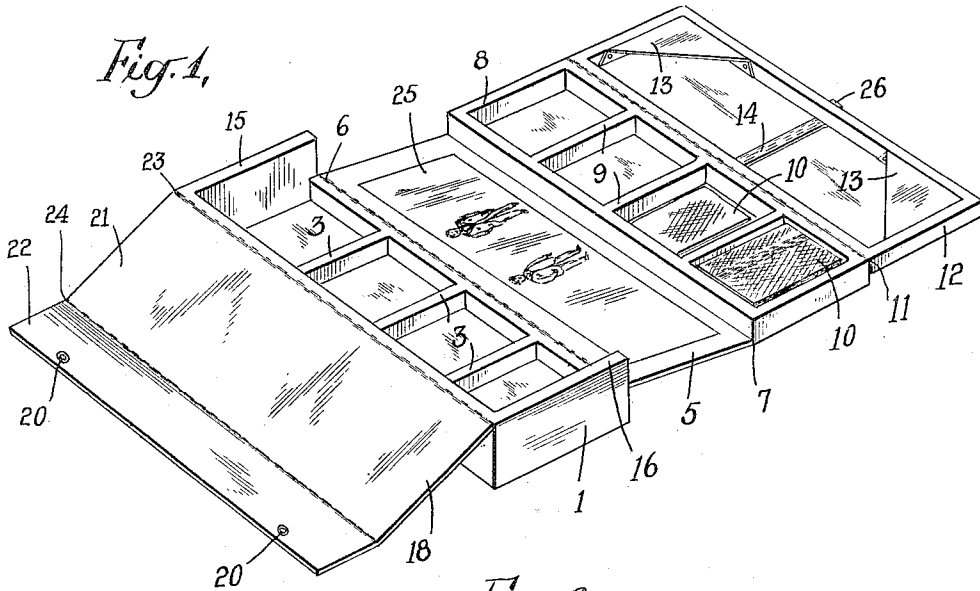


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN STEINTHAL, a citizen of the United States, residing in New York city, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Cases for Displaying Samples, of which the following is such a full, clear, and exact description as will enable any one skilled in the art to which it
10 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to folding cases for displaying samples of various goods, and
15 the particular objects of my present improvements are to provide a compact portable folding case which may be folded up into a small package form so as to practically inclose the various folding parts and
20 which may be readily unfolded with the various parts thereof spread out for convenient inspection and handling of the samples.

With these and other objects in view my
25 invention consists in the various novel and peculiar combinations and arrangements of the several different parts of the device, all as hereinafter fully set forth and then pointed out in the claims.

I have illustrated a type of my invention
30 in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device shown as unfolded and spread
35 out. Fig. 2 is a view of a cross section of the device in unfolded position. Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross sectional view of the device folded up with the cover about to be closed around it.

Referring to the drawings in which like
40 numbers of reference designate like parts throughout, 1 is the bottom tray of the series of folding trays and this tray is made in substantial form with a rigid frame extending around its four sides, with a bottom
45 2, suitably secured to said frame and with partitions 3, extending across the interior of the tray to divide it into small compartments or sections, each adapted to receive, for example, a stack of samples of cloth or
50 textile material indicated at 4. A display panel 5, of substantially the same dimensions as the tray 1, is hinged by one of its sides at 6, to the upper front edge of the tray, while the other side of the panel is
55 hinged at 7 to the lower inner edge of a second tray 8, which is substantially like the

first described tray 1, and which is likewise divided by means of partitions 9, into a series of small compartments for holding samples 10. To the front edge of the tray
60 8, there is hinged at 11, a tray 12, substantially of the same dimensions as the tray 8, though somewhat shallower. This tray 12, is provided at its outer corners with retaining pieces 13, while across the center of the
65 width of the tray is disposed an elastic strap 14, and this tray is more particularly designed to have inserted in its memoranda, letters and the like, such articles being
70 slipped under the elastic strap 14, and the corner pieces 13, also serving to retain the articles within the tray. This tray 12, is also provided with a flexible pull-piece 26,
75 which is mounted upon the back of the tray near its free edge so that when the trays are folded, as shown in Fig. 3, the unfolding of the trays may be started by grasping the
80 pull-piece 26, and raising the tray 12 on its hinge and swinging it into open position. The tray 12, may be folded over upon the
85 tray 8, so as to cover it with the bottom of the tray 12, uppermost, as indicated in Fig. 3.

The tray 8 is adapted to be folded over
85 upon the tray 1, by lifting the tray 8 and swinging it upwardly and inwardly on the panel 5, as a hinge and then dropping it down upon the tray 1. By reason of the
90 manner in which the panel 5 is hinged between the bottom tray and the tray 8, the latter is not inverted when it is folded up, but has a translatory movement so that it is
95 always maintained right side up thereby serving to keep the samples in place in the different compartments within the tray in the same way that the samples are retained
100 in place in the bottom tray. Under this folded condition the panel 5, is turned over upon the tray 1, so as to completely close it and it rests in this position between the two
105 trays. When the parts are folded in this manner, and which includes the folding over of the end tray 12, upon its connected tray 8, the series of trays are stacked in vertical position one upon the other with their
110 sides and ends substantially flush with each other so as to form an evensided package as indicated in Fig. 3. In order, however, to more completely inclose the folded parts, I provide the bottom tray 1, with upwardly
extending end-pieces 15 and 16, respectively, and a similar extension 17, at the rear side,

these three extended parts being joined together at the corners to form tight, dust-proof joints, so that when the parts above described are folded up, the ends and the rear sides of such folded parts will be inclosed and housed by the upward extensions on the bottom tray, the upper edge of the extensions coming flush with the upper side of the folded parts. I further provide the rear extension 17, with a large flap 18, which extends from one end to the other and is of sufficient width to extend across the top of the folded parts down the front side thereof so that its free end may be fastened to the outer side of the bottom tray by means of releasable fasteners 19, 20, the fasteners shown being ordinary snap fasteners comprising a dome 19, and socket 20. This flap comprises two sections 21 and 22, the inner one of which is hinged at 23, to the upper edge of the extension 17, of the bottom tray, while the section 22, is hinged at 24 to the inner section 21. This inner section 21, is of sufficient width to extend across the folded parts so as to bring the hinge-point 24 between the sections at the corner of the folded stack, as indicated in Fig. 3. This permits the outer section 22, of the flap to extend down the front side of the folded stack so as to completely cover it.

The panel 5, in addition to serving as a hinge connection between the bottom tray 1, and the tray 8, and by means of which the tray 8, does not have to be inverted when folded up, also serves as a space for an ordinary fashion plate 25, which may be detachably mounted on the panel.

In the construction shown the various trays are made with frames of substantial material, for example, boards, and likewise the bottoms of the trays, which are secured to the frames. For example, the bottom tray comprises a substantial rectangular frame 27, the three sides of which are extended to form the extensions 15, 16 and 17, as above described, and to the under side of this frame is secured the bottom piece 2, which may be made of a suitable board. This structure is then covered both inside and out with a strong textile material 28, which may be a suitable strong cloth or linen. This cloth 28, is glued or cemented to the surfaces of the tray and it is also extended from the extension 17 at the rear side of the tray over upon both sides of the board or material 21, which forms the inner section of the inclosing flap, and this cloth 28, is also carried along over both sides of the board or sheet of material 22, forming the outer section of the inclosing flap and is carried around the outer edge thereof as at 29. In this way the cloth is utilized to form the hinge-joints 23 and 24 of the flap. All of the other parts, including the panel 5, and the other connected trays, are likewise covered by the

cloth 28, which is glued to the entire surface of all of said parts, and this cloth serves as the hinge-joints 6 and 7 between the panel 5 and the connected trays as well as the hinge-joint 11, between the two outer trays. In this way the construction of the device is simplified, and I am also thereby enabled to dispense with metal hinges.

From the foregoing it will be seen that by means of my improved folding case, the samples contained in the various different compartments of the different trays, as well as the memoranda and letters, etc., which are stored in the outer tray 12, are all completely housed and protected when the device is folded up, and when the device is folded and the flap closed around it and secured by the fasteners, it forms a neat and handy package which can be readily carried in the hand. The contents of the device are also fully protected from being crushed in the folded package by reason of the rigid character of the various trays, and the samples are also retained in proper place so as to be quickly displayed in order when the tray is unfolded.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a folding case for displaying samples, the combination of a set of trays hinged together and adapted to be folded in a stack one upon the other and to be unfolded and spread out so as to expose the contents of each, and a panel hinged between two adjacent trays and of substantially the width thereof and adapted to receive a fashion plate thereon, substantially as described.

2. In a folding case for displaying samples, the combination of two trays and an intermediate connecting panel having its longitudinal edges hinged respectively to the upper edge of one tray and to the lower edge of the other tray, whereby one tray may be folded right-side up upon the other, substantially as described.

3. In a folding case for displaying samples, the combination of a set of trays hinged together and adapted to be folded upon one another in a single stack and to be unfolded and spread out, the lowermost tray having its rear side and its two ends provided with upward extensions for inclosing and housing the rear sides and the ends of the other trays when folded, the outermost tray being adapted to fold over upon the adjacent connected tray bottom-side up and thereby serving as a closure for the folded trays, and a flap or cover extending from the extension on the rear side of the bottom tray over the folded trays to the front side of said bottom tray, substantially as described.

4. In a folding case for displaying samples, the combination of a set of trays hinged together and adapted to be folded upon one

another in a single stack and to be unfolded
and spread out, the lowermost tray being
longer and wider than the others and having
its rear part and its two ends provided with
5 upward extensions flush with the exterior
thereof for inclosing and housing the rear
sides and the ends of the other trays when
folded, and the outermost tray being adapt-
ed to fold over upon the adjacent connected
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