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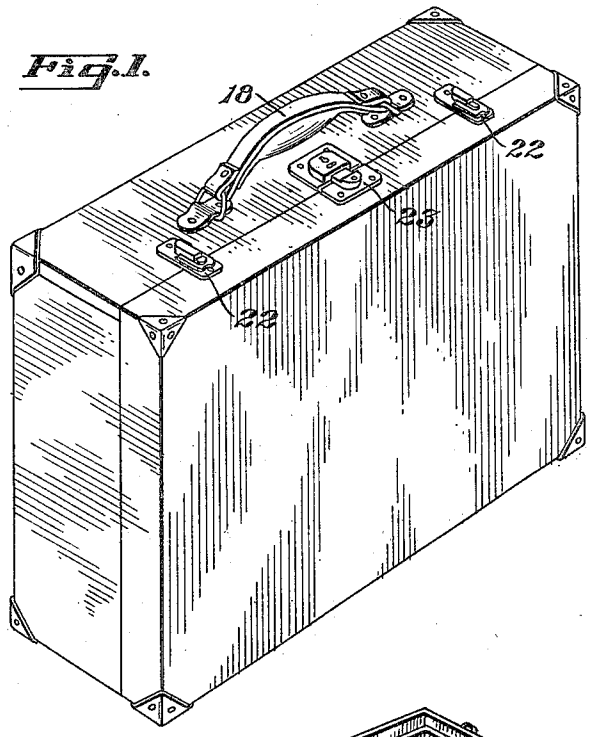
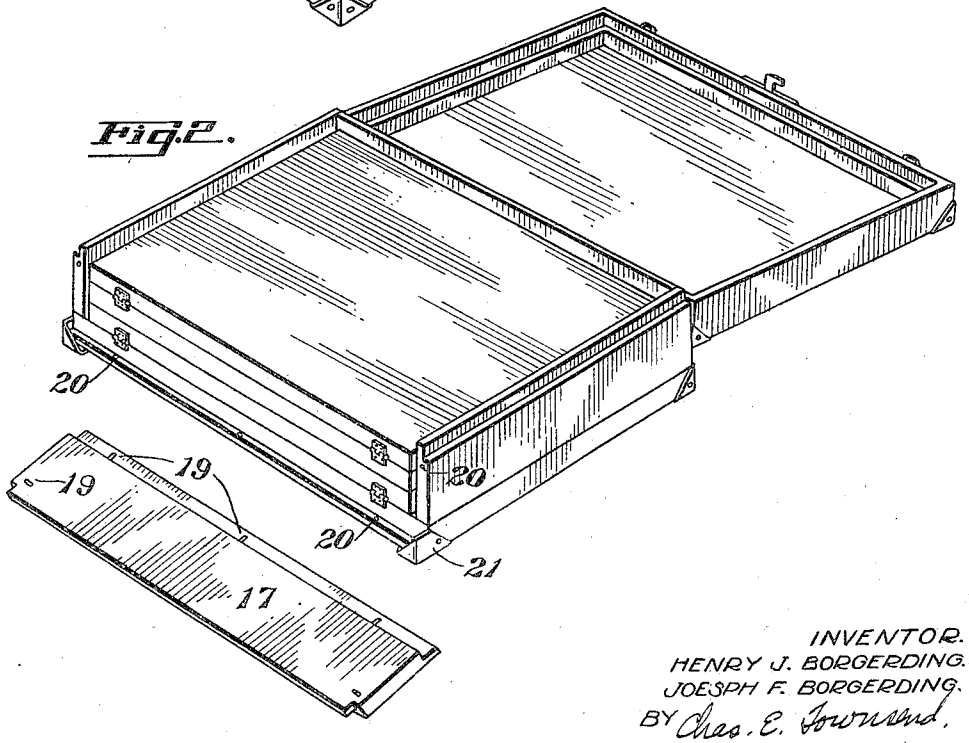


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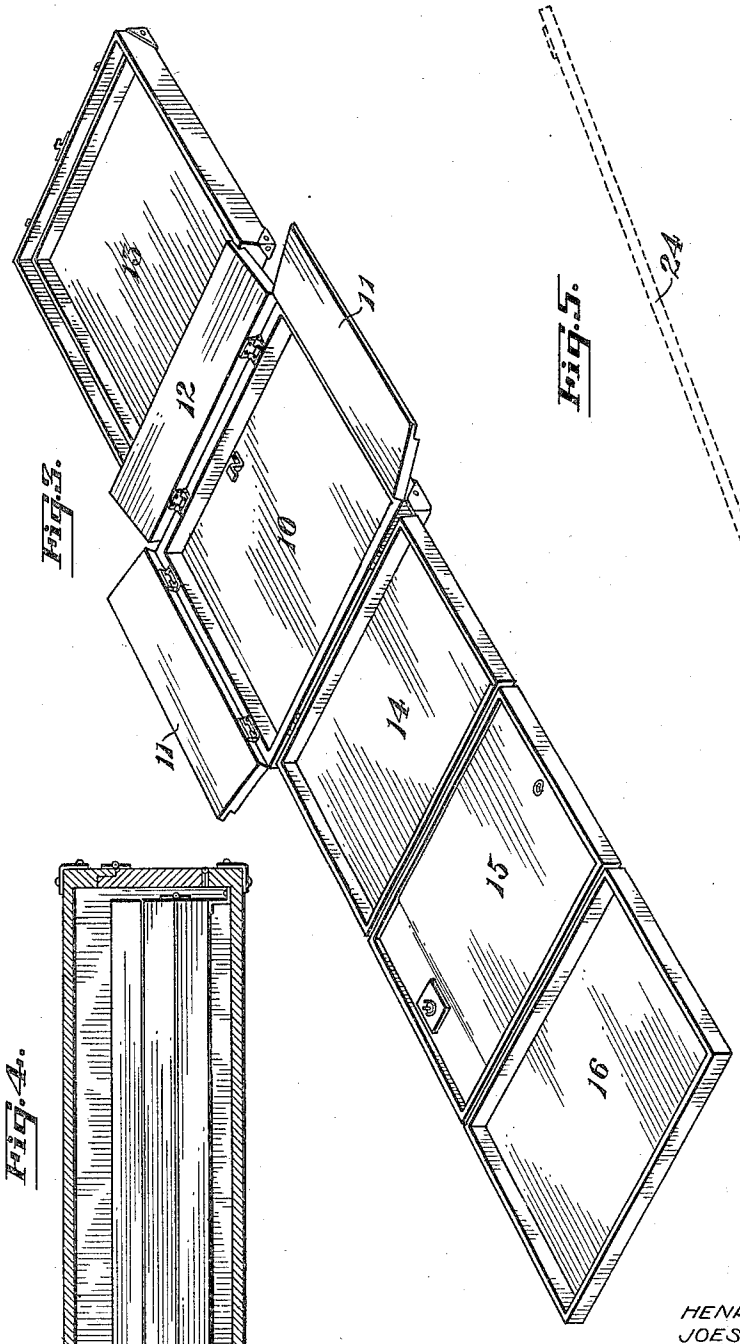


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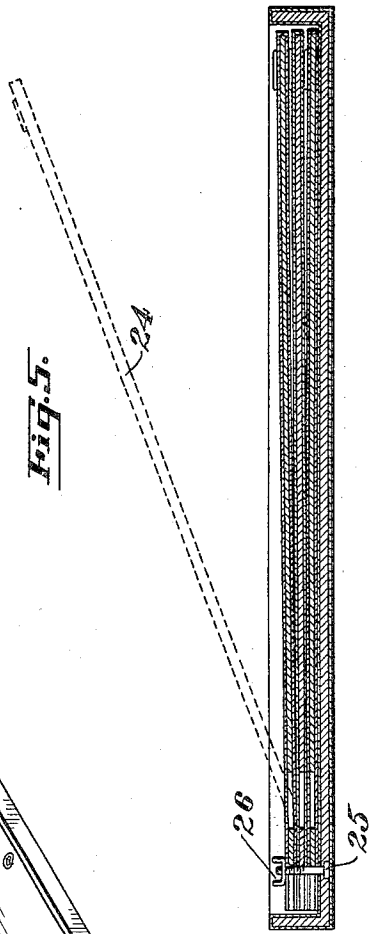


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HENRY J. BORGERDING and JOSEPH F. BORGERDING, citizens of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sample-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to baggage, and more particularly to a trunk or case for carrying and displaying samples or articles of merchandise.

The object is to provide a foldable case to contain a maximum number of display trays or racks within a relatively small compass, and so arrange these trays or racks that the contents thereof will not be disturbed nor disarranged when the case is folded and closed.

One form which our invention may assume is exemplified in the following description and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 shows a perspective view of the folded case,

Fig. 2 shows a perspective view of the same with the lid or cover lifted and the front wall section removed,

Fig. 3 shows a perspective view of the device in open or extended position,

Fig. 4 shows a sectional view of the folded case,

Fig. 5 shows a sectional view of one of the folding sections or trays.

The device may be made up either in the form of a trunk or small hand case. It comprises a bottom wall 10 with end walls 11 hinged thereto and a hinged back wall 12. A top wall 13 is hingedly connected to the back wall 12, and hinged to the bottom wall at the side opposite the wall 12 are three hinged sections, 14, 15 and 16. The inner section 14 is so hinged to the bottom wall as to be foldable face to face therewith, the intermediate section 15 is hinged to the inner section in a manner to permit folding thereof back to back, and the outer section 16 is hinged to the intermediate section so as to fold face to face therewith.

A removable front wall 17 is provided, and this member preferably is fitted with a handle 18. Dowel pins 19 are arranged thereon to enter openings 20 formed in the bottom wall member. The latter also has corner strips 21 beneath which the corners of the member 17 are fitted. Fasteners 22 and a lock 23 are arranged between the front wall member 17 and the top wall member 13.

Each folding section of the case may be fitted with trays or envelops 24 to contain articles of merchandise. These envelops, as shown in Fig. 5, are held in place by a bolt 25 and thumb-screw 26.

The advantage of this case is that it provides a maximum of display space when extended and its sections are so arranged as to be folded into compact form without spilling or disarranging their contents. The hinged end sections 11 and back wall member 12 may also be made to carry samples for display purposes.

The device may be made up of any suitable material and in a variety of shapes and sizes.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. A folding sample case constituting when extended a series of shallow trays lying side by side and extending in a straight line and comprising a bottom member, back and end walls in place thereon, a top member constituting also a tray and hingedly connected to said back wall, a plurality of trays hinged together and foldable one on the other within the case, the innermost tray being hinged to the bottom member along the front edge of the latter, and a front wall removably received in place between the top and bottom members when the latter are folded.

2. The combination set forth in claim 1 including a handle for the front wall and means on the adjacent edges of the top and bottom members for retaining the front wall in place.

3. A folding sample case constituting when extended a series of shallow trays lying side by side in a straight line, and comprising a bottom member carrying a hinged back wall and two hinged end walls, a top member constituting also a tray hingedly connected to the back wall, a plurality of trays hinged together and foldable

one upon the other within the case, the innermost tray being hingedly connected to the bottom member near the forward edge of the latter, and a front wall received between the top and bottom members when the latter are folded.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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