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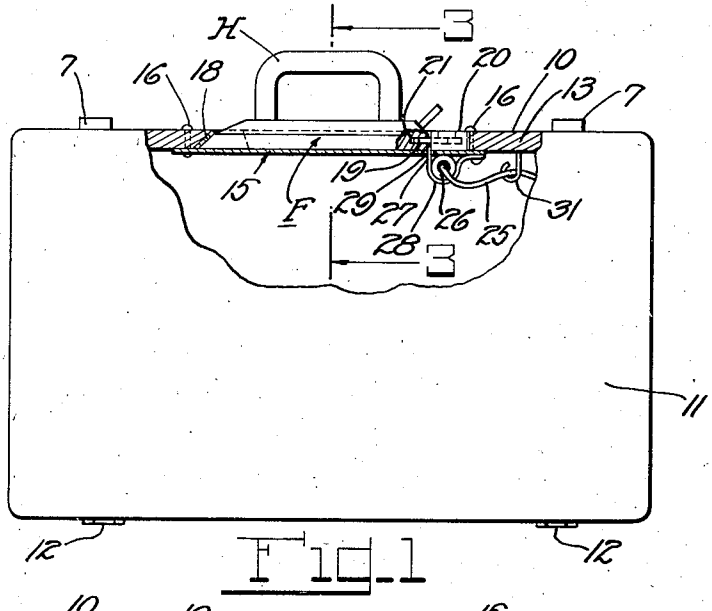


Fig. 1

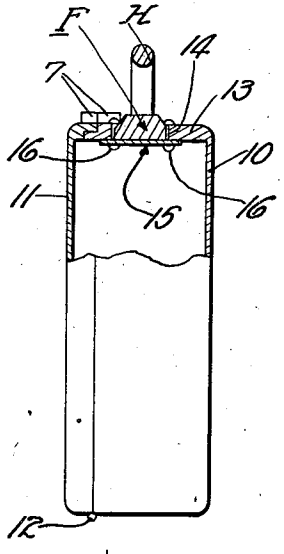


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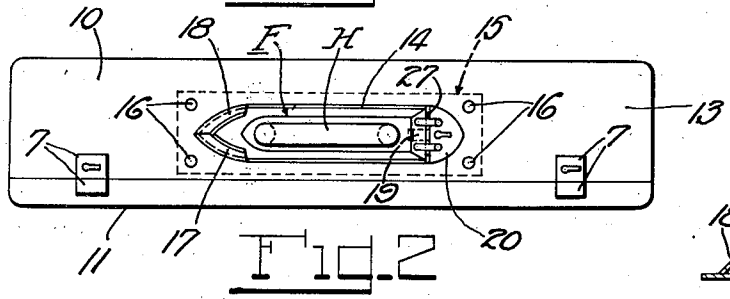


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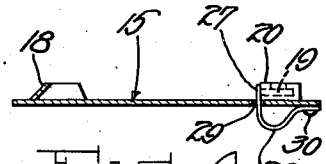


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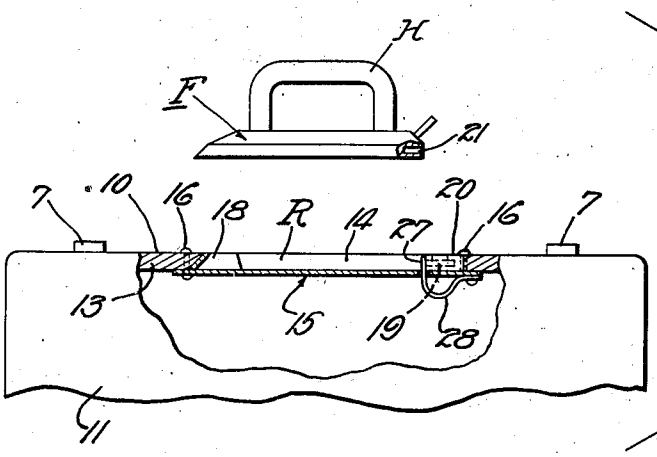


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It has been common practice for a lady traveler to put a small electric flat iron in her suitcase for use in pressing dresses, etc., during her stay at a hotel. A flat iron, even when small, is heavy and difficult to pack in a suitcase so it will not shift its position and damage other articles in the suitcase when the latter is being carried or transported as baggage. If such a traveler forgets to put her travelling iron in her suitcase before leaving her permanent residence, she is inconvenienced during her trip. If she forgets to put the iron in her suitcase before leaving her hotel, the iron may be lost.

The present invention contemplates a suitcase constructed for carrying an electric flat iron during travel in such a manner that each of the above mentioned possible difficulties cannot occur. In accordance with the invention, a suitcase is provided with means whereby a flat iron may be detachably mounted thereon so that the handle of the flat iron serves as the handle means for carrying the suitcase.

The invention will be more clearly understood from the following description in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view, partly in section, of an article embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same;

Fig. 3 is an end elevational view of the same, partly in section, taken upon the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a sectional side elevational view of one of the parts; and

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 1 showing the flat iron detached from its holding receptacle.

One embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing and comprises a suitcase having a body portion 10 and a cover portion 11 hinged together as indicated at 12. The body and cover portions 10 and 11 may be constructed in any conventional manner and may be composed of plywood having a decorative covering upon their inner and outer surfaces. The cover portion 11 may be held in its closed position by conventional locks 7.

The top wall 13 of the body portion 10 is provided with an opening 14 which is closed by a plate 15 secured to the inner surface of the top wall 13 by rivet 16. The plate 15 is provided near one end with inclined flanges 17 and 18 engaging the wall of the opening 14. A lock 20 is secured to the plate 15 near its other end and also fits against the wall of the opening. The lock 20 is provided with the usual movable locking tongue 19. Thus, the flanges 17 and 18 pro-

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vide a slipper toe to embrace the pointed toe end of a flat iron F and which cooperate with the plate 15 and the front wall of the lock 20 to provide a recess or receptacle R into which the flat iron F may fit. When the flat iron is placed in the receptacle R, the tongue 19 of the lock 20 may engage a slot 21 in the flat iron, as shown in Fig. 1, to prevent movement of the flat iron relative to the wall of the suitcase and the handle H of the flat iron may serve as the handle means for carrying the suitcase.

When the parts are thus assembled, a substantial portion of the body of the flat iron is covered or embedded in the receptacle R and the assembled article presents a pleasing appearance. The flat iron does not occupy any space within the suitcase and since it is an essential element of the suitcase, it must always accompany the traveler and cannot be forgotten when the traveler starts on a journey.

Means may be provided for assuring that the usual insulated conductor 25 having the plug 26 may not be forgotten by leaving it at the permanent residence or hotel of the traveler. For this purpose, a movable gate 27 may be provided which normally is positioned in front of the outer end of the locking tongue 19 to prevent movement of the latter to its locking position. The gate 27 may be formed by the free end of a curved leaf spring 28 which projects outwardly through an opening 29 in the plate 15 and is secured at its other end to the inner surface of the plate 15 by a rivet 30. By inserting the plug 26 between the spring 28 and the plate 15, the former is moved so that the gate 27 is positioned out of the path of movement of the tongue 19 so that the latter may be moved to its locking position as shown in Fig. 1. If desired, hooks 31 may be secured to the inner surface of the suitcase for holding the insulated conductor 25.

I claim:

1. A suitcase in which a wall is provided with a recess into which a flat iron may fit, said recess being formed with a slipper toe portion adapted to embrace a portion of the pointed toe end of said iron, and locking means adapted to engage the other end of the iron, said slipper toe portion and said locking means cooperating to prevent movement of the iron relative to said wall whereby the handle of said iron serves as the handle for carrying the suitcase.

2. A suitcase in which a wall is provided with an opening, a rigid plate secured to the inner surface of said wall and providing with said opening a recess into which a flat iron may fit, said plate

having means projecting into said opening forming a slipper toe portion adapted to embrace a portion of the pointed toe end of said iron to prevent its movement relative to said wall, and locking means adapted to engage the other end of the iron to prevent its movement relative to said wall whereby the handle of said iron serves as the handle for carrying the suitcase.

3. A suitcase in which the handle for carrying the suitcase comprises means secured to a wall of the case adapted to provide a receptacle for detachably holding the body of a flat iron whereby the handle of the flat iron serves as the handle for carrying the suitcase, said receptacle comprising a flat member adapted to engage the bottom of the flat iron, and cooperating holding and locking means for preventing movement of the flat iron relative to said wall of the suitcase.

4. A suitcase in which a wall is provided with a recess into which a flat iron may fit, said recess being formed with a slipper toe portion adapted to embrace a portion of the pointed toe end of said iron, locking means adapted to engage the other

end of the iron, said slipper toe portion and said locking means cooperating to prevent movement of the iron relative to said wall whereby the handle of said iron serves as the handle for carrying the suitcase, and movable means normally positioned to render said locking means inoperative and adapted to be moved to a position permitting operation of said locking means.

5. A suitcase in which the handle for carrying the suitcase comprises means secured to a wall of the case adapted to provide a receptacle for detachably holding the body of a flat iron whereby the handle of the flat iron serves as the handle for carrying the suitcase, said receptacle comprising a flat member adapted to engage the bottom of the flat iron, cooperating holding and locking means for preventing movement of the flat iron relative to said wall of the suitcase, and movable means normally positioned to render said locking means inoperative and adapted to be moved to a position permitting operation of said locking means.

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