

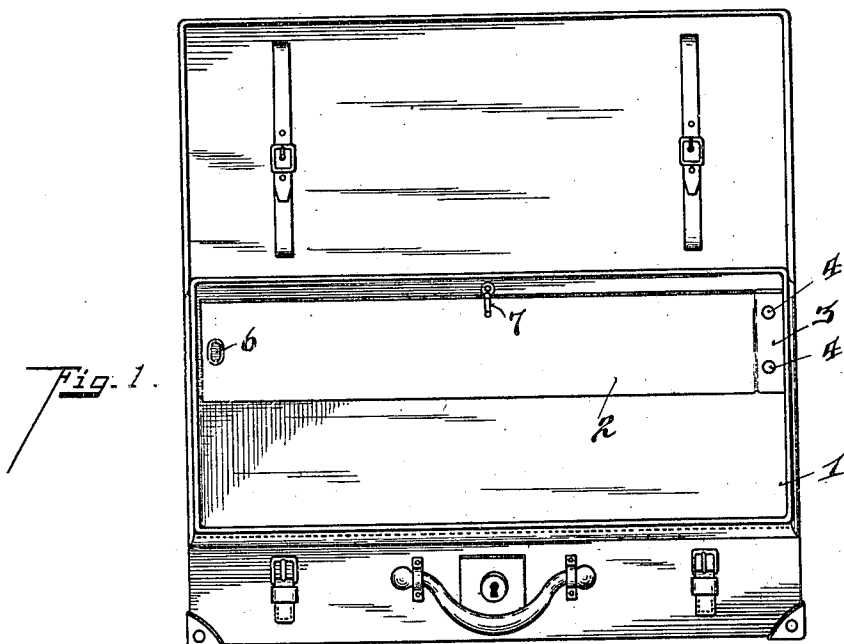
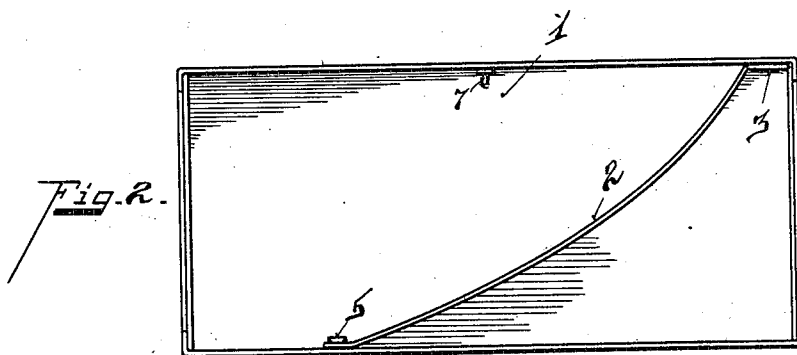
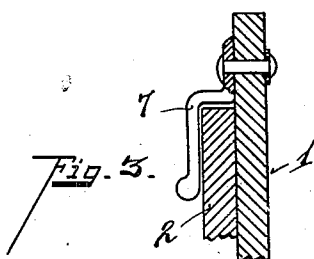
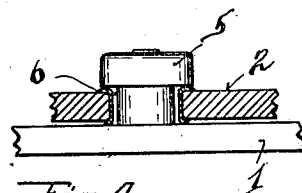
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES PETTIBONE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Suit-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in a suit-case.

10 The object of the invention is to provide a device as a component part of the case by the manipulation of which the case may be divided into compartments suitable for carrying a uniform or chapeau.

15 The features of the invention are more fully set forth in the description of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

20 Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved suit-case with the flexible partition-strip held against one side wall of the case. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the body portion of the case with the partition-strip in its position for use. Fig. 3 is an enlarged section through a portion of the case, strip, and catch. Fig. 4 is an enlarged detailed sectional view, illustrating the locking instrumentalities for maintaining the partition-strip in position for use.

25 30 1 represents the suit-case.

2 represents a flexible partition-strip, having a hinged end 3, secured by staples 4 to one corner of the interior of the case upon one side. Upon the other side of the case and near the opposite end is swiveled an oblong turn-button 5. (See Figs. 2 and 4.) The other end of the strip 2 is provided with an

oblong orifice 6, through which the button 5 may be engaged and then turned, so as to lock the partition-strip substantially diagonal of the case, as shown in Fig. 2. Upon the inside of the case and upon that side to which the strip 2 is hinged is a catch 7. (See Figs. 1 and 3.) When it is desired to use the suit-case as an ordinary traveling-case, the button 5 is manipulated to loosen the free end of the partition-strip 2. The strip is then moved to lie flat against the side of the case, as shown in Fig. 1, and is secured thereto by the catch 7.

50 It will be seen that there are no metallic parts or undesirable obstructions in this device, also that there are no detachable parts liable to be lost, and that when used as a traveling-case the partitioning-strip lies completely out of the way.

Having described my invention, I claim—

In combination with a suit-case, a flexible partition-strip one end of which is permanently hinged to the inside of the case near one end, a fastening device on the other side of the case adapted to engage the free end of the strip, and a second fastening device on the hinge side of the case adapted to engage the partition-strip and hold it flat against the inside wall of the case, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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