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Fig. 1.

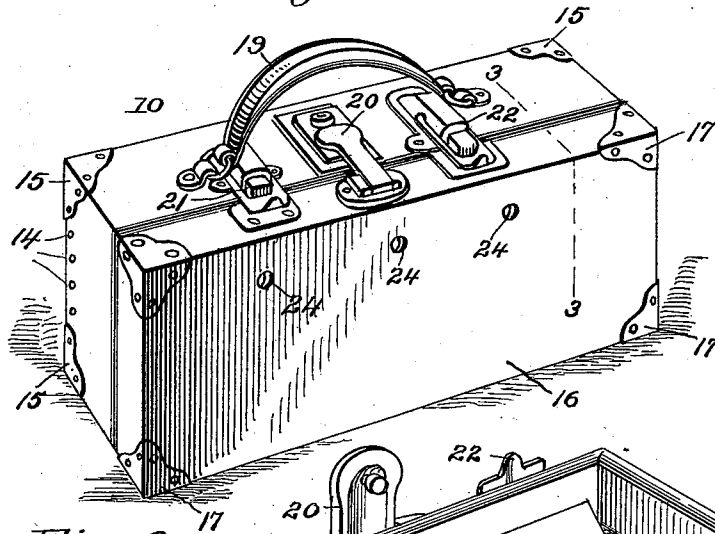


Fig. 2.

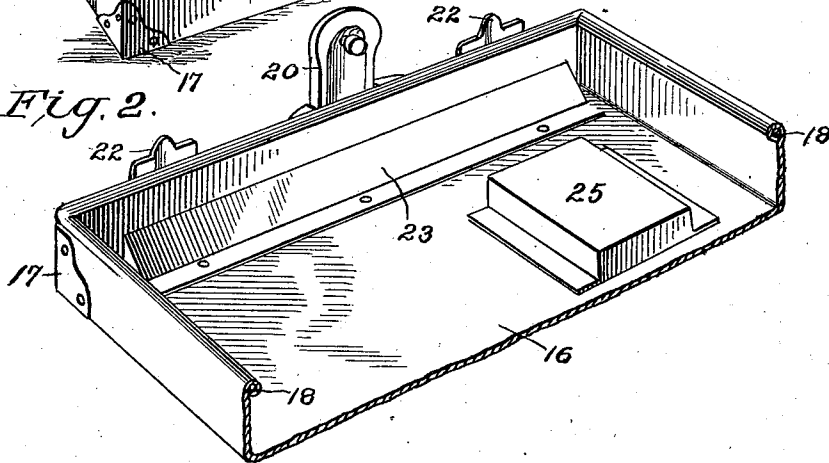
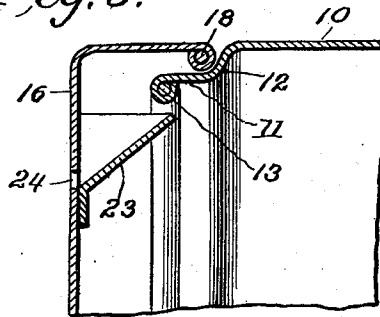


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, WILLIAM H. SELLS and JOHN H. SELLS, citizens of the United States, residing at Oskaloosa, in the county of Mahaska and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Metal Tool-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in metallic boxes, more particularly to boxes arranged in suit case form and designed for use in supporting tools and other bulky material in position for ready access, while at the same time protected from the weather and from unauthorized handling.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character in which provision is made for draining off any moisture or water which may enter through the joints.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereafter shown and described and then specifically pointed out in the claim, and in the drawings illustrative of the preferred embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved device in closed position; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a portion of the cover, from the inside; Fig. 3 is a sectional detail enlarged on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the accompanying drawings by the same reference characters.

The improved device may be constructed of any required size and of any suitable material, but is preferably constructed in suit case form and of sheet metal, preferably galvanized to prevent corrosion.

The body of the box or closure is represented as a whole at 10 with its open side reduced, as shown at 11, whereby a stop shoulder 12 is formed entirely encompassing the body, and preferably with the margin rolled around a strengthening rod, as shown at 13. At its corners the body 10 is preferably secured by riveting, as shown at 14, and with corner supports 15 of the usual form. The cover portion of the improved device is represented as a whole at 16 and hingedly united at one edge to the body, the hinges not being shown as their position and construction is so well known.

The cover 16 is also provided at the corners with strengthening members 17 of the usual form. The margin of the cover 16 is preferably rolled around a rod 18, similar to the rod 13 of the body, and arranged to bear upon the shoulder 12 when the receptacle is closed. The improved device is also provided with a suitable handle 19, lock 20, and fastening devices 21—22 of the kind usually employed upon trunks and suit cases.

Connected to the inner face of the cover 16 is a trough shaped plate 23 which extends beneath the rolled margin 13 of the body when the cover is closed, as shown in Fig. 3, while the cover 16 is provided with a plurality of orifices 24 communicating with the space inclosed by the trough plate. By this arrangement it will be obvious, by reference to Fig. 3, that any water or moisture which may enter between the cover and the body of the receptacle will be drained off and prevented from passing into the interior of the box. This is an important feature of the improved device and renders the receptacle moisture and water proof, and amply protects the contents when the receptacle is exposed to the elements.

The improved device is designed more particularly for the use of railway engineers and firemen and other mechanics who are required to carry a supply of tools in convenient position for ready access. The improved device thus provides means for carrying such tools not only in convenient position for ready use, but also in position to be protected from surreptitious access, and at the same time protected from the weather, no matter how much the receptacle may be exposed.

The improved closure may be constructed of any required size to adapt it to the uses for which it may be employed.

The interior of the body may be divided by partitions if required and extra receptacles inserted, and the cover may also be provided with suitable pockets for carrying various articles, such as time tables, train orders, and other papers, one of these pockets being indicated at 25.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new is:—

A metallic closure including a body having an encompassing shoulder, a cover mov-

ably connected to the body and bearing over  
said shoulder, and a drainage plate connect-  
ed to said closure and extending beneath the  
adjacent margin of the body, said cover  
5 having a plurality of orifices communicat-  
ing with the space inclosed by said drainage  
plate.

In testimony whereof, we affix our signa-  
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