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MAIL CASE.

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FIG. 1.

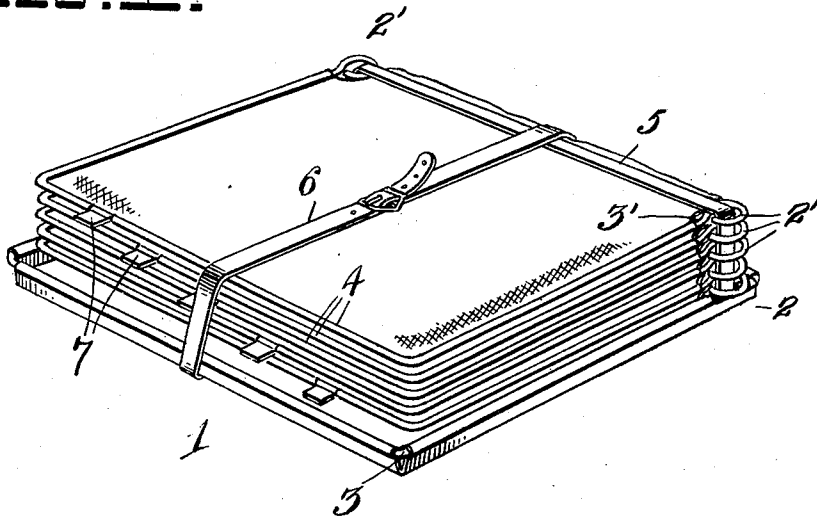
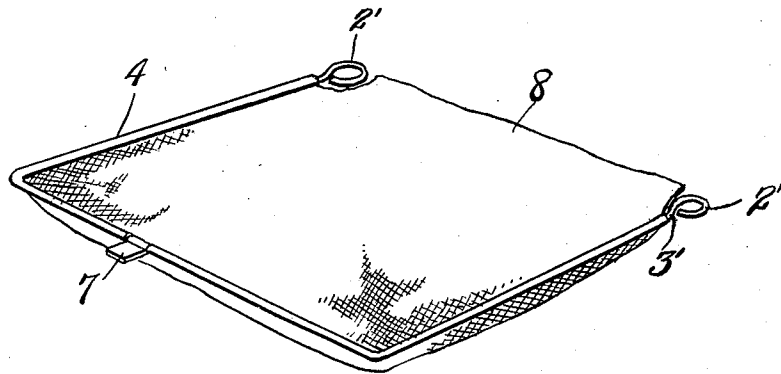


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known, that I, MELVIN N. DUNHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dunkirk, in the county of Chouteau and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mail-Cases, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to mail cases, or cases for carrying magazines, papers and the like, and has for its object to provide a case whereby it will be possible to have the mail, papers or magazines easily accessible for delivery.

15 Another object of this invention is to provide such a case that will be comparatively light in weight and cheap to manufacture.

20 A further object of the invention is to provide indicating means whereby the mail matter or the like, for any particular party, can be easily found.

Other objects of this invention will become apparent as it is more fully set forth.

25 In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate by way of example, an embodiment of this invention, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a carrier or mail casing, embodying this invention; Fig. 2 is a detail of a tray for the mail case.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the drawings.

30 In the appended drawings, 1 represents a main tray of a mail case which is provided with openings 2 at two corners of the tray between the framework 3 and the casing. The framework 3 is preferably of wire and has the casing of some light metal itself mounted on it.

40 A number of trays 4, of slightly less area than the main tray 1, are provided, so that they can be mounted and disposed on the first tray. They are provided with rings 2' which are arranged to be positioned directly over the slots 2 of the main tray 1. In like manner, these minor trays are provided with a framework 3', and a covering of cloth material, but the cloth material of these trays is arranged with a surplus or loose amount 8, as is clearly shown in the drawings on the side of the tray which has the rings 2' at its corners. In order to hold the trays securely together, a rope or strap 5 is passed through the slots 2 and rings 2' and the same is drawn tightly in order

to clamp the papers or the like, within the trays, firmly in position. Another strap 6 is provided which is disposed at right angles to the first in order to clamp the trays crosswise and prevent the papers or mail material from falling out of them.

7 are tags or indicating marks for use in indicating to which person or party the contents, between any two trays, belong. I preferably arrange the tags 7 in any suitable manner, but particularly prefer those methods which are used in file cases and the like, in order to make the identifying of each tray and its contents comparatively easy.

70 The main tray 1 is preferably of a somewhat pan-shape in order to have the smaller trays mounted on it recessed into it when the same are closed together.

Obviously while I intend this casing for comparatively large work, such as that necessitated in work in the transportation of papers and magazines, it is anticipated that a similar device can be used for holding smaller packages, such as letters and the like, and I do not wish to be limited in any way, otherwise than required by the prior art, as many modifications in the construction of this invention can be made, without departing from the principles thereof.

85 This invention has many advantages, principally because of its light construction, and compactness and because it holds the papers, magazines, letters and the like firmly and securely, and reduces their likelihood of being lost to a minimum; at the same time, the contents of each of the trays can be quickly identified and removed. The extra pieces of material, which extend from the smaller trays on the ring sides, cover up and protect the interior of the trays from dust and rain. As each tray is distinct from each of the others, any of them can be easily removed, should there be too many, or if any of them should be damaged in any way.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. A mail case comprising in combination a main tray having a framework having its body portion of metallic material, a plurality of trays arranged to be disposed within said main tray and having corner rings arranged to be disposed over the rings of said main tray, indicating tags mounted on

the edges of said trays, and means for holding said trays together and arranged to pass through said rings.

2. A mail case comprising in combination
5 a main tray having a four-sided wire frame, and a metallic body, a plurality of cloth sub-trays disposed on said main tray, said trays having a three-sided wire frame having rings on the ends thereof, said rings being
10 arranged to be disposed over one another, indicating means on one of the sides of said trays, and a strap or the like arranged to be disposed in said rings and adapted to close said trays together.

15 3. A mail case comprising in combination

a main tray having a wire framework and a metallic body secured to said framework, a plurality of cloth sub-trays having wire frameworks having the rings on the ends thereof, flexible bodies on said frameworks, 20 a plurality of tags on said frameworks, and a strap for connecting said rings together and holding said trays securely in position.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses. 25

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