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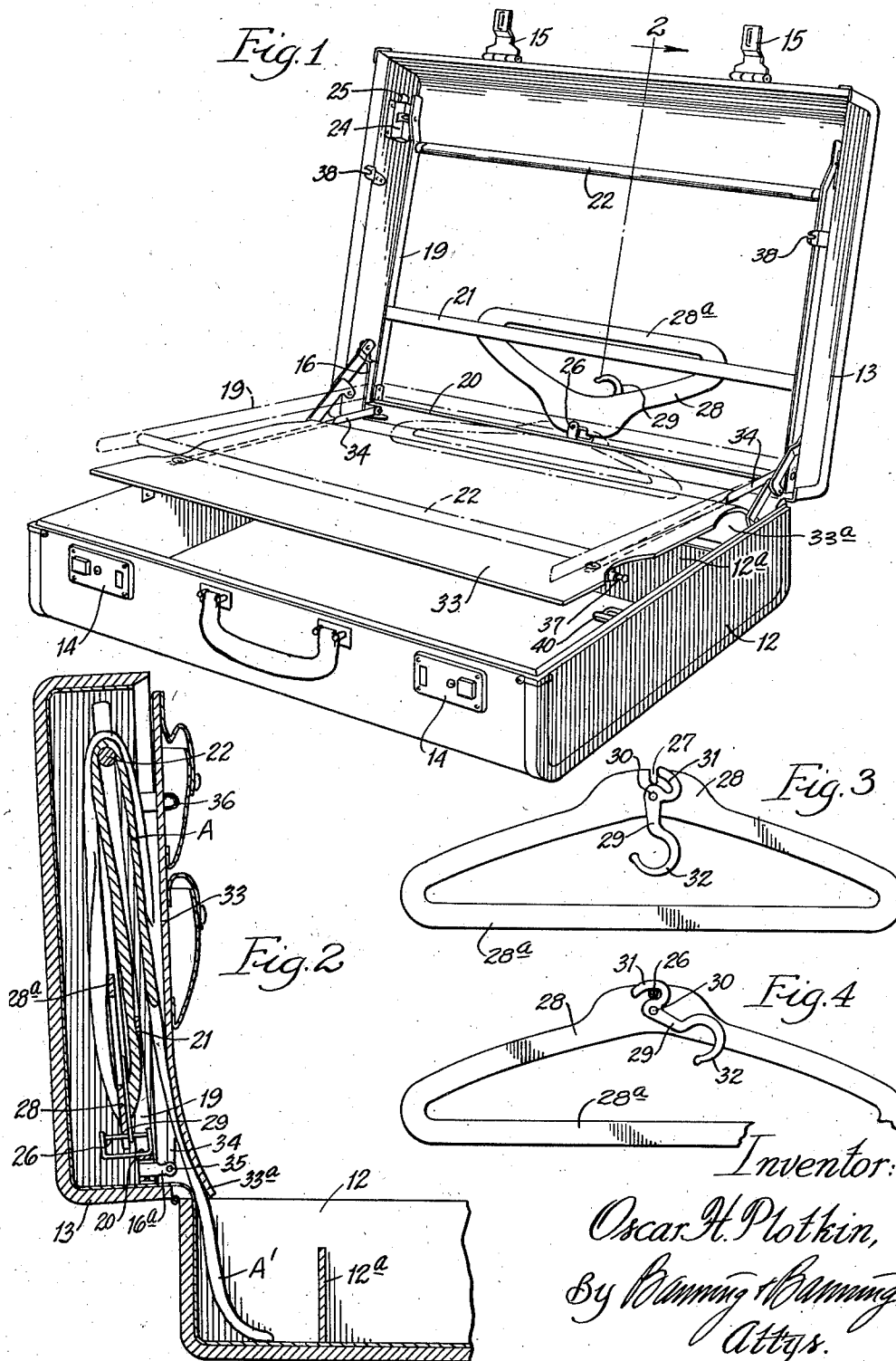
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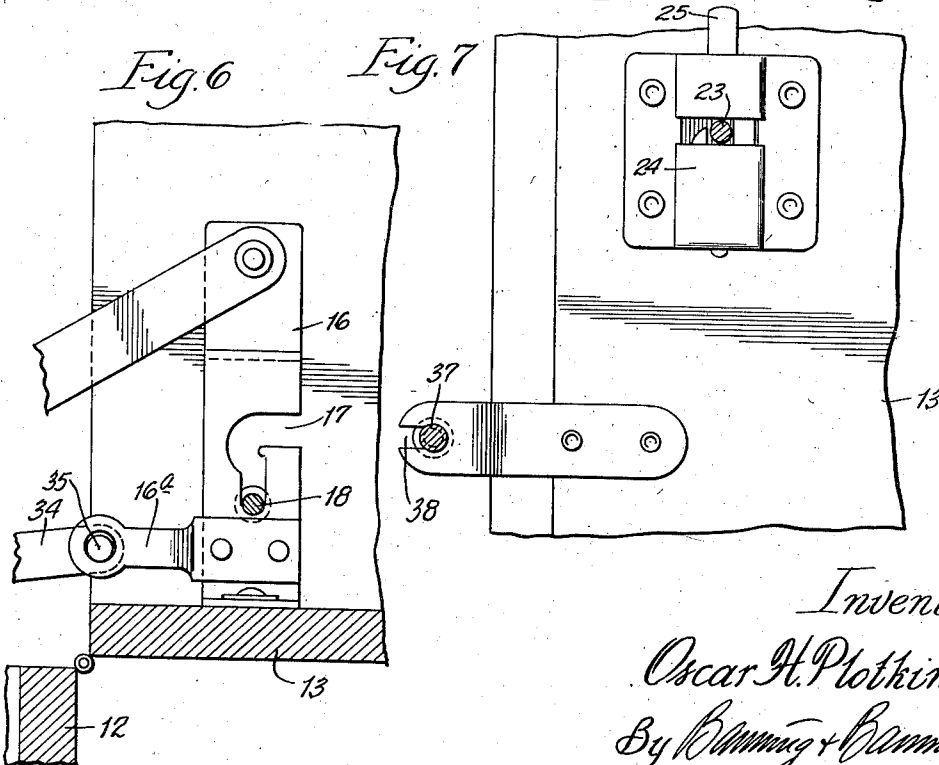
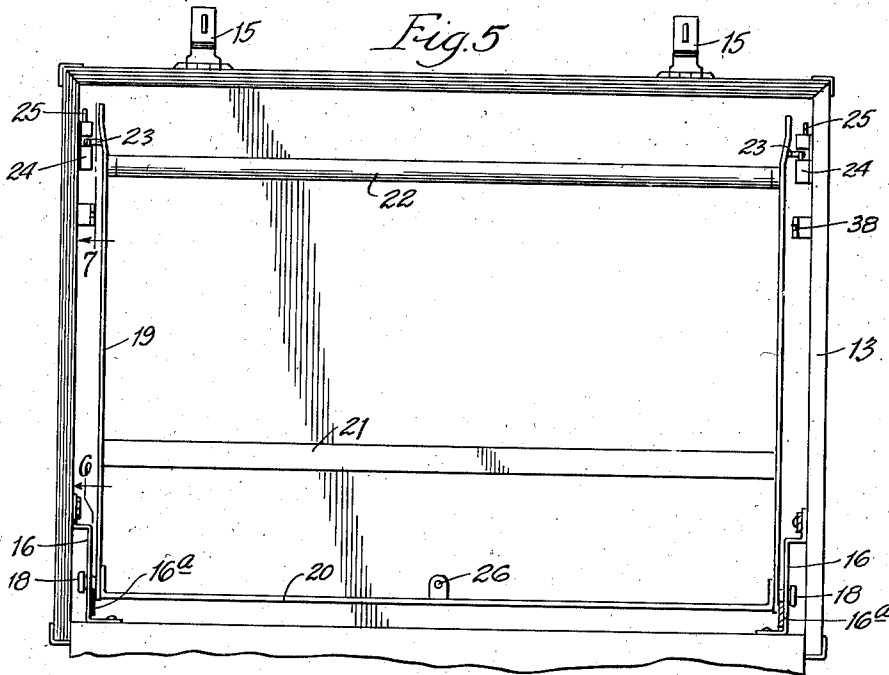
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Fig. 8

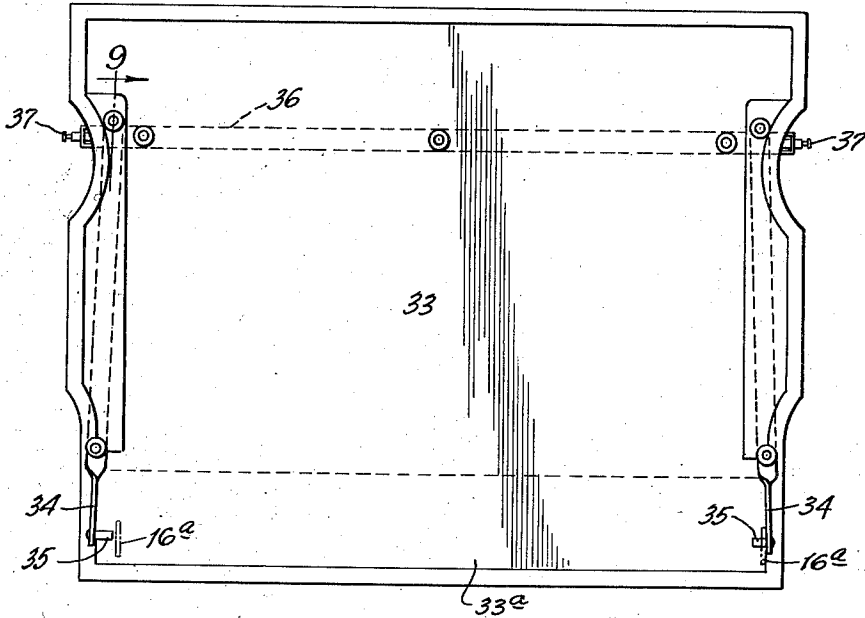


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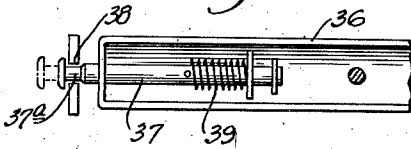


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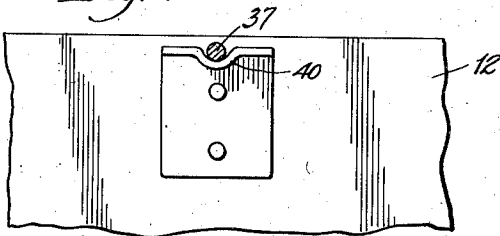
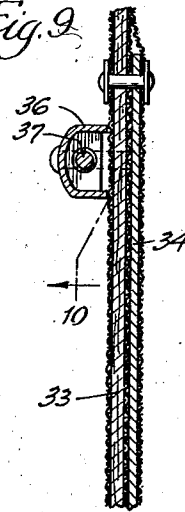


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This invention relates to hand luggage and particularly to certain improvements in a suit case having a frame for holding one or more suits of clothes or top coats.

Another object is to provide a ready means for partitioning off that portion of the case which contains the frame from the remainder of the case, at the same time providing space for the lower ends of the top coats when folded.

These and other objects, as will hereinafter appear, are accomplished by this invention which is fully described in the following specification and shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an open suit case embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged partial section on line 2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of a coat hanger shown in the unlocked position;

Fig. 4 is the same in the locked position;

Fig. 5 is a front elevation of the inside of the lid;

Figs. 6 and 7 are enlarged partial views on lines 6 and 7 respectively of Fig. 5;

Fig. 8 is an enlarged front elevation of a partition;

Fig. 9 is a partial enlarged section on line 9 of Fig. 8;

Fig. 10 is a view on line 10 of Fig. 9; and

Fig. 11 is an enlarged elevation of a stop for the partition.

The embodiment illustrated comprises a suit case having a body 12 and a lid 13 hingedly connected and adapted to be locked by means of clasps 14, 15 in a well known manner. Within each side of the lid is secured a bracket 16 (Fig. 6) which has a raised portion wherein is located a bayonet slot 17 or the like. Each slot is adapted to receive a pivot pin 18 carried at each lower corner of a metal frame composed of members 19, 20, 21 riveted or welded together, and having a bar 22 preferably of wood at the upper side. At the upper corners are located pins 23 which are adapted to engage and be held by snap locks 24 (Fig. 7) which have levers 25 by means of which they may be released. When the pins 18 are placed in the slots 17, the frame may be swung downwardly from a position within the lid wherein it may be releasably secured when the pins 23 are fitted into the locks 24.

The member 20 has a rod 26 which extends transversely thereto and is adapted to lie in a notch 27 of a coat hanger 28 (Figs. 3 and 4). The coat hanger has an element 29 hingedly

secured thereto at 30, the element having a hook 31 at one end and a hook 32 at the other. In the position shown in Fig. 3, the hook 31 is drawn back to uncover the notch 27 so that the coat hanger can be placed over the rod 26, after which the element 29 is moved so as to cause the hook portion 31 to close the entrance to the notch, thereby preventing the coat hanger from being removed from the rod, as shown in Fig. 4. When the coat hanger is removed from the suit case a coat may be placed thereon and hung up by means of the hook 31 which is then rotated to a position 180° from that shown in Fig. 3.

With the frame in the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, a suit of clothes, consisting of a coat and vest, may be hung over the hanger 28, and, in addition, trousers may be folded over the bar 28^a, after which the hanger is secured to the rod 26 by means of the hook 31. In this position the clothes lie smoothly over the bar 22.

A second suit or a top coat may now be placed on a second hanger and inserted in the case in the same way. The user then lifts the frame so as to fold all of the garments smoothly over the bar 22 and carries the frame with the clothes thereon into the position shown in Fig. 2. The garments A then lie smoothly over the bar 22, the lower portions of the garments A' extending into the bottom of the case body 12. A partition 12^a provides space for these overhanging ends so that they will not be crushed and wrinkled by other articles in the suit case.

I have also provided a partition 33 which is preferably sufficiently rigid to be self-supporting and which has flexible supports 34, one at each lower corner, each of which carries a pin 35 (Fig. 6) which engages an opening in a bracket member 16^a secured to the bracket 16. Both the frame and this partition may be released from the brackets and removed from the suit case. The partition is provided with a cross brace 36, at each end of which is a spring-pressed pin 37 (Fig. 10) adapted to engage a slot 38 which has a narrow opening adapted to permit the passage of the hooked-in portion 37^a of the pin, but which will not permit the main body of the pin 37 to pass. Thus on inserting or withdrawing the pin it must be pressed into the full line position shown in Fig. 10, after which a spring 39 returns it to the dotted line position in which it is locked.

When the partition is laid back, the pins 37 on each side rest on a stop 40. The partition 33 is provided at the bottom with a flap 33^a which

is sufficiently flexible to permit the lower portions of the garments to pass thereunder, as shown in Fig. 2. I thus provide a very simple and efficient form of suit case which enables the user to pack two men's suits or a suit and a top coat, or two top coats, all without wrinkling the same. In unpacking, the partition is released and folded back to the position shown in Fig. 2, after which the frame is released and folded back to the dotted line position of Fig. 2. The hook of each hanger is then withdrawn, after which the hanger may be removed with the garments still thereon, ready to be hung on a suitable hook or bar.

In the claims the terms "top" and "bottom" are used to describe corresponding parts in the lid of the suit case, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. These same terms are also used to describe similar portions of the partition.

I claim:

1. In a suit case having a body and a hinged lid, a frame hingedly and releasably mounted within the lid and near the bottom thereof, and said mounting comprising a fitting on said lid having a bayonet slot and a pin on said frame releasably received within the slot, fastening means near the top of the lid for releasably holding the frame in place therein and including means for preventing movement of said frame and its pin relative to the slot in said fitting.

2. In a suit case having a body and a lid hinged to one edge of the body, a clothes supporting frame, laterally spaced means secured within the lid adjacent its hinge connection with the body and also adjacent the remote end of said lid for positively supporting opposite ends of said frame wholly within said lid for swinging movement therewith, opposite ends of said frame and said laterally spaced means having interengaging and releasable pivotal supporting means for the frame within the lid, a relatively rigid panel-like partition member, means at each side of said lid pivotally securing said partition to the lid adjacent the hinged connection between the lid and body and outside of said frame for swinging

movement therewith or independently thereof, and interengaging means on said partition and lid for securing said partition within said lid over said frame.

3. In a suit case having a body and a hinged lid, a frame hingedly and releasably mounted within said lid and near the bottom thereof, means for releasably holding the frame in place within said lid, a partition having a relatively flexible lower portion, a partition reinforcing and supporting means extending parallel to each side of the lid and pivotally secured to the lid adjacent the frame and the hinged connection between the lid and body, said means being connected to the partition at points materially above its lower ends and the lower edge of the partition whereby to leave the lower edge portion free which is yieldable between said means to permit clothes folded on the frame to pass between the lid and partition into the body of the case, and a compartment in the bottom of the body to receive the ends of said clothes.

4. In a suit case having a body and a hinged lid, supporting means mounted within the lid near the bottom thereof, a frame hingedly and releasably mounted on said means, interengaging means near the top of the lid for pivotally and releasably holding the frame in place therein, a relatively rigid panel-like partition having reinforcing members extending along opposite sides thereof and secured thereto, means pivotally securing parallel end portions of said members to said lid outside the frame and adjacent the hinged connection between the lid and body, said partition having a relatively flexible lower end portion extending between the parallel end portions of said reinforcing members and beyond said pivotal connecting means, a reinforcing bar extending across said partition and beyond the sides thereof near its upper end, said bar being secured adjacent its ends to said reinforcing members, and means on said lid for releasably receiving and holding the outer end portions of said bar.

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