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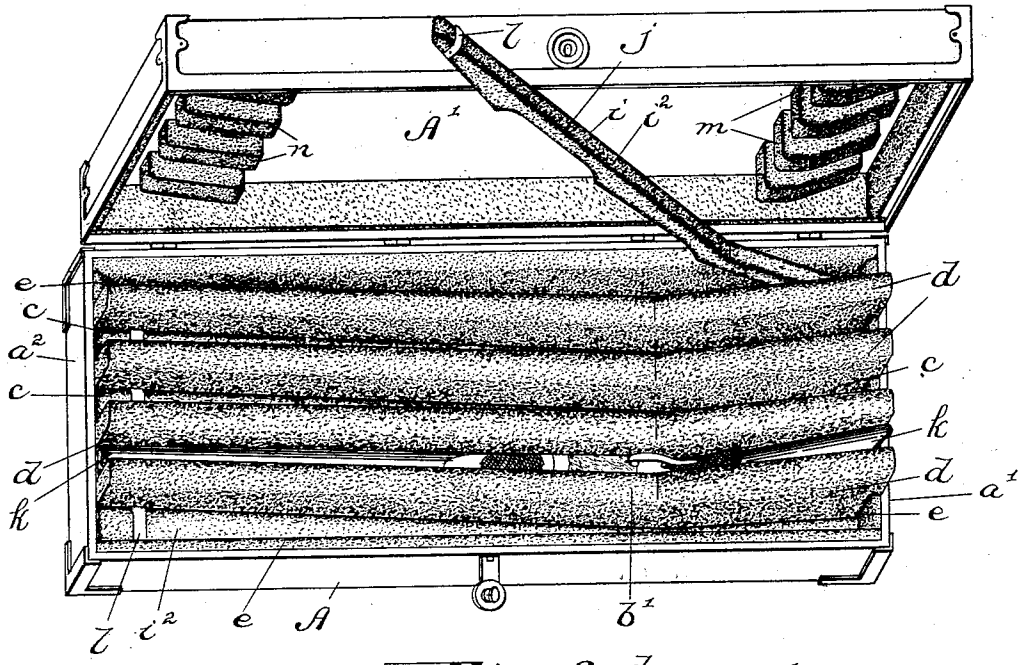
Fig. 1.



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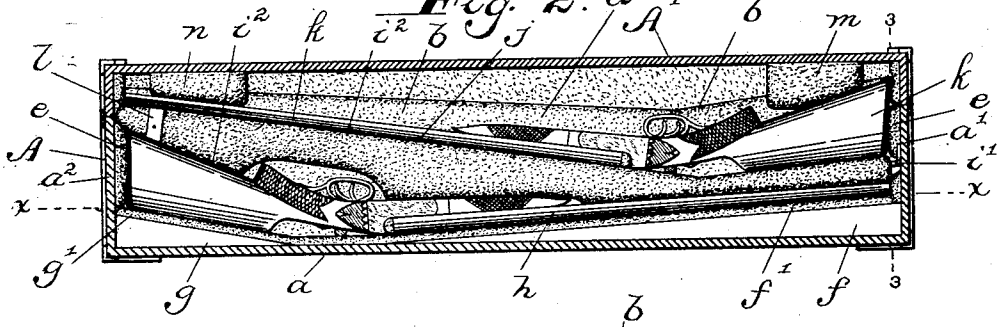

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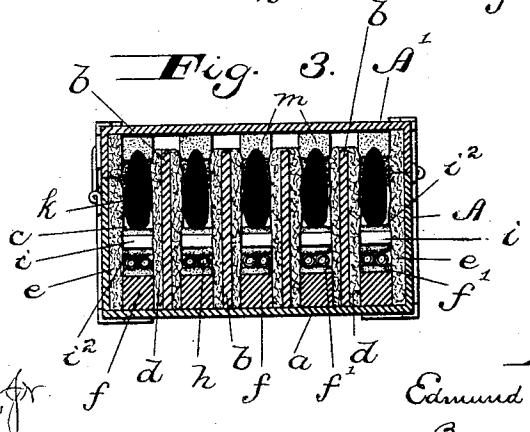

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDMUND M. CRENSHAW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cases for Carrying Firearms, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in cases for carrying firearms.

Some of the objects, therefore, of my invention are to provide a case of such construction that guns and analogous articles can be shipped without injury, that an inspection of any of the guns may readily be made, that the parts are all attached to the case and can not be mislaid or lost, also to provide a construction that will enable the case to be quickly packed and at the same time prevents careless packing.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 illustrates a perspective view of a case constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 illustrates a longitudinal sectional view of same, and Fig. 3 illustrates a cross-section of the case on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

The case or box portion A of the case may be of any durable construction and is provided with a top A'. The case portion A of the case is provided with a plurality of vertical partition-walls *b*, which in the present instance extend lengthwise of case, preferably from one end to the other, and form compartments *c*. These partitions, however, need not extend the entire length of the case, but may only extend a portion of the way, and the invention is not to be limited in this respect. Each of the partition-walls *b* are provided with padding *d* of suitable material, so as to act as a cushion and also to prevent scratching the guns when the latter contact with said partitions. The ends and side walls of the case are also provided with padding *e*, which serve the same purpose as the pads *d*.

The bottom *a* of the case in each of the compartments *c* is provided with inclined wedge-shaped blocks *f*, which incline downwardly from the end wall *a'* toward the opposite end of the case. Each of these wedge-shaped blocks is provided with pads *f'* on its upper inclined surface. At the opposite end a^2 the bottom of the case in each of the compartments is provided with inclined blocks *g*, which incline in a reverse direction from the block *f*. Each of these blocks *g* is also provided with pads *g'*.

By reference to Fig. 2 it will be seen that the inclination of the blocks *f* and *g* is such that the barrel of the gun *h* will bear on the pad *f'*, while the stock of said gun will bear on the pad *g'*, and the gun is thereby supported at both ends. It will also be seen that the inclination of said barrel when in position in the case is such that the end of the barrel and the lowermost point on the end of the stock are practically on a horizontal line, as shown by the broken line *x x*. Another advantage arising from the use of two inclined blocks is the saving in space. If the gun were packed so that the barrel would lie in a horizontal position or parallel with the bottom *a* of the case, the stock end of the gun would be raised and the case would have to have a greater depth in order to carry two rows or tiers of guns.

A bar *i* has position in the case in each compartment, and said bars are secured to the end wall *a'* of the case by a hinge *i'*, so that they may be raised from one end, as shown in Fig. 1. Each of these bars is secured to the end wall above the barrel of the gun *h*, and the upper and lower surfaces of each of said bars is provided with a pad i^2, the pad on the lower side of said bar pressing on top of the gun *h* and holding the latter down in place in said compartment. The bottom side of each of said bars *i* is shaped to fit the inclination of the barrel and stock of the gun beneath it, and the upper side of each bar is inclined from each end downwardly, a long incline *j*, on which the barrel of a gun *k* rests, and a shorter incline on which the stock of said gun rests. It will thus be seen that each compartment *c* is to contain two guns, one above the other, and each gun separated from the other by the bar *i*. The bars *i* at their free ends are each provided in the present instance with a loop or strap *l*, which may be caught by the fingers in order to raise the bars to get access to the lower gun *h*.

It will be readily understood that all the lower guns *h* are packed with their barrels pointing in the same direction, while the upper guns *k* are all packed with the barrels pointing in the opposite direction. This, however, is not material, as the compartments can readily be made so that the guns may be packed with the barrels pointing in alternate directions and the bars *i* hinged at one end of one compartment and at the opposite end in the next compartment. The top A′ of the case is provided at each end with a series of inclined padded blocks *m* and *n*, the blocks *m* when the lid is down pressing on the stocks of the guns *k* and the blocks *n* pressing on the barrels of said guns, thereby holding the said guns firmly down in position on top of the bars *i*. The upper edges *b*′ of each of the partitions are cut away merely for the purpose of reducing the weight of the case.

To pack the case, the bars *i* are all thrown up and the lower guns *h* all placed in their respective compartments with their barrels all pointing toward the end wall *a*′. The bar of each compartment is then swung down on top of the gun below it to hold the latter in place, and then the upper row of guns *k* are placed in the several compartments with their barrels pointing toward the end wall a^2. To complete the packing operation, it only remains for the lid to be closed down, whereupon the blocks *m* and *n* will register one with each compartment and press on the stocks and barrels of the guns *k* beneath them and hold them in place. The case is then packed and ready for shipping. By this arrangement it will be seen that no part of the case can be left out and the guns cannot be carelessly packed.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A case having a bottom provided with a plurality of inclined supports arranged in pairs, one support of each pair being inclined in one direction while the other support of the same pair is inclined in a reverse direction, and a bar extending in a lengthwise direction above each pair of said reversely-inclined supports.

2. A case having a plurality of parallel vertical partitions forming a series of compartments; reversely-inclined supports in the bottom of each of said compartments between each two vertical partitions, and a movable longitudinal bar in each compartment between each two vertical partitions whereby to form an upper and lower section in each compartment.

3. A case having a plurality of reversely-inclined supports arranged in pairs; a parallel longitudinal bar above each pair of said inclined supports and spaced from the latter to form upper and lower sections, the bottom surface of each end of said bars being inclined in a direction parallel with the inclined support beneath it, and means for separating one bar from the other.

4. A case having a plurality of vertical partitions forming a series of parallel compartments; an inclined support in the bottom of each compartment at opposite ends, the support at one end of each compartment being inclined in a direction reverse to the support in the same compartment at the opposite end, and a pivoted longitudinal bar in each of said compartments above the said reversely-inclined supports.

5. A case, the bottom of which is provided with a plurality of inclined supports; a plurality of parallel bars one above each of said supports and a top having a plurality of blocks which when the top is closed will take over said supports and bars.

6. A case having a plurality of compartments; inclined bottom supports in each compartment; a longitudinal bar in each compartment and a top having a plurality of blocks each of which when the top is closed will register with one of said compartments.

7. A case having a plurality of partitions; a longitudinal bar between each two partitions and hinged at one end; inclined supports in said case beneath each of said bars; a top, and a plurality of blocks secured to said top and adapted to take between the partitions in the case when the top is closed.

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

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