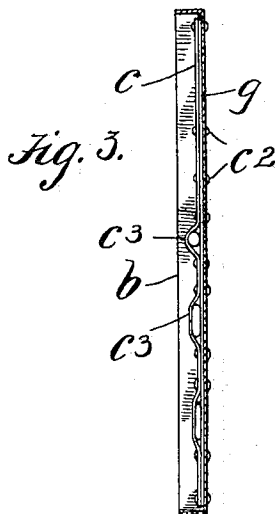
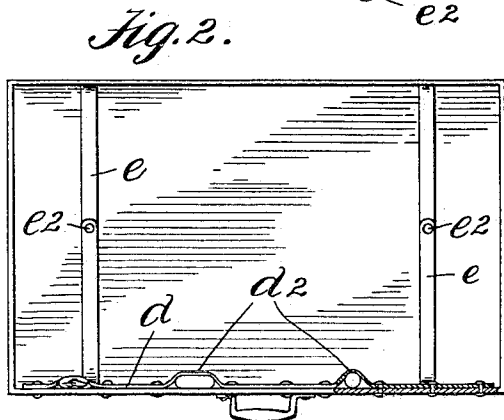
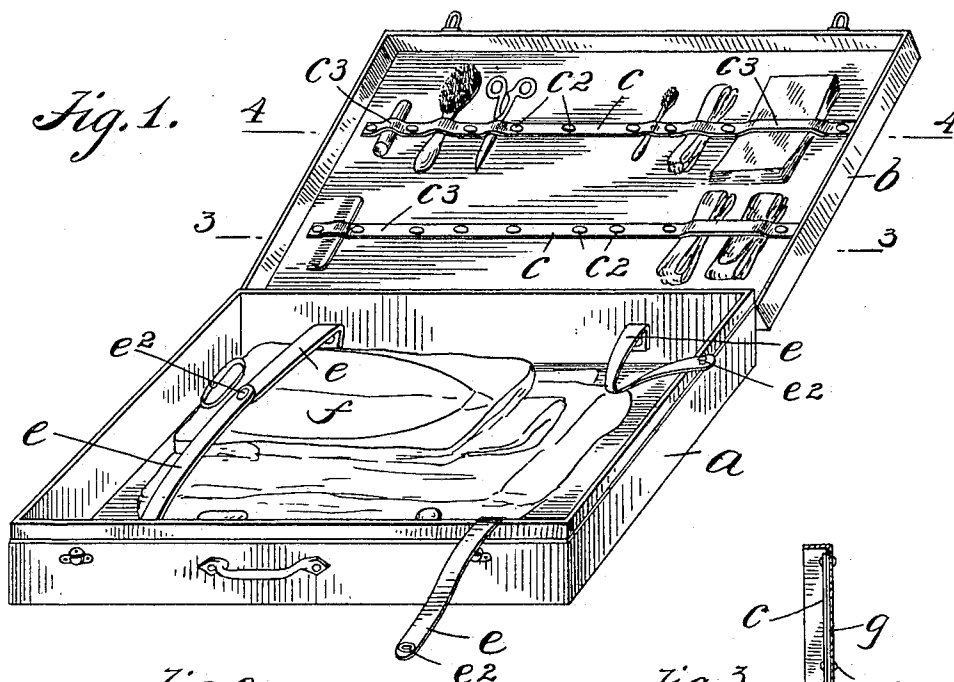


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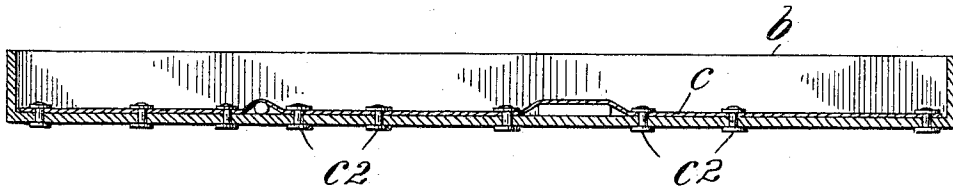


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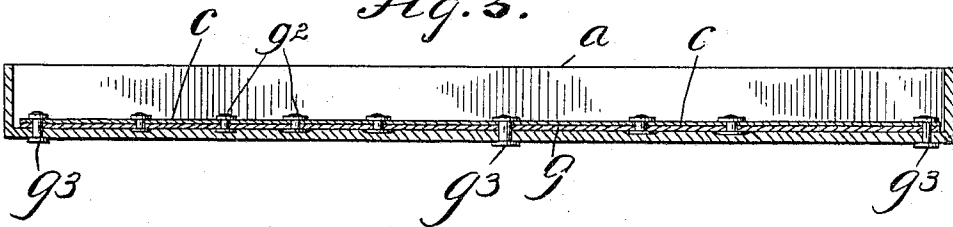
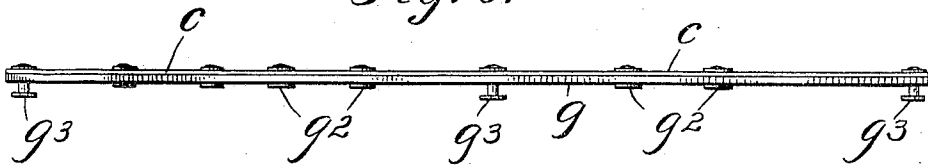


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN M. GORDON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress-Suit Cases, Hand-Bags, and Similar Articles, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved dress-suit case, hand-bag, traveling-trunk, or similar device with improved supports or holders for various toilet articles, bottles, shaving outfit, gloves, papers, and other articles in such a manner that the said articles may be placed in position and will be held in position at all times and under all circumstances and be ready for use and easily got at and removed whenever the bag or other article is opened.

In the drawings forming part of this specification I have shown my improvement applied to an ordinary dress-suit case, and the invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a dress-suit case open and provided with my improvement; Fig. 2, a plan view of the body portion thereof, part of the construction being broken away; Fig. 3, a section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1 and showing a slight modification; Fig. 4, a section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1 with certain parts removed and others shown in position; Fig. 5, a view similar to Fig. 3, showing a modification; and Fig. 6, a view of parts of the construction which I employ removed from the case.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, reference being made to Fig. 1, I have shown an ordinary dress-suit case comprising a body portion *a* and hinged member *b*, which is adapted in the usual manner and when closed to form a covering or closure for

the part *a*, and these parts are all of the usual form and construction.

The hinged part or member *b* in the form of construction shown in Figs. 1 and 4 is provided with straps *c*, which are secured therein longitudinally thereof by means of rivets *c'*, and these straps are composed of elastic material and the rivets *c'* are so spaced as to form intervening pockets or loops *c''* under or in which may be placed various toilet articles—such as brushes, combs, neckties, gloves, paper, and other articles—as shown in Fig. 1. The straps *c*, being provided of elastic material, securely hold the said articles in place, and this is true no matter in what position the case be placed or in what manner it is used.

One part of the body portion *a* of the case is also provided with a strap *d* similar to the straps *c* and secured in position in the same manner, and in this way the said part of the body portion *a* of the case is also provided with pockets or loops *d''*, into which bottles, brushes, or other articles may be inserted, as shown in Fig. 3.

For the ordinary transverse straps which are usually secured in the body portion of a case of this class, said straps being provided with buckles, I substitute straps *e*, which are secured in position in the usual manner, and these straps are also composed of elastic material and are provided at their ends with fastening devices *e'* similar to ordinary glove-fasteners, and by means of this construction I avoid the use of buckles and provide means whereby various garments—such as shirts, underclothing, and the like—may be securely held in the body portion *a* of the case by means of the elastic straps *e*, as shown at *f* in Fig. 1.

In Figs. 5 and 6 I have shown a modification in which the elastic straps *c* are shown connected with the strip *g* of steel, brass, or other suitable material by means of rivets *g'*, and in practice the said strip *g* of steel, brass, or other material may be secured at the ends thereof and at the middle, if desired, to the various parts of the dress-suit case by means of rivets or similar devices *g'*. In Figs. 5

and 6 I have shown three of the rivets or similar fastening devices g^3 ; but two will be sufficient, and these two may be placed at the ends of the strips g , and by means of this construction I avoid attaching the elastic straps to the material of the case at a great number of points.

It will be apparent that my improvement may be applied to almost any kind of hand-bags, satchels, valises, or similar receptacles and may also be applied to various kinds and classes of trunks, and by means thereof all kinds and classes of toilet articles and various articles of clothing, together with articles of stationery, and various other articles of different kinds and classes may be secured in position in a suit-case, trunk, or other receptacle and will be retained at all times and under all conditions in the position in which they are placed and will be ready for use whenever desired.

It is customary in practice to provide ordinary pockets in dress-suit cases, hand-bags, trunks, &c., in which the articles herein referred to are placed; but it is well known that in the handling of the cases, bags, or trunks these articles all come out of their receptacles and are mingled together in the bags or trunks and cannot be conveniently reached when wanted. All these objections are removed by means of my improvement, which does not add materially to the cost of the bag or trunk and does not in any way change to any extent the interior construction thereof.

It will be apparent that the elastic straps may be secured to any part of the interior walls of the body portion a or of the hinged portion b of the suit-case and also to any part of the interior walls of any other bag, trunk,

or other receptacle, and my invention is not limited to the exact form and arrangement of the elastic straps herein shown and described.

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

1. The herein-described attachment for suit-cases or similar receptacles, comprising a metal strip and an elastic strap connected therewith at intervals, substantially as shown and described.

2. A suit-case or similar receptacle, provided with a plurality of metal strips secured to the inner walls thereof, and elastic straps connected at intervals with said strips, substantially as shown and described.

3. A suit-case or similar receptacle, provided with a plurality of metal strips secured to the inner walls thereof, and elastic straps secured to said strips at intervals so as to form pockets or loops, said case or a part thereof being also provided with transverse elastic straps which are secured only at the ends thereof, substantially as shown and described.

4. The herein-described attachments for suit-cases, comprising metal strips and elastic straps secured to the said strips at intervals so as to form pockets or loops, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 5th day of October, 1903.

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