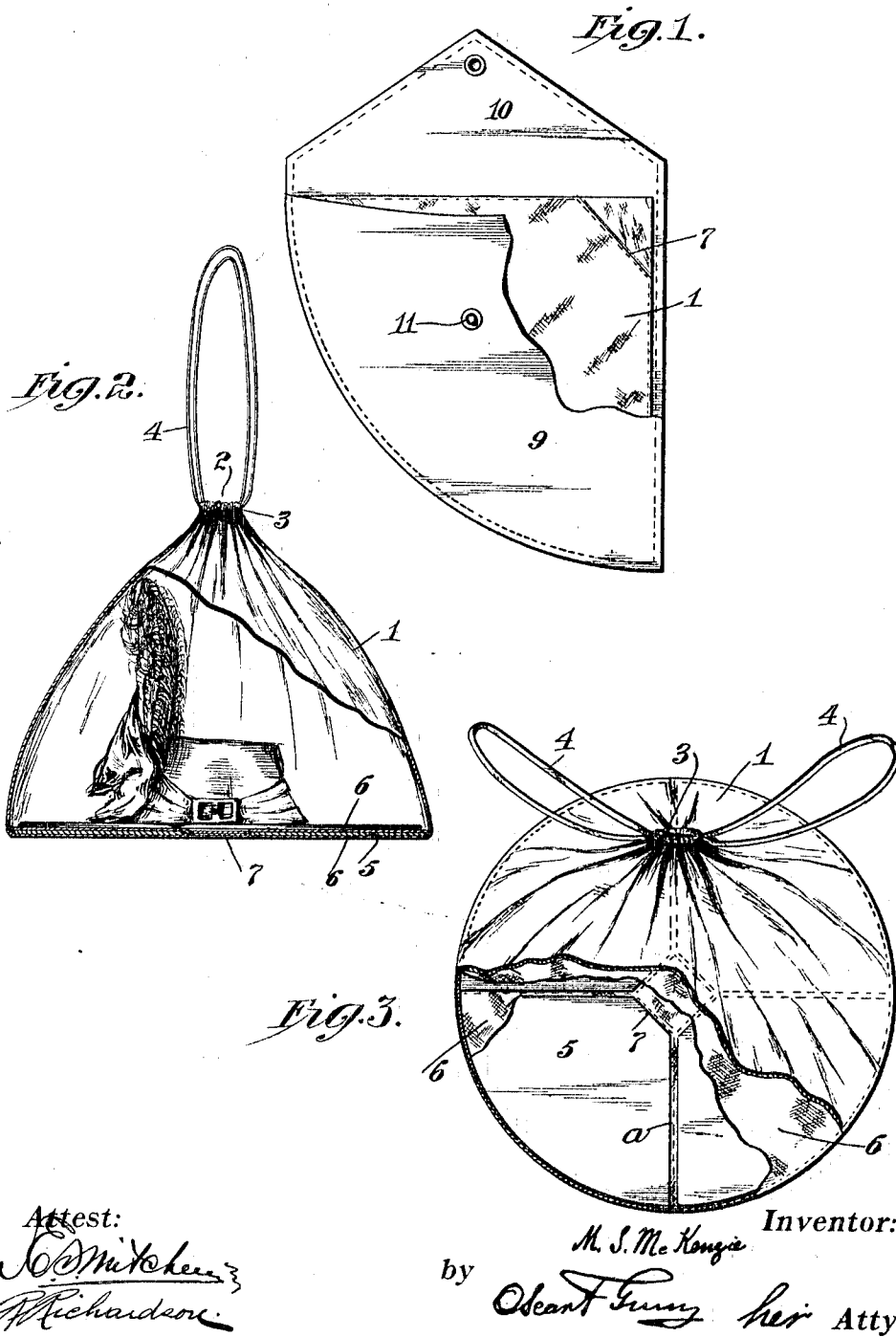


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARGARET STEWART McKENZIE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Carlton Hill, East Rutherford, in the county of Bergen and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Hat-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in ladies' hat cases for the purpose of containing a lady's hat when the same is not used and particularly when traveling on cars or other vehicles so that the hat and its feathers or trimmings will be fully protected from dust or from being crushed or otherwise injured.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved hat case which is simple in construction, very light, has no joints through which dust can enter, can be folded very compactly, so that it can be placed into a container of small area, can easily and rapidly be opened up for use and can easily be closed absolutely tight over the hat so as to exclude dust and moisture.

In the accompanying drawings in which like letters of reference indicate like parts in all the figures:—Figure 1 is a face view of my new and improved hat case folded and located within the container, which latter is shown open, parts being broken away. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse sectional view of my improved hat case adjusted for use and containing a hat, the top of the case or container being closed. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the construction shown in Fig. 2, the upper part being turned to the rear and other parts being broken away to show the construction.

My improved hat container or receptacle 1, is made of fabric which is closely woven as to be impervious to dust but as light as practicable so as not to have any undue weight. This fabric is shaped approximately in the form of a bag with a mouth 2, at the edges of which a hollow bead or seam 3 is formed through which cords or ribbons 4 are passed by means of which the mouth can be drawn together and closed and which ribbons or cords 4 can also be used for suspending the hat container or receptacle with its contents from a hook, such as for example a hook such as found in railway cars or such as are found on the brackets of racks in railway cars. The bottom of the case or container is formed of four quadrant sec-

tions 5 of a stiff or fairly stiff material for example, card board, but of course they can be made of other suitable material if desired. These quadrant sections are placed to form a circle and are covered on both faces with fabric 6, which fabric may be the same kind as that of which the bag 1 is formed but may be other material, slightly heavier if desired. These two layers of material are stitched together as indicated at *a* in Fig. 3 along the outer quadrant edge and the inner side edges of each quadrant section. The inner corners of the quadrant sections 5 are cut off diagonally as at 7 so as to leave a rectangular portion in the center of the bottom of the case or receptacle which is not provided with any stiffener. The bottom edges of the bag 1 are sewed to the fabric edges of the bottom or if desired a covering layer of the bottom may be made integral with the material of the bag. After the hat has been removed from the receptacle or case, the bottom of this case is placed upon a flat support, such as a table or a car seat, etc., and by preference the mouth of the bag is closed and then the bag is permitted to settle down upon the bottom of the receptacle or container in such a manner that all parts, including the ribbons or cords 4 are within the circumference of the base. Then the base is folded over to form a half circle and this half circle is folded over again so as to form a quadrant, all parts of the bag being folded and contained within the outline of this quadrant. The case when thus folded may be placed within a quadrant shaped bag or pouch 9 having a flap 10 with a fastening device 11. The inner end parts of the quadrant shaped stiffening material cannot be broken or damaged by inserting the folded receptacle into the bag or pouch and furthermore the liability of forcing a sharp inner corner of one of the bottom stiffening sections through the covering material is completely avoided and thus there is no danger of perforating the container, either in folding it or spreading it out for use and furthermore the construction that I have shown permits of folding the base more compactly and more rapidly. When the case or container is to be used for receiving a hat, all that is necessary is to spread the bottom out flat, lift up the mouth of the bag, open the mouth, then place the hat into it and draw the mouth of the bag

together until it is closed. The hat is thus covered completely by light flexible material which will not injure any of the trimmings or feathers on the hat and as the container
5 and its contents can be suspended by means of the strings 4, a substantially dome shaped body is formed over the hat and thus any liability of the material of which the container or case is made damaging the feathers
10 or trimmings of the hat is avoided. The brim of the hat rests upon the folding bottom and keeps the same substantially spread and prevents collapsing of the same. As there are no joints that need be closed and
15 as the mouth of the bag can be closed completely, there is no possibility of any dust entering it. Gloves, etc., can also be placed into the bag.

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

1. A hat case comprising a seamless bag shaped container of fabric with an extensi-

ble mouth and means for closing said mouth and a folding bottom for said container, 25 which folding bottom is provided with four quadrant sections of stiff material joined to each other, each section being cut off diagonally at the inner end, substantially as set forth. 30

2. A hat case comprising a seamless bag shaped container of fabric with an extensible mouth and means for closing said mouth, a folding bottom comprising four quadrant 35 sections of stiff material, a covering layer on each face of said quadrants and stitching uniting the said two layers along all the contours of said stiffening quadrants, substantially as set forth.

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