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Fig. 1.

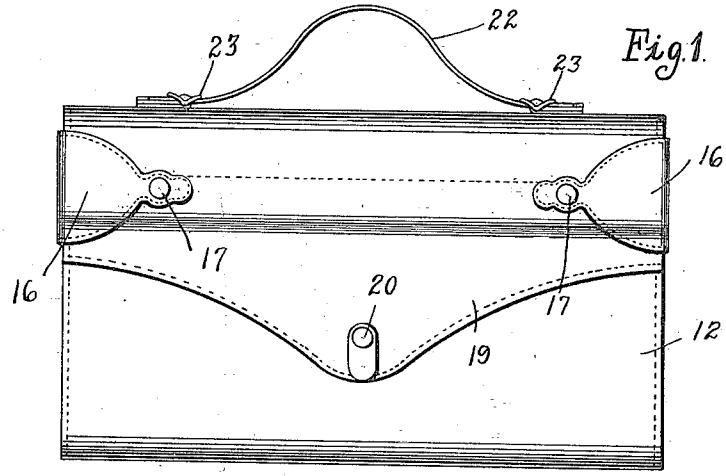


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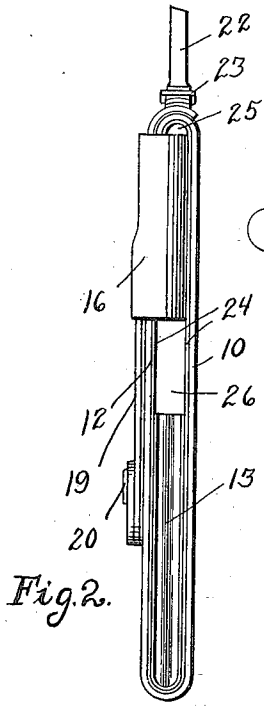


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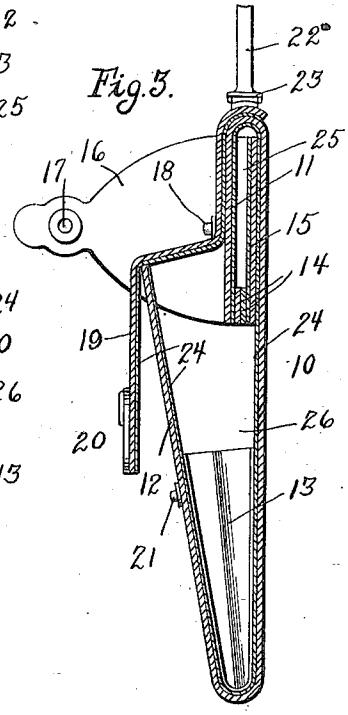
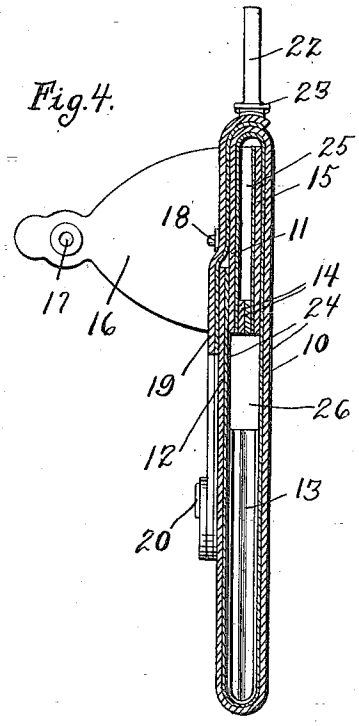


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE R. RIDGEWAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Olympia, in the county of Thurston and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Music-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved music roll and rack holder and the principal object of the invention is to provide a device which is so constructed that sheet music and rack may be carried in the holder and to further so construct the device that it may be connected with an instrument case, such as a violin case or similar case, the handle of the holder being passed through the handle of the instrument case.

Another object of the invention is to so construct this music holder and rack holder that it will resemble a hand-bag and may be carried in the same manner as a hand bag.

Another object of the invention is to so construct this holder that when closed it will be securely fastened thus preventing danger of the holder opening when not desired.

Another object of the invention is to so construct this holder that it may be formed of leather or other pliable material and to further so construct it that it will be neat in appearance and convenient to handle.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a view showing the improved holder in front elevation,

Fig. 2 is a view showing the improved holder in end elevation,

Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse sectional view through the holder, the holder being in an open position, and

Fig. 4 is a vertical transverse sectional view through the holder when in a closed position, the side securing flaps being shown released.

The body of this holder is formed from a strip of leather or other material which is folded adjacent its ends to provide a rear wall 10, and flaps 11 and 12 which constitute the forward wall. Webs 13 are secured to the rear wall 10 and lower flap 12 thus providing a pocket in the lower portion of the holder. The upper flap 11 is held in spaced relation to the rear wall by means of the abutment 14 which serves a further purpose which will hereinafter be brought out. A cross strip 15 has been secured to the rear wall 10 behind the flap 11 and has its end portion extended to provide side wings 16 in the free ends of which there has been provided sockets 17 to receive the studs 18 secured to the outer face of the closure flap 19. This closure flap 19 which carries a socket 20 to receive the stud 21 of the lower flap 12 is secured to the upper flap 11 as clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 4 and when the music holder is closed extends upon the lower flap 12 which in its turn fits upon the upper flap 11 as clearly shown in Fig. 4. The side wings 16 will then be brought over as shown in Fig. 1 and the studs will be engaged by sockets 17. A handle 22 is connected with the upper end portion of the closure flap 19, this handle being secured by means of buckles 23 so that when desired, one end of the handle may be released and after the handle has been passed through the handle of a violin case, the strap 22 can be again engaged by the buckle and the music holder thus suspended from the violin case. This device may be formed of plain leather or other material or if desired it may be provided with lining 24 of any suitable material such for instance as silk.

When in use, the folded rack will be placed in the pocket 25 formed by the rear wall 10, upper flap 11 and strips 14 which are firmly sewed between the rear wall and upper flap. The sheet music will be placed in the pocket 26 and after the flap 12 has been moved to the position shown in Fig. 4, the closure flap 19 will be secured as shown. The wings 16 will then be connected with the studs 18 and the holder is closed. If it is desired to remove the rack it is only necessary to release one of the ears 16 and the rack can then be drawn out of the pocket 25. In order to remove the sheet music, either one or both of the ears or wings 16 can be released and the flap 19 can then be released and raised thus permitting access to the pocket 26. It will thus be seen that a combined carrier has been provided for sheet music and for a folding rack, and it will be further noted that this carrier is so constructed that it may be suspended from the handle of an instrument case or if it is not desired to carry an instrument, the carrier may be grasped by the handle 22 and carried as a hand-bag or brief case would be carried.

What is claimed is:—

1. A carrier comprising a body formed

from a strip of pliable material folded to provide a rear wall and a forward wall having an upper flap and a lower flap extending in overlapping relation to the upper flap, when closed, spacing means secured between the rear wall and the free edge portion of the upper flap to provide a rack receiving pocket in the upper portion of said carrier, webs secured between the rear walls and the edge portions of the lower flap of the forward wall to provide a music receiving pocket in the lower portion of said carrier, a closure flap secured to the upper flap and extending in overlapping relation to the lower flap, and releasably connected therewith, and side wings connected with the rear wall and having their free end portions releasably connected with the closure flap to provide closures for the ends of the rack receiving pocket.

2. A carrier comprising a body having a rear wall and a forward wall, the forward wall having upper and lower flaps, the upper flap being connected with the rear wall to provide an upper pocket, and the edge portions of the lower flap being connected with the edge portions of the rear wall to provide a lower pocket, a closure flap connected with the upper flap and releasably engaging the lower flap to provide a closure for the lower pocket, and end closures for the upper pocket connected with the rear wall and having their free end portions releasably connected with the closure flap of the lower pocket.

3. A carrier comprising a body having a rear wall and a forward wall, the forward wall having upper and lower flaps, the upper flap being connected with the rear wall to provide an upper pocket and the edge portions of the lower flap being connected with the edge portions of the rear wall to provide a lower pocket, a closure flap for the lower pocket, and end closures for the upper pocket.

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

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