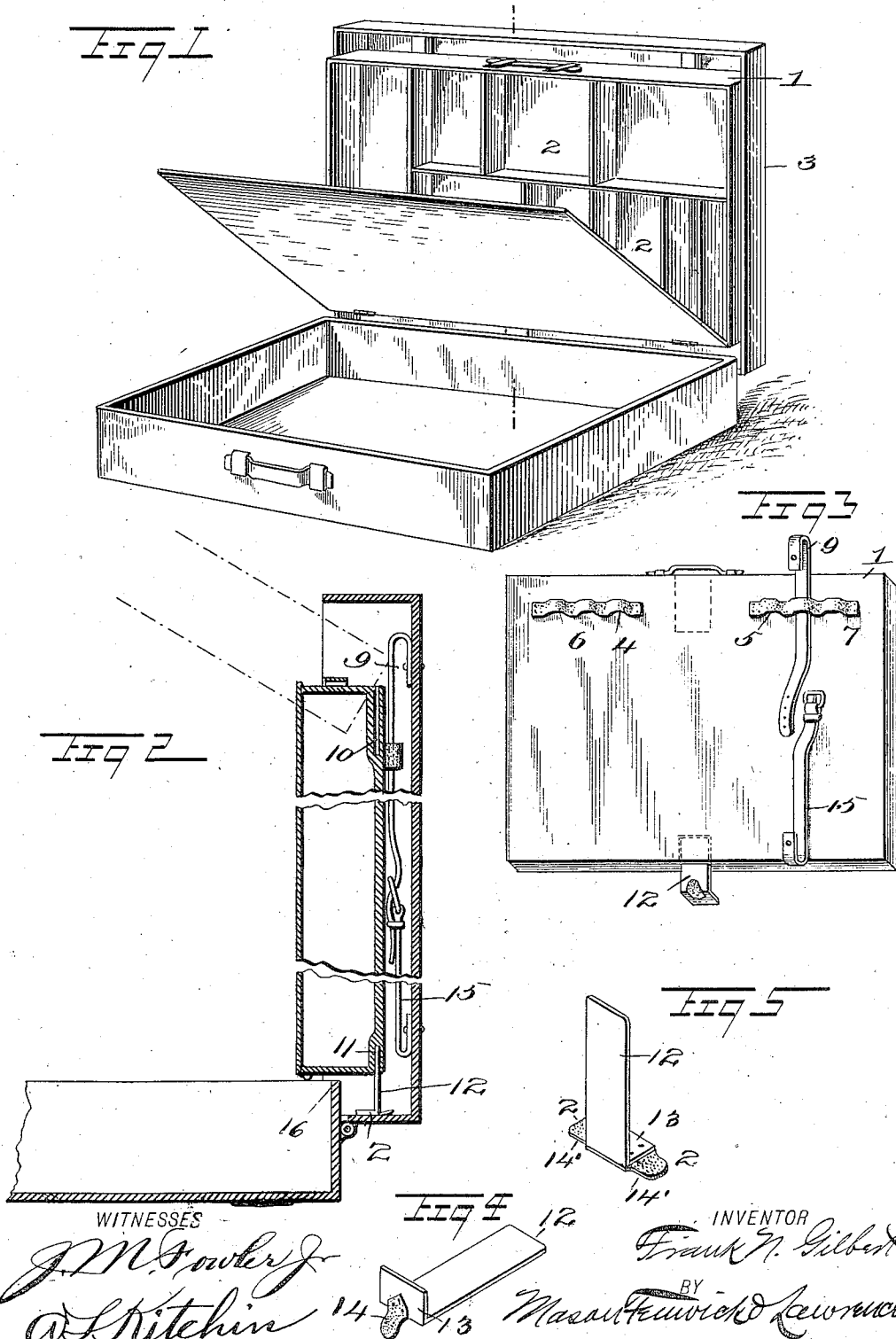


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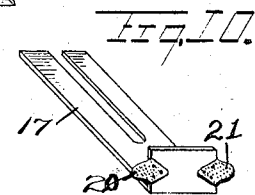
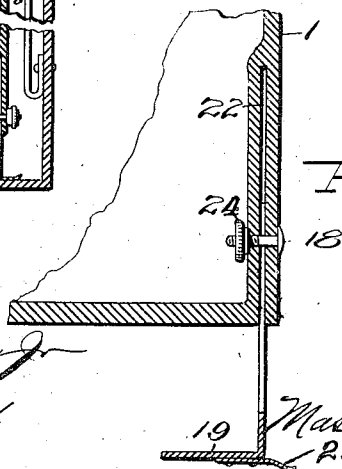
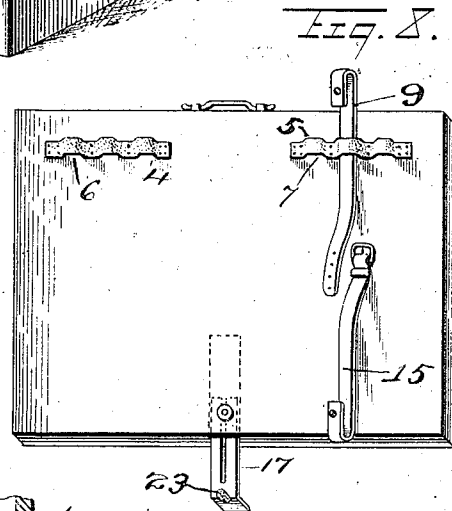
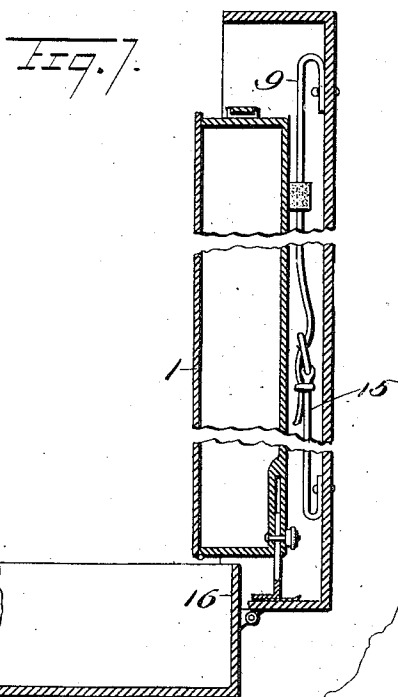
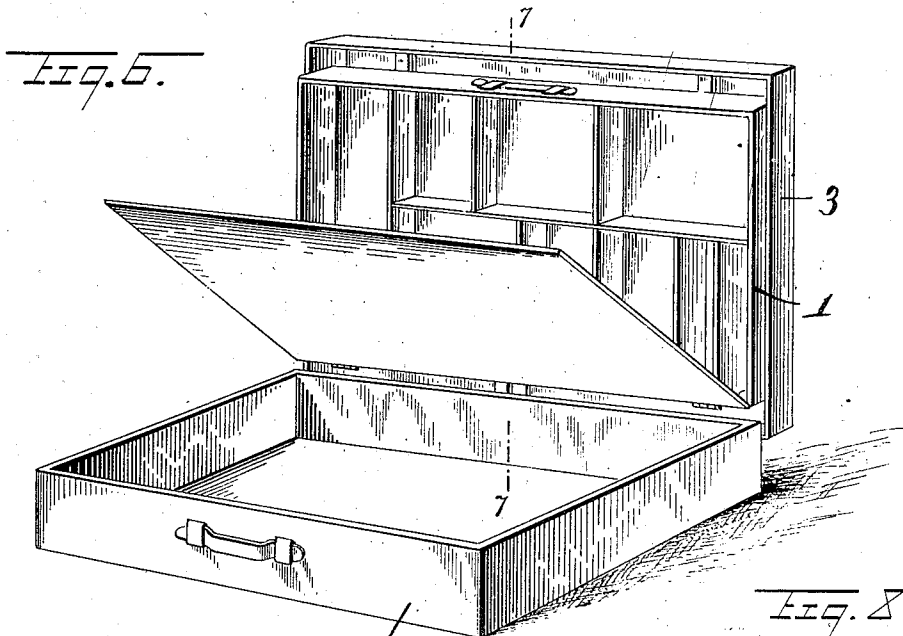


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK N. GILBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Binghamton, in the county of Broome and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Compartment-Cases; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in compartment cases, and particularly to those that are adapted to be removably secured to suit cases, trunks and the like.

The invention comprises the production of a compartment case having suitable compartments therein, and securing means formed on one side thereof for securing the case in position.

It further comprises the production of means for holding a compartment case in a suit case or trunk in such manner as to be removed from the body of the case when the lid is opened.

The object in view is the production of a compartment case that may be removably secured to any suit case, trunk or the like, so that the same may be removed from the body of the casing and supported by the lid when the same is opened.

With this and other objects in view, the invention comprises certain novel constructions, combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a suit case in an opened position having my invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through a suit case having my invention secured thereto, part of the case being broken away to better position the figure on the drawing. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my invention removed from the suit case, the securing means being shown thereon. Fig. 4 is a detail, perspective view of means used to support part of my invention in place. Fig. 5 is a modified form of the supporting means shown in Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a suit case in an opened position having a modified form of my invention secured therein. Fig. 7 is a vertical section through Fig. 6 on line 7—7. Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the rear of my invention removed from the suit case. Fig. 9 is a sectional view of the sup-

porting foot used in my invention, and surrounding parts. Fig. 10 is a detail, perspective view of a supporting foot seen in Fig. 9.

In the preferred embodiment of my invention, I provide a receptacle or case 1 having any suitable number of compartments 2. The case 1 is mounted in any suitable traveling suit case or trunk, as 3, in such manner as to be raised from the body of the suit case when the lid is opened. The case 1 is provided on one side with any convenient number of straps or securing means 4 and 5. The securing means 4 and 5 are arranged to have a number of openings 6 and 7, to accommodate a securing strap 9, which is secured to the cover of the suit case 3. The case 1 on its upper edge is formed with a slot 10 approximately near the center of the same. On the opposite side to the slot 10 is another slot 11 formed in the case 1 which accommodates a supporting leg 12. Formed on the end of the supporting leg 12 is a foot 13 which normally rests on the end of the suit case 3, when the lid is in its opened position. Secured to the foot 13 is an ear 14, used to assist in removing the leg from its position in the slot 11. In Fig. 5 I have shown a slightly modified form of the ears, as 14'—14'.

When it is desired to place the case 1 in a suit case 3, the usual securing straps 9 and 15 of the suit case are unfastened and the strap 9 is passed through one of the openings 6 and 7 in the securing means 4 and 5, and then are secured to the lower securing strap 15 by means of the usual buckle. The leg 12 is then placed in the aperture 11 and the case is allowed to slide along the strap 9 until the foot 13 rests upon the end of the case 3. When the case 3 is closed the case 1 is supported at one end by the straps 9 and 15, and at the other by the leg 12 which rests upon the top of the main body 16 of the case 3. The foot 13 engages the edge of the main body and prevents the leg 12 from sliding off the same.

On Sheet 2, I have shown modified forms of the foot as used in the preferred embodiment of my invention. On Sheet 2 I have shown a form of leg 17 which is bifurcated so as to accommodate a securing bolt 18. The leg 17 has a foot 19 and ears 20 and 21 of the same construction as shown in Fig. 5. The suit case 1 has formed therein a slot 22 for accommodating the leg 17. This slot may be formed in the body portion of the case 1 or may be formed from some material as leather,

tin or the like, and secured in place on the case 1. In either case it will be positioned as shown in Figs. 7 and 9 for accommodating the leg 17 and bolt 18. In the form of leg, as shown in Fig. 10, I may either use the ears 20 and 21, or if desired, may only use the single ear, as 23, shown in Fig. 8. The case 1 is secured in place in the modification shown on the second sheet of drawing, in the same manner as in the preferred structure, with the exception of the way in which the leg 17 is placed in position. The leg 17 is forced into the slot 22 until the foot 19 is a sufficient distance from the case 1 to hold the same from the top of the body 16 of the case 3, when the case 1 is placed therein. When the body 19 has been adjusted to its correct position the bolt 18 is tightened by means of the nut 24. In this manner the case 1 is always held out of contact with the main body portion 16 of case 1, so that there will be no wear on the body portion 16. When the case is closed the case 1 is supported by the straps 9 and 15 at one end, and by the leg 17 resting on the top part of the body portion 16.

What I claim is:—

1. The combination with a suit case, of straps secured to said suit case, a compartment case, means secured to said compartment case for securing said compartment case to said suit case, an adjustable member positioned at the lower side of said compartment case for holding the same in position and clamping means for holding said adjustable member in position.

2. The combination with a suit case, of straps secured thereto and a compartment slidably secured to said straps, said compartment case comprising a body portion, means for securing said body portion to said suit case, a reciprocating member secured to

one side of said compartment case, a clamp for holding said reciprocating member in position and means secured to said reciprocating member for operating the same.

3. The combination with a traveling receptacle, of a compartment case comprising a body portion, straps secured to the cover of said traveling receptacle and means for holding said compartment case in the traveling receptacle, said means comprising a series of loops adapted to engage said straps and a supporting leg fitted to one side of said compartment case for holding the same out of contact with the body portion of the traveling receptacle when in an opened position.

4. The combination with a suit case, of a compartment case, comprising a closure, straps secured to the cover of said suit case means secured to the closure for engaging said straps, said means comprising longitudinally arranged loops secured to the rear wall of the compartment case, removable means attached to the lower side of the compartment case for holding the said compartment case in position, and means for securing the said removable means to said compartment case.

5. The combination with a suit case having straps secured thereon, of a compartment case removably secured therein, means secured to said compartment case for engaging the straps of said suit case, and means for sustaining the compartment case above the top of the suit case.

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

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