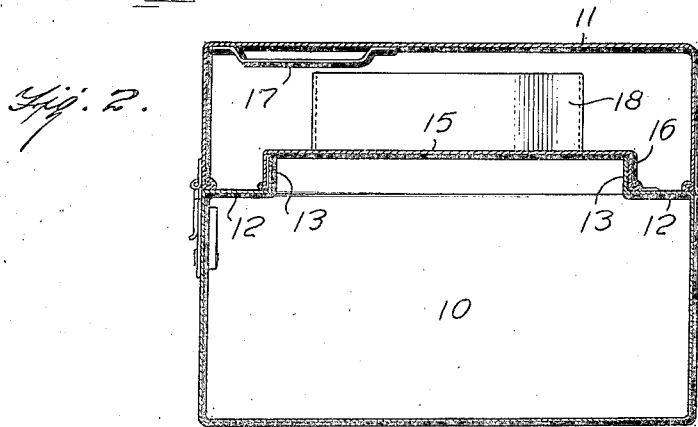
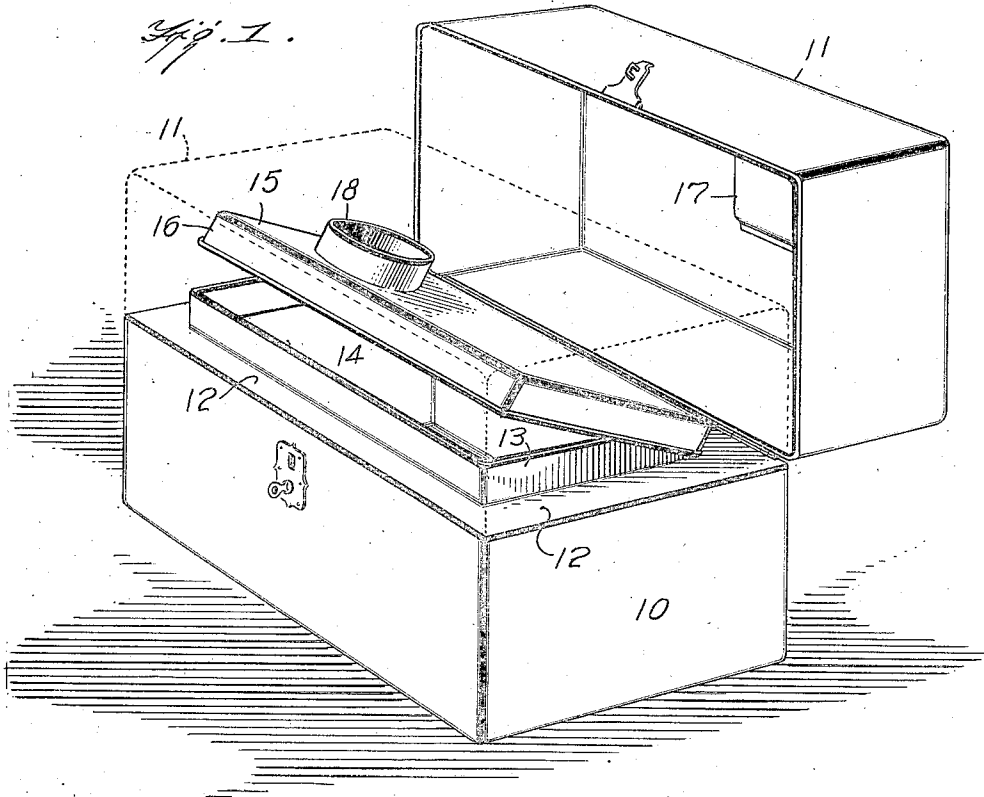


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES I. WARREN and GLENN Q. SHAFFER, citizens of the United States, residing at Ottumwa, in the county of Wapello and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Grips or Suitcases, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

Our invention relates to grips and suitcases, and our object is to provide a dust-proof and water-proof article so that even under the severe conditions of railroad use the contents will be perfectly protected and kept in a clean and wholesome condition. Such a grip or suitcase is in urgent need by locomotive engineers and firemen who must keep their clothes and other belongings within the engine cab where the atmosphere is filled with coal dust and in a more or less moist condition because of the practice of dampening the coal used on the engine. Modern locomotives are equipped with some form of mechanical stoker which uses slack and a poor grade of run-of-the-mine coal which produces exceptionally dusty and dirty conditions. In providing a grip or suitcase for these trying conditions, account must be taken of the necessity of wasting no storage space in the grip because of the limited space in the engine cab available for carrying the grips of engineer and fireman. Our invention solves the difficult problem involved and it consists in the grip or suitcase having the construction defined by or embraced within the language of the appended claims.

In the drawings;

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a grip or suitcase embodying our invention and shown open in full lines and closed in dotted lines;

Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same shown closed.

For convenience we shall use the term "grip" in describing our invention but it is to be understood that by this designation we mean receptacle or container of any description within the contemplation of our invention.

The grip shown in the drawings comprises two members of oblong form, one, which for convenience, we will term the body, 10, and the other the cover, 11, hinged along one

edge, and itself serving as a container or holder for various articles. The body, 10, at its top has from each of its four sides a horizontally inturned flange 12, from the inner edge of which rises a vertical wall or curb, 13, which results in a rectangular vertical frame around the opening, 14, into the top of the body, 10. Adapted closely to fit over said frame and thus close the opening, 14, is a lid, 15, that has on each of its four sides a downturned flange, 16, that overlaps the outside of an adjacent curb, 13. The lid, 15, is preferably hinged at one side so that it may be readily moved to and from the closed position.

It will be seen that articles within the body, 10, are doubly protected from dust and moisture because of the lid, 15, and cover, 11, and even should dust enter within the cover, 11, it obviously will be prevented from finding its way into the body, 10, because it first must travel across the flange, 12, and then find its way upward between the curb, 13, and the lid flange, 16.

The interior of the cover, 11, may be used to store or pack articles not requiring the protection which the body, 10, affords, and it may be conveniently used as by the provision of a shallow pocket, 17, to carry time books or schedules. On the top of the lid, 15, may be placed a ring-form holder, 18, for articles suitable to be placed in such a holder.

Our grip or suitcase may be made of any desired size and proportion of parts and of metal, wood, fibre, leather, or other material available for the purpose. While especially suitable for locomotive engineers and firemen, suitcases or grips embodying our invention may be put to other uses.

What we claim is:

1. A grip or suitcase comprising a body and a cover, the body having at its top an inturned flange which extends a substantial distance horizontally inward and surrounding the opening into the body and a curb at the inner edge of said flange, and a dust-tight closure for the body comprising a lid for such opening having a flange that overlaps said curb said cover when in a closed position on the body extending over and around said lid and curb.

2. A grip or suitcase comprising a body and a cover, the body having at its top an

inturned flange which extends a substantial distance horizontally inward and surrounding the opening into the body and a curb at the inner edge of said flange, a dust-tight
5 closure for the body comprising a lid for such opening having a flange that overlaps said curb said cover when in a closed posi-

tion on the body extending over and around said lid and curb, the cover having storage space.

In testimony whereof we hereunto affix
our signatures.

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