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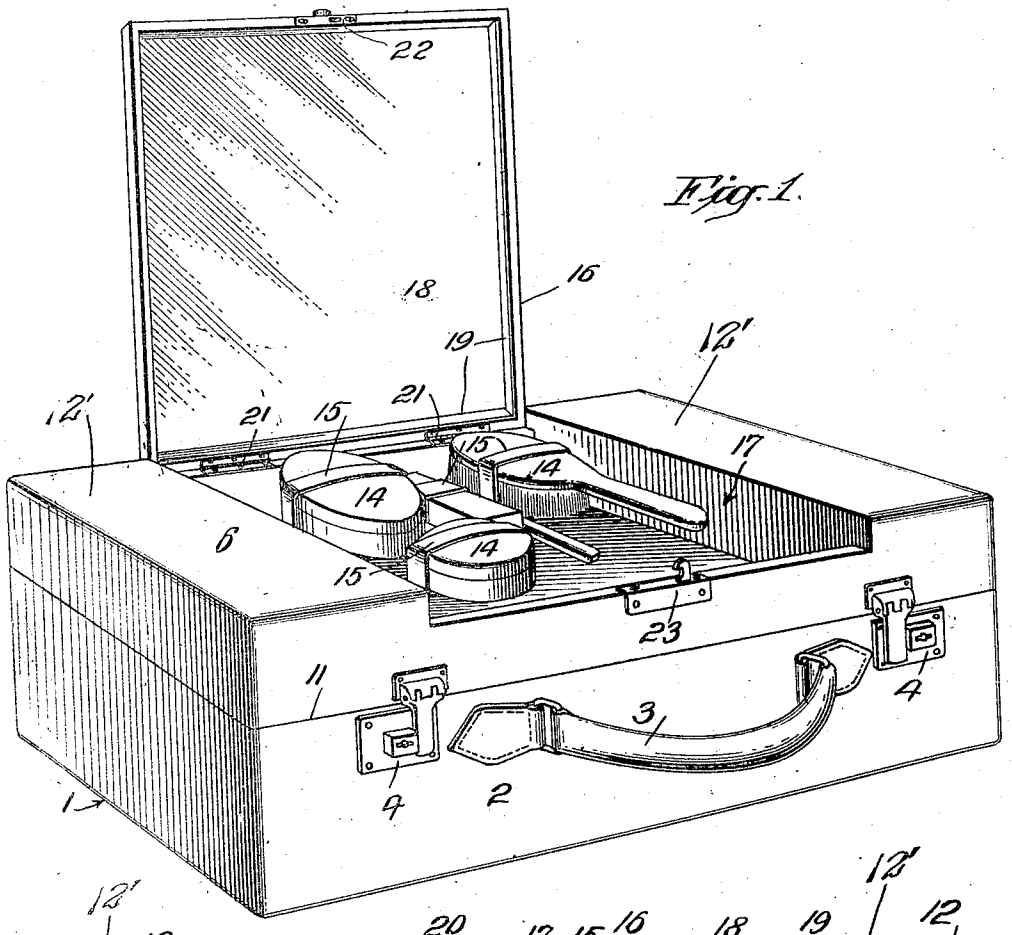


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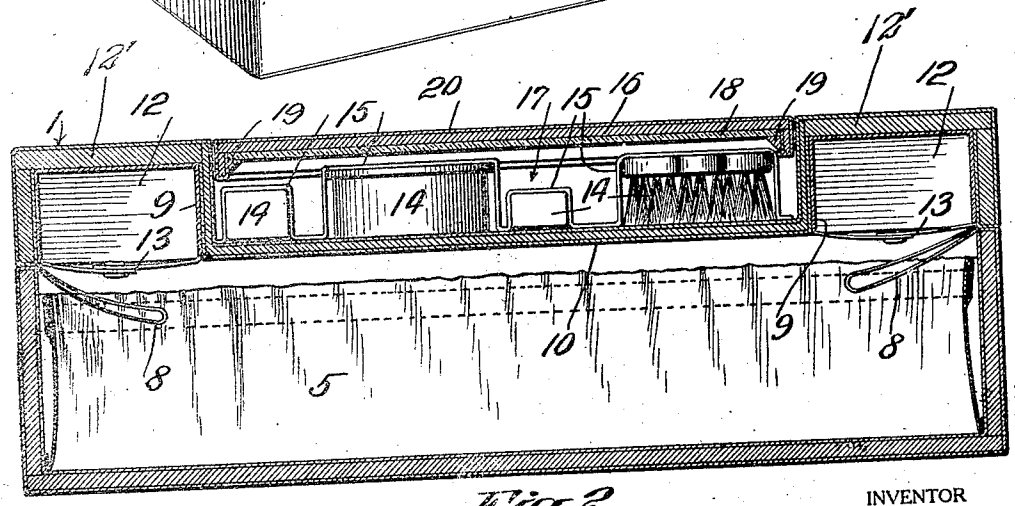


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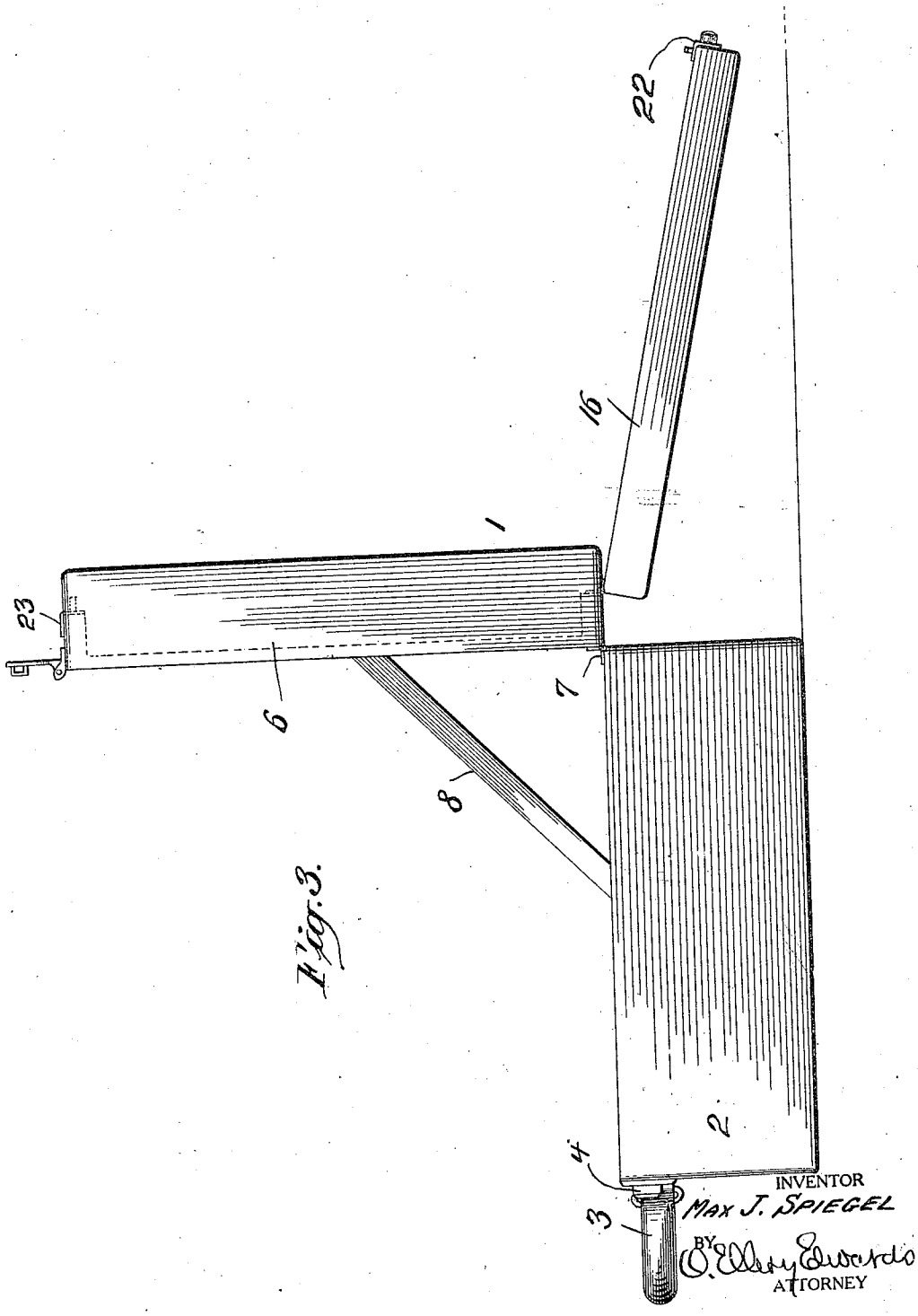


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX J. SPIEGEL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, county of Queens, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Suitcases, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a suitcase, of any size desired, which will hold a mirror and a set of toilet articles in the cover, these articles being concealed by the mirror and connected parts when the cover of the bag is closed and useful when the mirror is raised. This and other objects are accomplished by my invention, one embodiment of which is hereinafter more particularly set forth.

For a more detailed description of my invention, reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a suitcase embodying my invention.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal section of the suitcase in its closed condition.

Figure 3 is a side elevation of the suitcase fully opened.

Throughout the various views of the drawings similar reference characters designate similar parts.

My improved suitcase 1 has an ordinary bottom 2 which is provided with a handle 3 and locks 4 and a lining 5, all of which may be of the conventional kind and require no further description. The cover 6 is hinged at 7 in the usual way and provided with straps 8 or any other suitable means for preventing the cover from opening too far. This cover is not an ordinary cover, but is provided with two vertical walls 9 and a false bottom 10 which preferably has its inner surface in the plane of the inner edges 11 of the sides of the top 6. In this manner compartments 12 are had at each end of the bag and in the cover 6 which may be used for any desired purpose and are preferably closed by means of flaps 13. In the compartment above the false bottom 10 are placed a number of toilet articles 14 of any kind desired and these are preferably held in position by means of straps 15.

The compartment 17 is preferably arranged centrally of the cover 6, and is somewhat shorter than the cover, whereby table-like ledges 12′ are formed at either side of the compartment 17, on which may be placed additional toilet articles, etc. It will be noted that the side compartments 12 are adjacent and alongside the central compartment 17, and that the bottoms of these side compartments form the table-like ledges 12′ mentioned above.

The cover 16 for the compartment 17 over the false bottom 10, is composed of a mirror 18 mounted in the cover 16 in any suitable way, as by cleats 19 at the edges and this cover has an outer surface 20 which is uniform with the rest of the outer surface of the suitcase. In the preferred embodiment of my invention, the suitcase is covered by leather of good quality.

The rear of the chamber 17 is provided with hinges 21 to which the cover 16 is secured and the front of this cover has a lock 22 adapted to engage a corresponding element 23 in the front of the cover 6.

In view of the foregoing, the use of my improved bag will be readily understood. It may be placed on any suitable support, as a table, and then the lock 22 may be opened and the cover 16 raised at which time the mirror 18 is available and so are the toilet articles 14 which may be withdrawn from their respective straps 15 and used. When their use is finished, they may be restored and the cover 16 lowered and locked by the lock 22 in the conventional manner. Except for the features which are above described, the suitcase 1 may be used as an ordinary suitcase and its cover 6 may be raised as a unit so as to reveal the interior of the suitcase except for the relatively small volume of the chamber 17. From this, it is apparent that the contents of the chamber 17 can be used independently of the rest of the suitcase, to the great convenience of the person using the same.

While I have shown and described one embodiment of my invention, it is obvious that it is not restricted thereto, but that it is broad enough to cover all structures that come within the scope of the annexed claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A suitcase comprising body and cover portions hinged together, the cover portion being provided with an outwardly facing compartment shorter than the cover whereby that portion of the cover extending be-

yond the compartment at one end serves as a stand, and a hinged cover for said compartment.

2. A suitcase comprising body and cover portions hinged together, the cover portion being provided with an outwardly facing compartment shorter than the cover whereby that portion of the cover extending beyond the compartment at one end serves as a stand, a hinged cover for said compartment, and a mirror on the inside of the compartment cover.

3. A suitcase comprising body and cover portions hinged together, the cover being provided with an outwardly facing compartment shorter than the cover whereby to define table-like ledges adjacent each end of the compartment, and a hinged cover for the compartment.

4. A suitcase comprising body and cover portions hinged together, the cover being provided with an outwardly facing compartment shorter than the cover whereby to define table-like ledges adjacent each end of the compartment, a hinged cover for the compartment, and a mirror on the inside of the compartment cover.

5. In a device of the class described, a bottom with a cover secured thereto, said cover having an exterior compartment therein adapted to carry toilet articles, the compartment being closed on its interior side, and a second cover closing the compartment with a mirror on its interior, whereby a portable dressing table is formed.

6. A suitcase having body and cover portions hinged together, the cover being provided with partition elements defining a compartment opening outwardly of the suitcase and further defining a second compartment alongside the first compartment, opening inwardly of the suitcase, and a cover for the outwardly opening compartment.

7. A suitcase capable of use as a portable dressing table, comprising body and cover portions hinged together, the cover having an outwardly opening compartment centrally thereof for toilet articles, and having a pair of inwardly opening compartments alongside thereof, the bottoms of the two inwardly opening compartments forming ledges alongside the central compartment, and a cover, provided with a mirror on the inside, for the central compartment.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of June, 1923.

MAX J. SPIEGEL.