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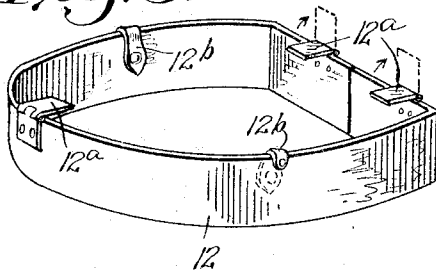


Fig. 1.

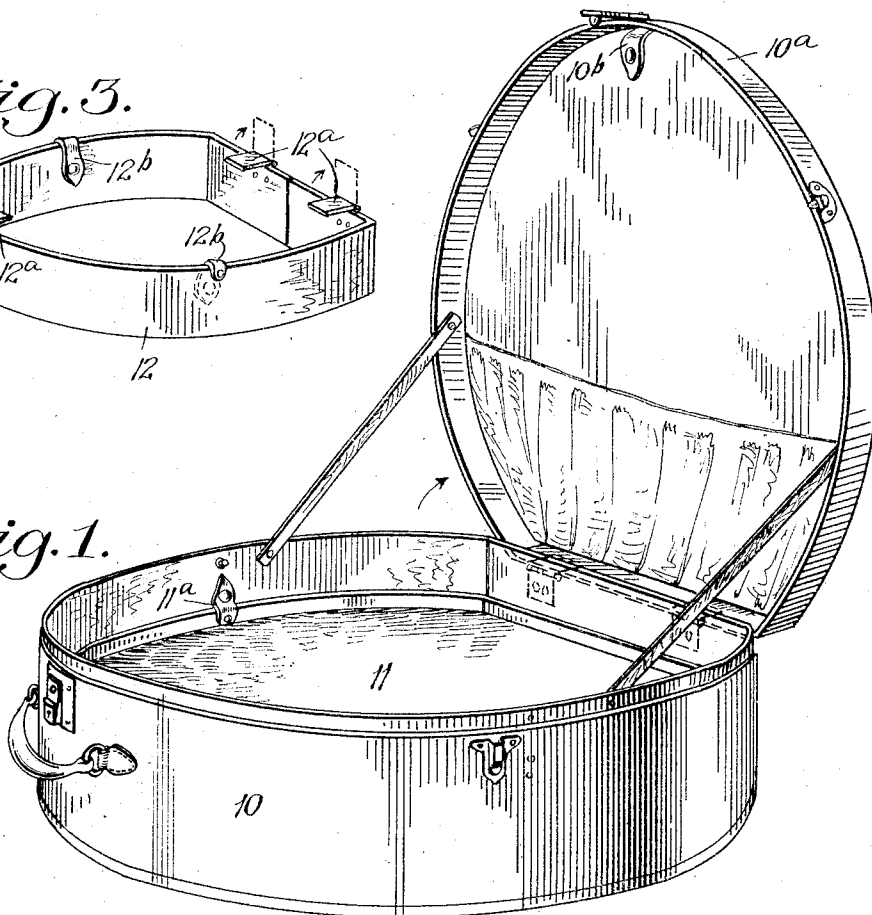
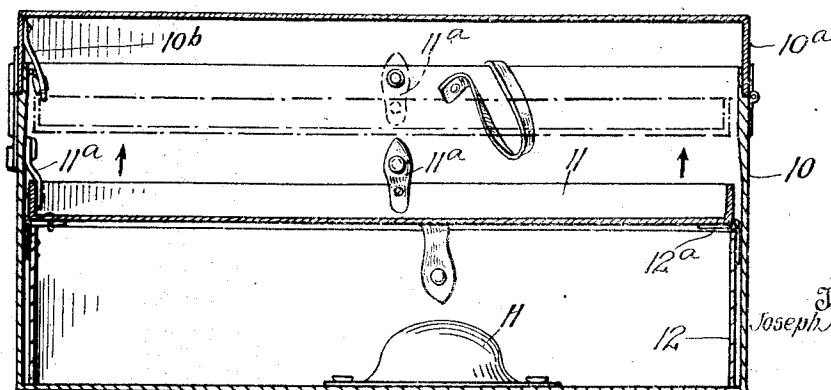


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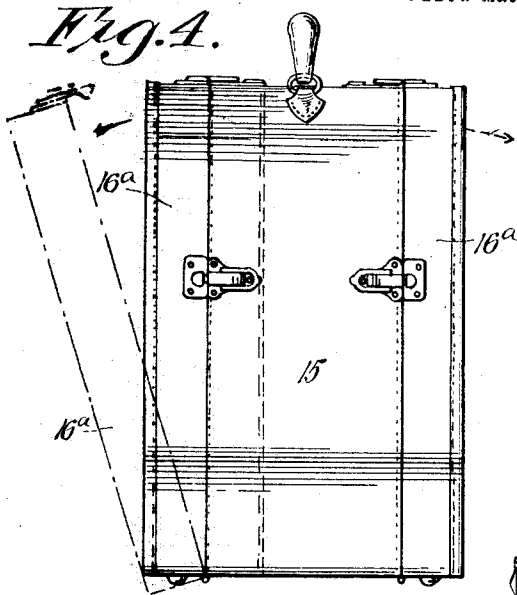
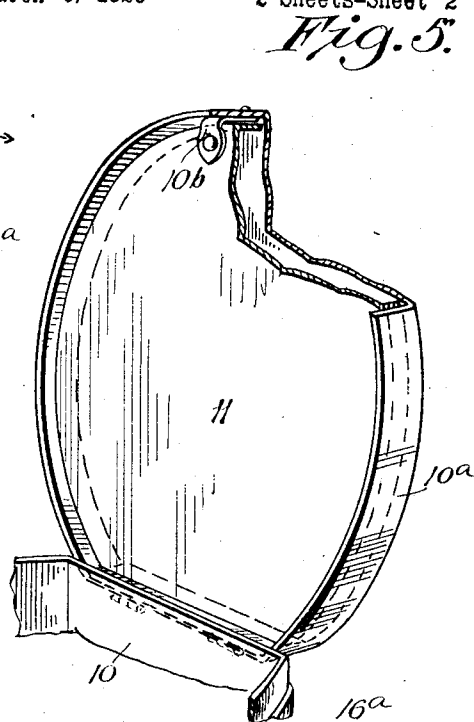
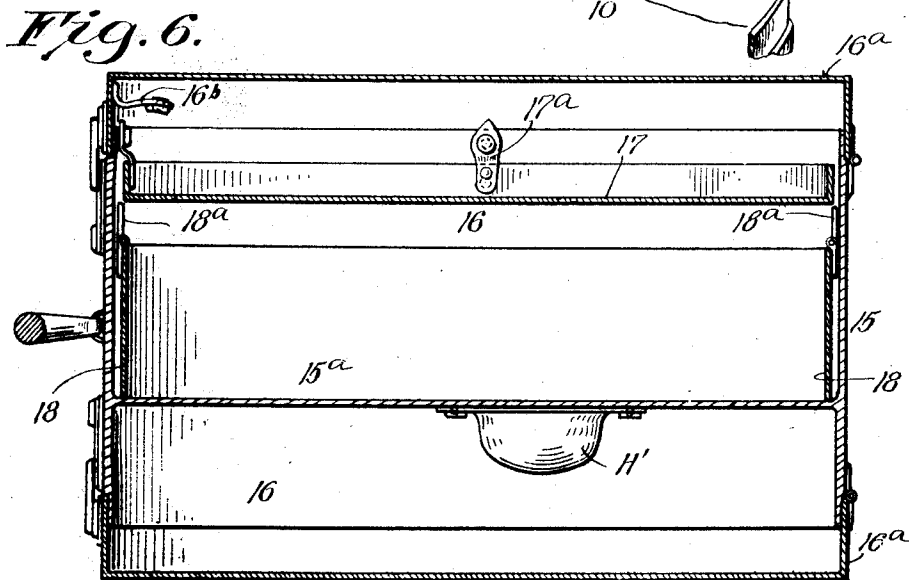
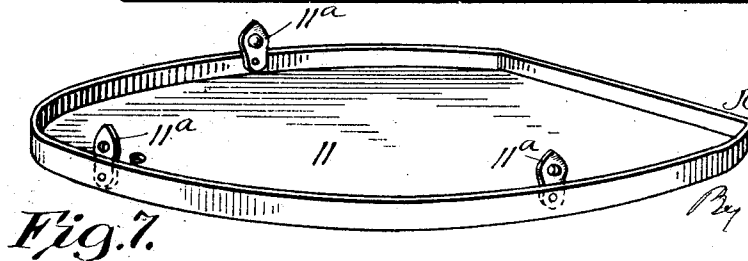
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This invention relates to cylindrical hat boxes with a flat base and an object of this invention is to provide articles of this character which will be arranged to carry ladies' hats as well as other articles of clothing without damage to the hat or other articles contained therein.

A further object of this invention is to provide a hat box which will contain a regulatable area for the hat. A further object of this invention is to provide for a hat box with double compartments.

With these objects and other objects which may hereinafter appear, in view, I have devised the particular arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter set forth and more particularly pointed out in the claims appended hereto.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of case with single compartment showing tray in lowest position.

Figure 2 is a vertical section of the above in closed position.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of spacer.

Figure 4 is a side elevation of case with double compartment.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of tray fastened to inside of lid, thus forming a new compartment.

Figure 6 is a vertical section through case with double compartment; this view shows tray in raised position in full lines.

Figure 7 is a perspective view of tray removed from case.

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

Examination of Fig. 1 shows a hat box with single compartment, also showing tray 11 in lowest position. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the tray removed from the case. This tray when inserted in the single compartment of Fig. 1 in the lowest position will rest on three hinges 12^a consisting of two leaves or wings and pintle, attached to the upper edge of a spacer 12 inserted in the bottom of the box. The tray may be also supported by snap fasteners 11^a inside the box, thus forming an entire new compartment. If the area is to be increased at the bottom of the box illustrated in Fig. 1 the tray can be raised and held by means of snap fasteners within the compartment.

The tray 11, if desired, can be removed and inserted in the lid 10^a of the hat box referred to in Fig. 1, which will create an entirely new compartment in the lid, which space can be utilized for small articles as shown by Fig. 5. This is accomplished by means of a snap fastener 10^b in the lid as also shown by Fig. 5.

Fig. 2 shows a vertical section of the single compartment hat box shown in Fig. 1 but in a closed position, with the tray 11 in the raised position as shown by the dotted line.

To recapitulate, Fig. 1 is the conventional ladies' hat box improved with a spacer 12, Fig. 3, which is provided with three hinges 12^a, the leaves or wings of which may be turned inwardly to support a tray 11, Fig. 7, which tray is also secured by snap fasteners 11^a to the inside of the compartment, making a snug bottom compartment for the hat and an upper compartment for other articles of clothing without interfering with or damaging the hat. If the hat requires more space the tray can be lifted by means of the snap fasteners. Further, if desired, the entire compartment in Fig. 1 could be utilized as a hat box by removing the tray and throwing up to vertical position the leaves or wings of the support hinges 12^a on the spacer as shown by Fig. 3. The tray could then be placed in the lid of the hat box and held therein as shown by Fig. 5, making an entirely new compartment, independent of the hat box.

Fig. 4 is a side elevation of a case 15 with two compartments 16, each having a lid 16^a. The upper lid 16^a has a snap fastener 16^b to hold the tray 17 in the lid to form a closed compartment similar to that shown in Figure 5. This box is practically the same as the hat box, Fig. 1, except that there is a partition 15^a which provides an additional compartment on the reverse side of the box in which articles of clothing can be carried. In other words, the side with the deepest compartment is constructed exactly as Fig. 1, and the other side merely a single compartment which may be used as a hat box or for any other purpose. As shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 4, both sides of the box can be opened by means of hinges attached to the base of the box.

Fig. 6 is a vertical section through the case with the two compartments. As shown in this figure the upper compartment shows the

tray 17 in a raised position in full lines and supported by the snap fasteners 17^a in the same manner as Fig. 2. The bottom compartment, as shown by Fig. 6, contains a hat form H' similar to hat form H, shown in Figure 2; this is, however, optional with the user, as the form can be removed by means of snap fasteners and the space used for other purposes. In this form the spacer 18 is shown with the hinge leaves or wings 18^a disposed in vertical position.

It will be seen that the two styles of hat boxes which I have invented are very practicable. They can be utilized as overnight bags and hat boxes combined without damaging articles or the hat.

What I claim is:—

1. A hat box comprising a tubular open ended body portion, a permanent horizontal partition dividing the same into upper and lower compartments, independent lids supported by hinges at the free ends thereof, and fastened by the conventional suit case locks, the upper compartment adapted to receive a removable spacer to support a tray, and the lid thereof adapted to carry the tray to form an independent compartment, the

partition adapted to detachably support a hat form on its bottom face whereby the lower compartment may be used as a hat box and container for other articles.

2. A device of the class described comprising a hat box having a hat containing compartment, a removable tray, and removable spacing means within the compartment, said spacing means comprising a tubular collar adapted to fit within the hat compartment, for supporting said tray, whereby to regulate the area of the hat containing compartment.

3. A device of the class described comprising a hat box having a hat containing compartment, a removable tray, and removable spacing means for supporting said tray, said spacer comprising a tubular collar adapted to fit within inner perimeter of the hat compartment, and hinged leaves or wings at the upper end of the collar adapted to swing to horizontal position for the tray to rest upon.

Signed at the city of Baltimore in the State of Maryland this 4th day of March, 1926.

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