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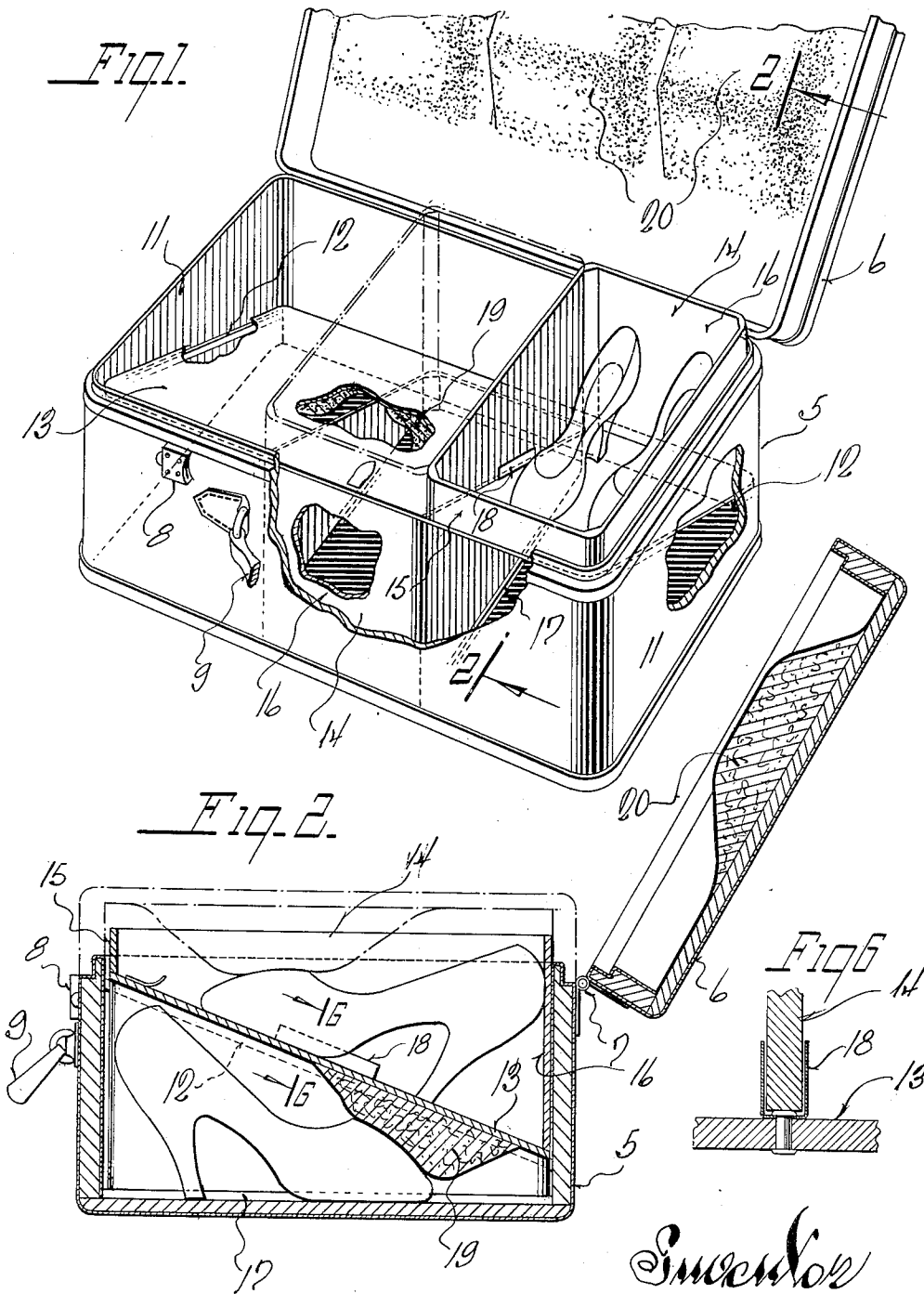
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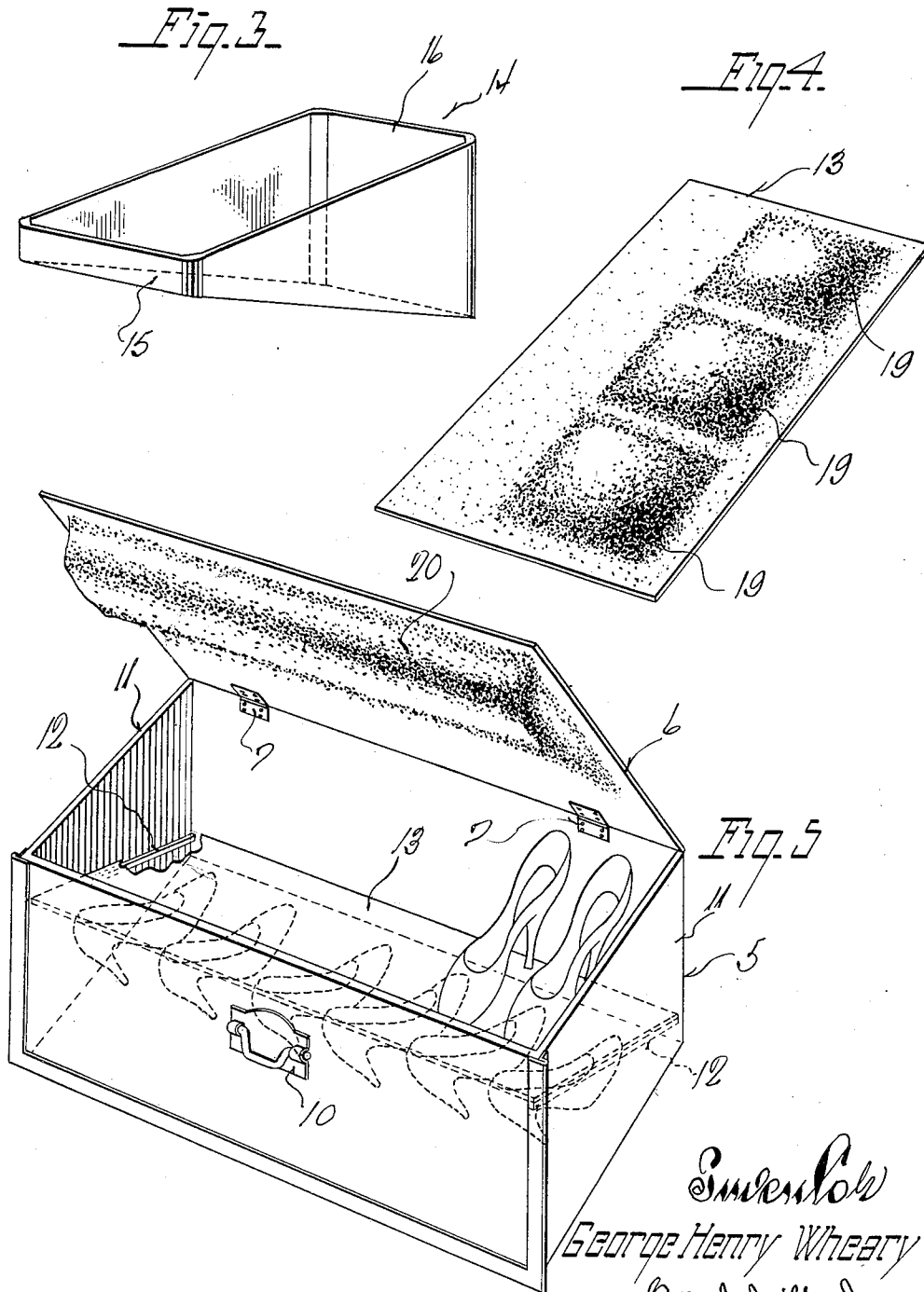
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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in luggage and refers more particularly to a means for carrying shoes.

It is an object of this invention to provide an improved shoe carrier either in the form of a wardrobe trunk drawer or case, or a separate hand case whereby a maximum number of shoes may be conveniently carried within a minimum amount of space, the shoes being held in an orderly manner and protected against being soiled or otherwise damaged.

A more specific object of this invention resides in the provision of an improved case type carrier having a diagonally inclined medial removable partition dividing the same into compartments substantially triangular shaped in transverse section whereby shoes may be conveniently carried therein with the heel portions in the deeper portion of the compartments.

A further object of this invention resides in the provision of an improved shoe container of the character described having yieldable cushion means engageable with the shoes to hold the same against shifting.

And a still further object of this invention resides in the provision of an improved shoe carrier or container of the character described which may be utilized as a conventional type of drawer or case without necessitating any alterations of its structure.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, my invention resides in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts substantially as hereinafter described and more particularly defined by the appended claims, it being understood that such changes in the precise embodiment of the herein disclosed invention may be made as come within the scope of the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, I have illustrated two complete examples of the physical embodiments of my invention constructed according to the best modes I have so far devised for the practical application of the principles thereof, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an all-shoe carrying hand case embodying my invention, parts thereof being broken away and in section to illustrate structural details;

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view taken through Figure 1 on the plane of the line 2—2;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of one of the removable partition members;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the horizontal

partition member illustrating the formation of cushions thereon;

Figure 5 is a perspective view of a trunk drawer embodying my invention, and

Figure 6 is a detail sectional view taken through Figure 2 on the plane of the line 6—6.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawings in which like numerals designate like parts throughout the several views, 5 designates the main section or article container of an all-shoe carrying case or a wardrobe trunk drawer having a lid or cover 6 hinged thereto along one marginal edge as at 7. In the structure illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 the main section 5 is constructed in accordance with conventional hand case design, and the lid 6 preferably has a slight depth and is provided with lock hasps not shown, which cooperate with lock members 8 secured to the front wall of the section to secure the cover closed, a suitable grip or handle 9 being also mounted on the front wall of the section.

The embodiment illustrated in Figure 5 is a conventional wardrobe trunk drawer having a plain lid 6 hinged as previously described, and a handle member 10.

The side walls 11 of the main section, in both modifications, are provided with diagonal cleats 12 slanting inwardly and downwardly from the front wall to provide a support for the opposite ends of a partition member 13 which divides the carrier into two compartments, the lower compartment being adapted to receive shoes therein with the toes pointing inwardly and the uppermost compartment being adapted to receive shoes which rest on the partition member 13 with the toes extended forwardly.

If desired the compartments may be subdivided into three smaller compartments, each of a width to receive a pair of shoes, by means of a shell 14 having side and end walls. One end wall 15 of the shell is of considerable less depth than the other end wall 16, and the side walls are substantially triangularly shaped to conform with the transverse sectional shape of the major compartments. The shell dividing the lower compartment is removably held in a central position by a pair of spaced intermediate cleats 17 fixed to the bottom of the section 5, and the upper most shell is readily removably held in either a central position or at one end of the upper compartment by a clip member 18 secured to the partition 13.

The clip member 18 as best illustrated in Figure 6 is of substantially U shape in transverse sec-

tion to receive one side wall of the shell when in a central position as illustrated in dotted lines in Figure 1, or the other side wall when the shell is to be positioned at one end as illustrated in full lines. With the shell at one end the major portion of the uppermost compartment may be used for garments or other articles.

The shoes are further held against shifting and consequently injury by means of a cushion or yieldable pad 19 secured to the under surface of the partition 13 to engage the toes of the shoes in the lower compartment, as best illustrated in Figure 2, and a lid or cover carried cushion or pad 20 engageable with the toes of the shoes in the topmost compartment.

The partition member 13 as well as the shells 14 being readily removable, it is obvious that the case illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 and the drawer of Figure 5 may be quickly adapted for carrying garments or other articles. With this structure a standard size wardrobe trunk drawer will accommodate six pairs of shoes, and it will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains that the shoes are well protected and are firmly held against shifting.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. In a device of the character described, an article carrier, a handle for said carrier, a partition member, means mounting the partition member in the carrier to divide the same into two compartments of approximately trapezoidal shape in transverse section, whereby shoes may be received in the compartments with their heel portions at the compartment sides of greatest depth, and means for holding the shoes against shifting.

2. In a device of the character described, an article carrier, a handle for said carrier, a partition member, means mounting the partition member in the carrier to divide the same into separated compartments of approximately trapezoidal shape in transverse section, whereby shoes may be received in the compartments with their heel portions at the side of greatest depth, and means carried by the partition member for engaging the shoes in one compartment to hold the same against shifting.

3. In a device of the character described, an article carrier, a handle for said carrier, a partition member, means mounting the partition member in the carrier to divide the same into an upper and a lower compartment, each of approximately trapezoidal shape in transverse section, whereby shoes may be received in the compartments with their heel portions at the sides of greatest depth, means carried by the partition member for engaging the shoes in the lowermost compartment to hold the same against shifting, and means for holding the shoes in the uppermost compartment against shifting.

4. In a device of the character described, an article carrier having a partition member, a handle for said carrier, means mounting the partition member in the carrier to divide the same into super-imposed compartments of approximately trapezoidal shape in transverse section, whereby shoes may be disposed within the compartments with their heel portions at the sides of greatest depth, means carried by the partition member for engaging the shoes in the lowermost compartment to hold the same against shifting, and means carried by the lid for holding the shoes in the uppermost compartment against shifting.

5. In a device of the character described, an article carrier having a lid, a partition member, means mounting the partition member in the carrier to divide the same into two compartments of approximately trapezoidal shape in transverse section whereby shoes may be disposed within the compartments with their heel portions at the sides of greatest depth, and yieldable cushion means secured to the underside of the partition member to engage the toe portions of the shoes placed in the lowermost compartment to hold the same against shifting therein.

6. In a device of the character described, an article carrier having a lid, a partition member, means mounting the partition member in the carrier to divide the same into two compartments of approximately trapezoidal shape in transverse section whereby shoes may be disposed within the compartments with their heel portions at the sides of greatest depth, yieldable cushion means secured to the underside of the partition member to engage the toe portions of the shoes placed in the lowermost compartment to hold the same against shifting therein, and cushion means carried by the underface of the lid and engageable with the toe portions of the shoes in the uppermost compartment to hold the same against shifting.

7. In a device of the character described, an article carrier, a partition member, means mounting the partition member in the carrier to divide the same into two compartments of approximately trapezoidal shape in transverse section, whereby shoes may be received in the compartments with their heel portions at the compartment sides of greatest depth, and removable means dividing said compartments into spaces of a size to receive a pair of shoes.

8. In a device of the character described, an article carrier, a partition member, means mounting the partition member in the carrier to divide the same into two compartments of approximately trapezoidal shape in transverse section, whereby shoes may be received in the compartments with their heel portions at the compartment sides of greatest depth, and a shell member open at the top and bottom and mounted in one of said compartments to divide the same into separated shoe receiving spaces.

9. In a device of the character described, an article carrier, a partition member, means mounting the partition member in the carrier to divide the same into two compartments of approximately trapezoidal shape in transverse section, whereby shoes may be received in the compartments with their heel portions at the compartment sides of greatest depth, a shell member open at the top and bottom and mounted in one of said compartments to divide the same into separated shoe receiving spaces, and means for securing the shell against shifting within the compartment.

10. In a device of the character described, an article carrier, a partition dividing the carrier into separated compartments, one of which is of substantially trapezoidal shape in transverse section to especially accommodate shoes which are placed therein with their heels at the compartment side of greatest depth, and a readily removable auxiliary partition for dividing said compartment into smaller sections.

11. In a device of the character described, an article carrier, a partition dividing the carrier into separated compartments, one of which is of substantially trapezoidal shape in transverse

section to especially accommodate shoes which are placed therein with their heels at the compartment side of greatest depth, a shell having side walls for dividing said compartment into smaller sections, and means whereby the shell may be arranged to divide the compartment into substantially equal and unequal sections.

12. In a shoe case of the class described, an article carrier, a cover for said article carrier, a partition member fitting into said carrier and dividing the same into two approximately trapezoidal compartments, a shell having side walls for dividing said compartments into smaller sections, means projecting inwardly from the inner periphery of the carrier to support said partition, a cushion on the lower side of said partition adapted to bear against shoes placed in the lower compartment to hold the same against movement, a cushioned member on said cover adapted to bear against the shoes placed in the upper compartment, means for hingedly mounting the cover on the carrier, a handle on the

side of said carrier opposite said hinges, and means to lock the shoe case on said last named side.

13. In a device of the character described, an article carrier, a partition member, means mounting the partition member in the carrier to divide the carrier into two compartments approximately trapezoidal shape in transverse section, means dividing one of said compartments into a plurality of trapezoidal sections.

14. In a device of the character described, an article carrier, a partition member, means mounting the partition member in the carrier to divide the carrier into two compartments of approximately trapezoidal shape in cross section, means dividing said compartments into a plurality of trapezoidal sections whereby shoes may be received in said trapezoidal sections with their heel portions at the side of the greatest distance and means for holding the shoes against shifting.

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