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FIG. 1

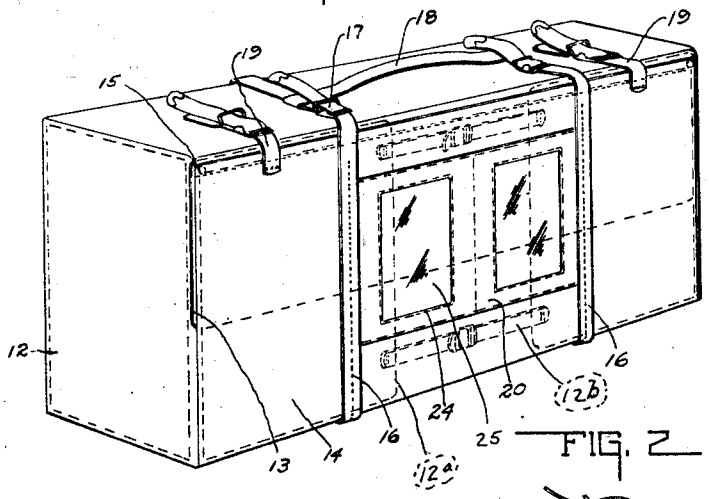


FIG. 2

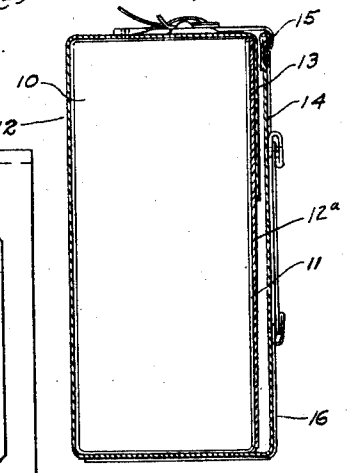
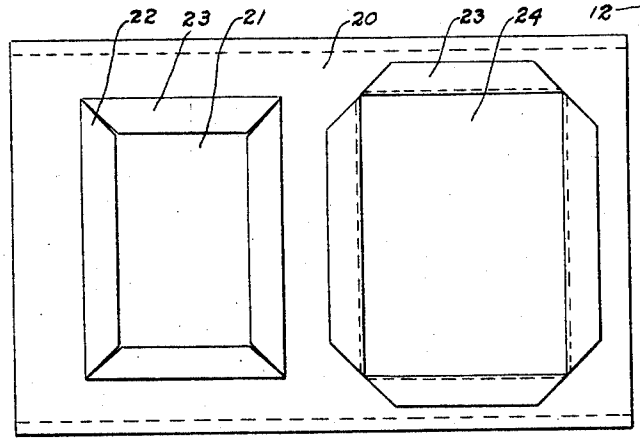


FIG. 3



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This invention pertains to a luggage carrier or laundry container for use in sending laundry or other articles by parcel post.

Heretofore there have been many containers of this character devised and marketed, but with various defects and inconveniences, which is the purpose of this invention to overcome. This invention, therefore, has to do principally with the construction of the cover for the container, in addition to the construction of the address compartments, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth and described.

The full nature of the invention will be understood from the accompanying drawings and the following description and claims:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a container embodying this invention.

Fig. 2 is a central vertical cross section taken therethrough mid-way of its ends.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the address windows or compartments.

In the drawings there is shown a container for carrying or mailing luggage or the like comprising an oblong fiberboard box 10 having suitable flaps 11 for closing the open side thereof in accordance with the usual construction. The box is enclosed in a cover 12 of canvas or the like so formed as to snugly fit about the several sides of the oblong box. Said cover is provided with end flaps 12^a having corresponding end connecting straps 12^b, and an inner flap 13 extending partially over the open faced portion of the box and said end flaps, said flap 13 being covered by a second outer flap 14 extending clear across the open faced portion of the box so that its free edge will extend along the edge of the box.

In order that the corners of the flap 14 will be held in proper position, and the entire edge thereof be secured tightly against the edge of the box, there is provided a stiffening rod 15 formed of metal or the like extending longitudinally thereof and secured within a fold along the outer edge of the flap.

The straps 16, which are usually formed in structures of this type from fabric, are securely sewn about the cover so as to be held firmly in place and embrace the entire periphery of the box, there being provided at one end thereof the usual buckle 17 for receiving the free end of the strap. It will be noted that the strap is sewed to the cover along the bottom, rear side and top of the box, and to the flap 14, and is provided with a free end extending beyond said flap adapted to be fastened by the buckle for securing the box in closed position and holding the flap 14 firmly in place. The handle strap 18 is secured to straps 16 so as to extend between them and be sufficiently slack to permit the ready gripping thereof.

The auxiliary straps 19 are positioned adjacent the ends of the cover with one end secured to the edge of the flap 14 and the other end secured about mid-way of the top side thereof. These straps retain the corner portion of the flap in proper closed position and further aid in holding the box closed and the cover firmly in place during transportation.

Secured to the outer surface of the flap 14 there is a window or compartment frame 20 substantially rectangular in outline and having two openings or windows formed therein for receiving address cards or the like. Said frame is formed of the same fabric material as the cover or the like and the openings therein are cut first, as shown on the left hand side of Fig. 3, by removing the material from the space indicated at 21. From the corners there are diagonal cuts 22 of a given length for providing the flaps 23, which may be turned back and stitched in place, as shown on the right hand side of Fig. 3. By means of this arrangement a full sized opening as at 24 is provided with reinforced folded edges. The ends of the frame are left open, whereby the desired address, name, or stamp cards may be readily inserted therein so as to be observed through the opening 24. The opening 24 is provided with Pyralin or similar transparent cover 25, through which the card may be visible, said cards being reversible so as to present to view a return or forwarding address upon the carrier reaching its destination.

The invention claimed is:

1. In a luggage container, the combination with a substantially oblong fibre board box, of a fabric covering therefor having three sides and the ends formed and permanently secured for snugly fitting said box, a pair of inwardly extending end flaps, adjustable complementary means for securing said end flaps together in inwardly extending relation, an inner flap adapted to over-lie a portion of one side of said box and said end flaps, an outer flap adapted to over-lie said inner and end flaps, a pair of exteriorly positioned box enveloping straps adapted to secure all of said flaps in over-lapping relation for closing the con-

tainer, and means connecting said straps and maintaining the same in spaced relation and serving as a handle.

2. A device of the character defined by claim 1, characterized by a stiffening member secured along the free edge of said outer flap for stiffening the edge thereof and terminating near the ends and additional exterior straps near the ends and bearing upon said stiffening member for securing the entire flap in closed position.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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