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Fig. 1

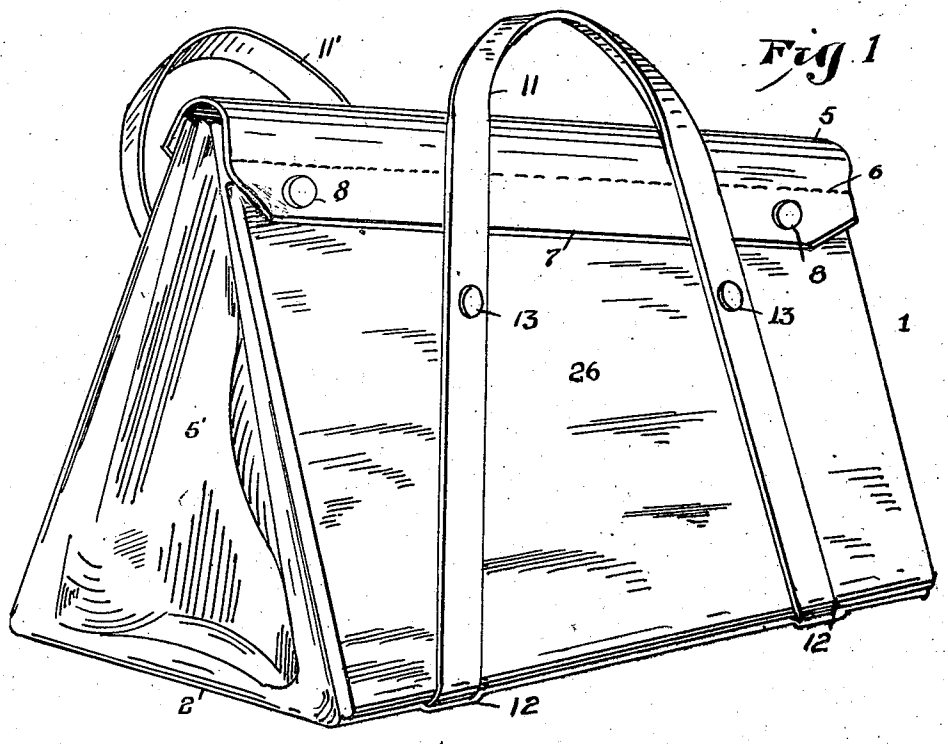

Fig. 2

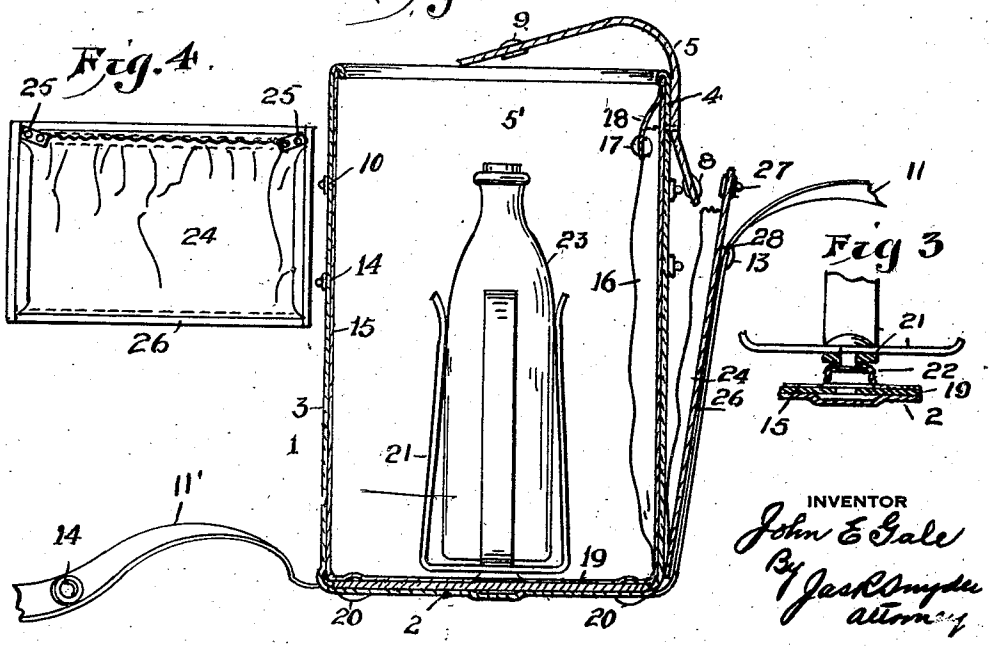

Fig. 4

Fig 3

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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in valises and while primarily designed for infant's equipment, it will be obvious that the device may be employed for any purposes wherein it is found to be applicable.

Important objects of this invention are to provide a valise of the type stated, which includes a plurality of receptacle supports for carrying liquid containers in the vertical position, which permits of the removal of said supports to allow of its use for receiving any articles in the usual manner and which embodies a detachable outside pocket preferably designed for storing soiled garments.

Further objects of the invention are to provide a device of the character stated which is simple in its construction and arrangement, strong, durable and efficient in its use, sanitary, compact, attractive in appearance, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that the changes in the precise embodiment of the invention hereinafter disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawing forming a portion of this specification and wherein like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a valise in accordance with my invention.

Figure 2 is a transverse cross sectional view thereof.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view of the bottom and associated parts.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the inner side of the detachable pocket.

Referring in detail to the drawings, reference numeral 1 denotes the body portion of the valise constructed from any suitable material, preferably leather. The body portion 1 consists of an elongated rectangular bottom 2 connected with the side members 3 and 4 and the bellows end members 5'. The latter permit of the convergence of the side members 3 and 4 toward their upper ends when the valise is in the closed position, as shown in Figure 1 of the drawing.

A cover 5 is stitched, as indicated at 6, adjacent to the upper edge of the side member 4. The cover 5 is so connected to the side member 4, by the stitching 6, as to leave the marginal edge of the cover 5 free, providing thereby a flap 7. The latter is provided with a clasp socket 8 positioned adjacent to each end thereof. The cover 5 overlaps the upper edges of the side members 3 and 4 and is locked in the closed position by the engagement of the clasp sockets 9, mounted in the marginal edge of the free side of the cover 5, with corresponding clasp balls 10 mounted in the side member 3.

The valise is provided with a pair of looped strap handles 11 and 11', each having its lower ends permanently connected to respective marginal side edges of the bottom 2, as indicated at 12. The handle 11 is detachably connected to the side member 4 slightly above the horizontal center of the latter, by means of the snap clasps 13. The handle 11' is likewise connected to the side member 3 by means of the snap clasps 14.

The body portion 1 is lined throughout by a suitable lining 15. The side member 4 carries a pocket 16 on its inner side. The pocket 16 is open at its top and may be secured in the closed position by the snap clasp 17, a portion of which is carried by a tab 18 fixed to the upper edge of the side member 4.

Positioned between the bottom 2 and the bottom lining is a flat rectangular metal bottom plate 19 of a configuration corresponding to the contour of the bottom 2. The bottom plate 19 is detachably secured in position by the snap clasps 20, one of which is positioned at each corner of the bottom. The clasp balls are carried by, and depend from, the plate 19 and the associated sockets are mounted in the bottom 2.

A plurality of receptacle holders 21 are detachably mounted on the bottom plate 19 by means of suitable snap clasps 22. The clasp balls are mounted in the plate 19 and extend through the lining 15, and the clasp socket is carried by the holder 21. The holders 21 are praferably arranged in longitudinal alignment on the bottom plate 19 and any number to best meet conditions found in practice may be used.

Each of the holders 21 consists of four vertically disposed resilient fingers which are connected at their lower ends by the clasp socket of the clasp 22, as clearly shown in Figure 3 of the drawing. Each of the hold-

ers 21 is designed for supporting a bottle 23 in the vertical position so that the contents of the latter will not be liable to be split therefrom.

An independent pocket 24, preferably constructed of waterproof material and open at its top, is detachably secured by means of snap clasps 25, to the inner face of a panel 26. The pocket 24 is adapted to receive soiled apparel, of any nature, which would be objectionable to place within the valise.

For securing the panel 26 and the pocket 24 to the body portion 1, the panel 26 is provided with a snap clasp ball 27 at each upper corner adapted to engage the respective snap clasp sockets 8 mounted in the flap 7. The panel 26 is further provided with a pair of snap clasp balls 28 which are positioned to be engaged by the snap clasp sockets 13 mounted in the handle 11, whereby the panel 26 and associated pocket 24 will be compactly held in position against the side member 4 of the body portion. An identical pocket 24 may be held to the opposite side of the bag by means of snaps 10 and 14 on the side 3, and by the socket 9 on cover flap 5.

It will be noted that the holders 21 may be readily removed from the plate 19, thereby permitting of the use of the valise for the reception of any articles in the usual manner.

What I claim is:—

1. In a valise the combination of a body member, a separate removable pocket member arranged to lie against one side of the body member, a handle attached adjacent the bottom of the body member and arranged to extend upwardly thereof, mutually engageable fastening means on the pocket and on the handle, and fastening means on the body member arranged to engage the fastening means on the handle when the pocket is removed.

2. In a valise the combination of a body member, a cover on the body member and having a flap arranged to overlie the open end of the body member, a separate removable pocket member arranged to lie against one side of the body member, mutually engageable fastening means on the flap and on the pocket, and fastening means on the body member arranged to engage the fastening means on the flap when the pocket is removed.

3. In a valise the combination of a body member, a cover secured to one side of the body member adjacent the open end thereof, said cover having a flap arranged to serve as a closure for the body member and a false flap on the opposite side of the body member, separate removable pockets arranged to lie against the opposite sides of the body member, fastening means on both sides of the body member, fastening means on both pockets, and fastening means on both flaps arranged to engage either the fastening means on such side of the body member or the fastening means on the pockets.

4. In a valise the combination of a body member, a cover on the body member having a flap arranged to overlie the open end of the body member, a separate removable pocket member arranged to lie against one side of the body member, mutually engageable fastening means on the flap and on the pocket, fastening means on the body member arranged to engage the fastening means on the flap when the pocket is removed, a handle attached adjacent the bottom of the body member and arranged to extend upwardly thereof, and mutually engageable fastening means on the pocket and on the handle.

5. In a valise the combination of a body member, a cover on the body member having a flap arranged to overlie the open end of the body member, a separate removable pocket member arranged to lie against one side of the body member, mutually engageable fastening means on the flap and on the pocket, fastening means on the body member arranged to engage the fastening means on the flap when the pocket is removed, a handle attached adjacent the bottom of the body member and arranged to extend upwardly thereof, mutually engageable fastening means on the pocket and on the handle, and fastening means on the body member arranged to engage the fastening means on the handle with the pocket removed.

6. In a valise the combination of a body member, a cover attached to one side of the body member and adjacent the open end thereof, said cover having a flap arranged to serve as a closure for the body member and a false flap on the opposite side of the body member, separate removable pockets arranged to lie against the opposite sides of the body member, fastening means on both sides of the body member, fastening means on both pockets, fastening means on both flaps arranged to engage either the fastening means on such side of the body member or the fastening means on the pockets, handle members attached adjacent the bottom of the body member and arranged to extend upwardly thereof, and mutually engageable fastening means on both pockets and on both handles.

7. In a valise the combination of a body member, a cover attached to one side of the body member and adjacent the open end thereof, said cover having a flap arranged to serve as a closure for the body member and a false flap on the opposite side of the body member, separate removable pockets arranged to lie against the opposite sides of the body member, fastening means on both sides of the body member, fastening means on both pockets, handle member attached adjacent the bottom of the body member

and arranged to extend upwardly thereof, mutually engageable fastening means on both pockets and on both handles, and fastening means on the body member arranged to engage the fastening means on the handles when the pockets are removed.

8. In a valise the combination of a body member, a false flap adjacent the open end of the body member, a separate removable pocket member arranged to lie against one side of the body member, mutually engageable fastening means on the false flap and on the pocket, and fastening means on the body member arranged to engage the fastening means on the flap when the pocket is removed.

9. In a valise the combination of a body member, a false flap adjacent the open end of the body member, a separate removable pocket member arranged to lie against one side of the body member, mutually engageable fastening means on the false flap and on the pocket, a handle attached adjacent the bottom of the body member and arranged to extend upwardly thereof, mutually engageable fastening means on the handle and on the pocket member, and fastening means on the body member arranged to engage the fastening means on the handle when the pocket is removed.

10. In a valise the combination of a body member, a false flap adjacent the open end of the body member, a separate removable pocket member arranged to lie against one side of the body member, mutually engageable fastening means on the false flap and on the pocket, fastening means on the body member arranged to engage the fastening means on the flap when the pocket is removed, a handle attached adjacent the bottom of the body member and arranged to extend upwardly thereof, and mutually engageable fastening means on the handle and on the pocket member.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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