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VIOLIN CASE.

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Fig. 1.

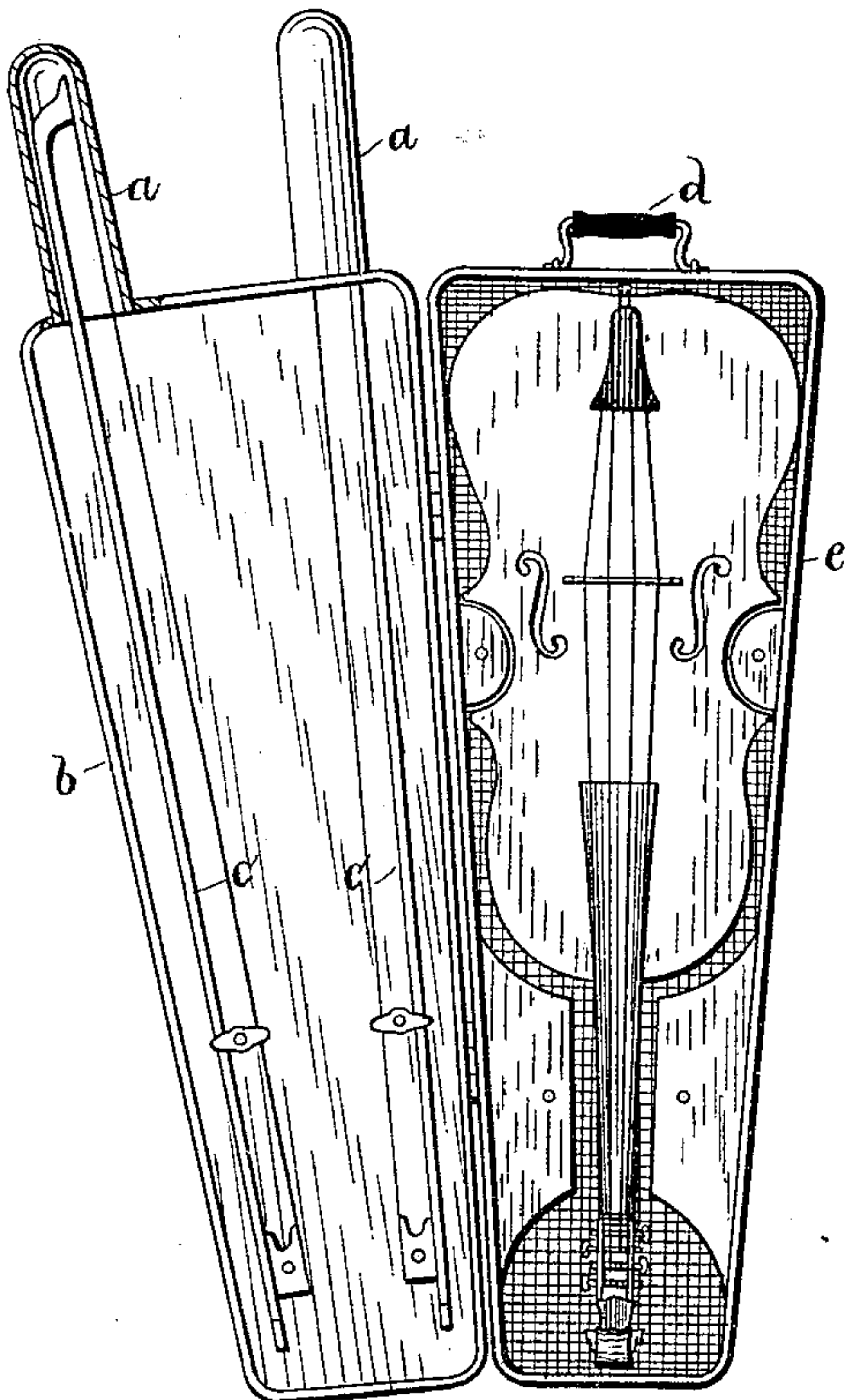
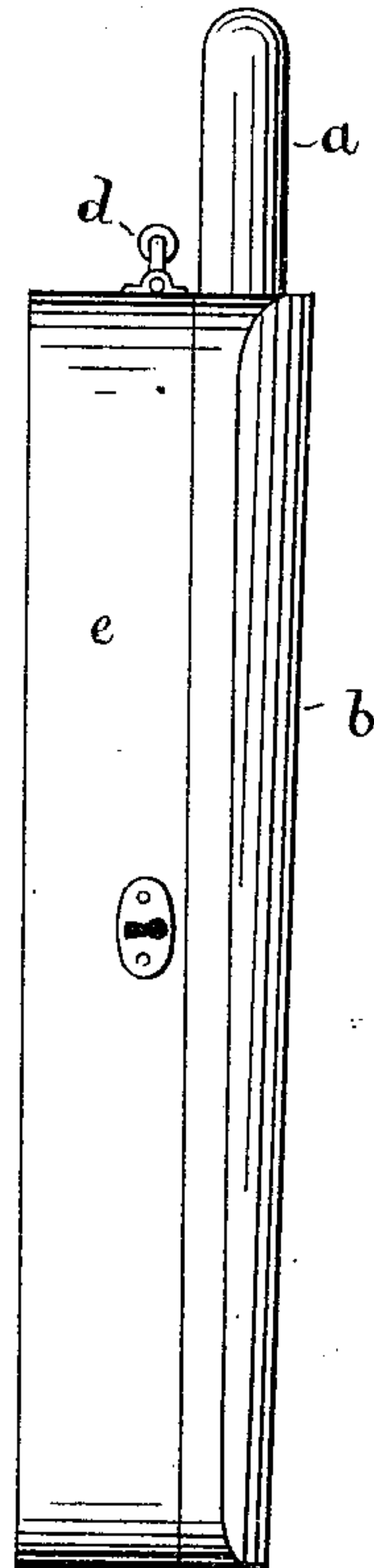


Fig. 2.



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VIOLIN-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT B. TUTTLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Morristown, in the county of Morris and State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Violin-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a contrivance of the case so that that portion of it which is extended beyond the length needed for the violin to make room for the bow is obtained without the extension of the case itself, and so that the case is not practically longer than for the violin alone, and may be carried more conveniently than the ordinary case, as hereinafter fully described, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the case with the cover opened. Fig. 2 is a side view with the cover closed.

I attach one or more tubular extensions, *a*, of leather, metal, papier-maché, or other approved material, to one end of the cover *b*—preferably the larger end—and coincident with the position in which the bow *c* is generally placed, said tube or tubes being closed at the upper or outer end, and opening into the cover *b* at the end connected with the cover, so that the bow may be inserted lengthwise from within the cover as much as it is longer than the violin, to be lodged with the other end coincident with the corresponding end of the violin, and avoid the extension of that end of the case *e*, as commonly constructed, to make room for the bow. Generally only one of these bow-case extensions will be employed; but for the convenience of carrying two bows, two may be attached, if desired; or one case may be made wide enough for two bows to be placed side by side.

With this extension bow-case the violin-case is much reduced in size, and is more convenient to carry by a handle attached to the side; but with the handle *d* attached to the end of the case having the said bow-case extension, as I propose to arrange it in connection with said bow-extension, the case may be carried in the lengthwise suspension by a person of medium height, in which position it is more convenient at all times, and much more so in places crowded with people, than as when suspended by the side, as it must be when made in the ordinary form, which is too long to be carried lengthwise, even by persons of more than ordinary height.

Although I have described and represented the bow-case extension as being attached to the cover, which is the most suitable place for it, yet it may of course be on the other part of the case as an equivalent arrangement, the case being arranged to receive the bow as well as the violin, and I consider such arrangement as included in my claim.

I claim as my invention—

1. A violin-case having a bow-case extension, *a*, on the end of the cover, substantially as described.

2. A violin-case having a bow-case extension, *a*, on the end of the cover, and also having the handle for carrying the case attached to the end of the case having said bow-case extension, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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