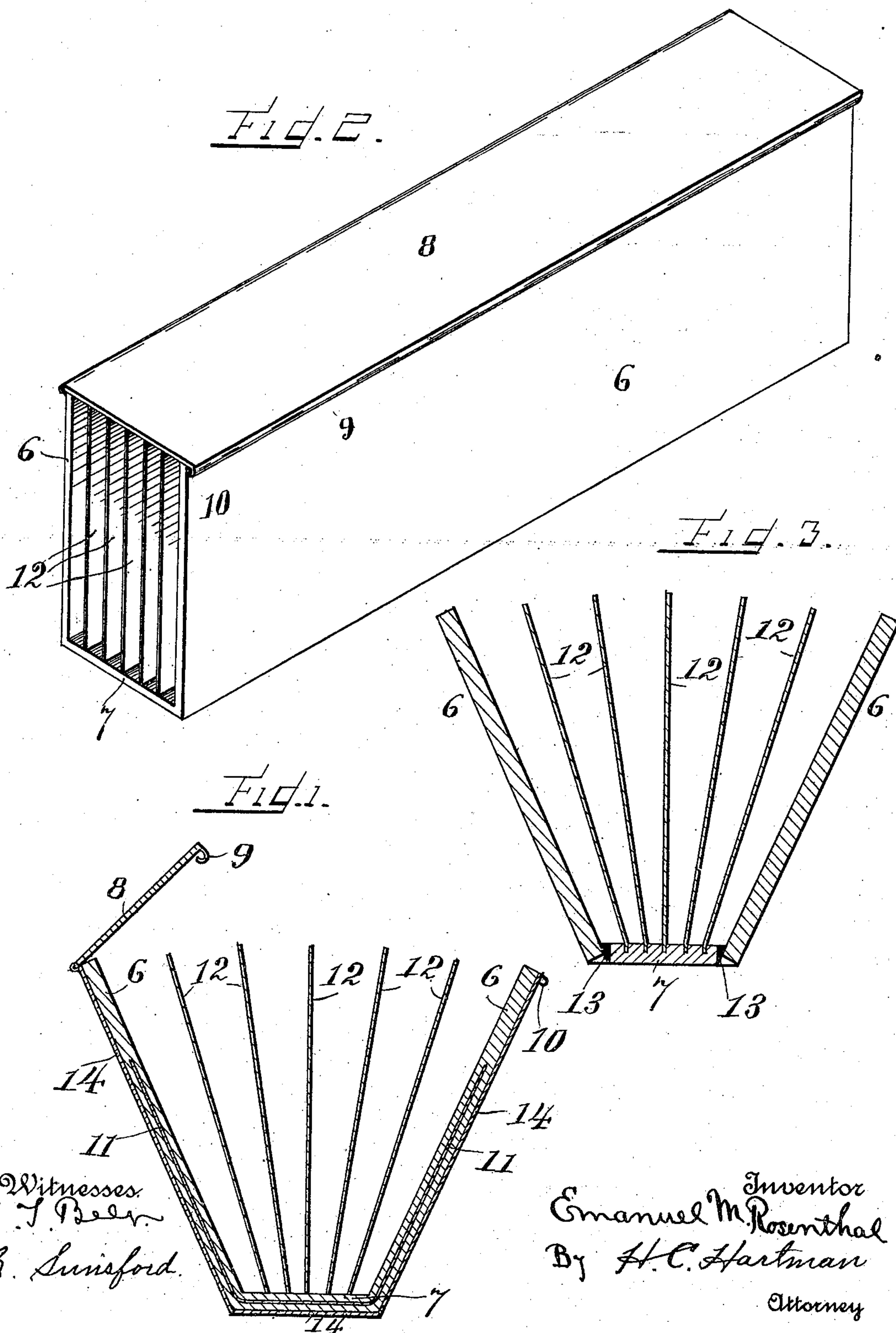


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMANUEL M. ROSENTHAL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Wayne, in the county of Allen, in the State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display Glove-Cases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in glove cases, used by merchants to hold and display gloves, and has special adaptability for the display of kid gloves and gloves of similar material. It is an improvement upon a glove case for which I obtained Letters Patent No. 489,691, dated January 10, 1893.

Its objects are to provide an improved case, which shall not only hold a given number of gloves separate from each other by the interposition of intermediate leaves, but also to provide a cover, which shall by means of a spring placed in the materials, or formed by the construction and materials themselves, hold the sides inclining outwardly from each other, the spring being also utilized to hold a projection or projections attached to the lid firmly in place when the lid is shut down, thereby securing an easy and convenient locking of the lid. And the invention consists in the construction and novel combination of parts hereinafter described, pointed out in the appended claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a cross-section of my improved glove case. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the glove case with its lid held in place by the engagement of a hook or projection, and Fig. 3 is a cross-section showing a different form of spring.

Similar figures of reference refer to similar parts throughout the views.

The construction is as follows: Numeral 6 represents the two sides of the cover.

7 represents the back, which is made flat so as to support the case edgewise when it is placed upon its back, which is the usual

method of handling the case for the purpose of display.

8 is the lid of the cover hinged to one of the sides thereof, and 9 is a projection, preferably in form of a hook as shown, which engages the other side 6 of the cover, upon which is preferably attached a projection 10, adapted to engage the hook part of projection 9. The case is supplied with any suitable number of stiff leaves 12, according to the number of gloves the case is intended to hold. I have shown six such leaves in the drawings, which therefore adapt the case to hold one-half dozen of gloves. I provide, at the junction of the edges of the sides 6 with the back 7, a spring which is adapted to hold the leaves when released, in position inclining outward from each other by its elastic force. There are various ways of constructing such spring. One of them is to cover the sides 6 and back 7 with any material 14 which will furnish at the edges of the juncture of the sides and back, the requisite elasticity.

Any material with strands of rubber woven in it, or cloth or other woven goods adapted by their texture and the manner in which they are woven to have such elasticity may be used.

Another method is to place at the juncture of the edges of the sides with the back a strip of rubber 13, adapted to perform the same function as a spring, in connection with a muslin or other cover over the sides and back to hold it in place. But I prefer to construct such spring by covering the sides and back with such material 14 as will furnish at the edges of their junction the requisite elasticity as above described. For goods requiring frequent display, and when the cases are for permanent use, to be filled and re-filled as long as they last, I also re-inforce such spring by placing one, two or more spring metal ribbons 11 transversely around the back 7 and sides 6 and securing them thereto, so that the force of the spring shall be exercised at the point of junction of the sides with the back. Preferably these spring ribbons 11 one, two or more, are placed within the material composing the back and sides of the cover, as shown in Fig. 1. It is obvious also that spring wire

may be used instead of the ribbons, but the ribbons make a smoother finish and are therefore preferable. By this construction when the lid 8 is raised, releasing the covers 6 and the case is placed upon its back 7, the case and covers will assume by elastic force the position shown in Fig. 1. This prevents the gloves from falling out or becoming disarranged, and also holds them in exactly the right position to be easily inspected by the customer.

Practically either the elastic covering 14, or the spring ribbons 11 may be used separately, one without the other, and have the same function, the difference being simply in degree of durability.

The purpose and object of the invention referred to in Letters Patent No. 489,691 and the present one are primarily to avoid the handling of kid gloves and gloves of such delicate material that they become easily soiled by the hands.

The invention above described is an improvement on the former invention in that the case, when the cover is released, will open itself to just the right extent for suitable display, and the force of the spring is also used to engage the projections 9, thereby making a cheaper, easier and more convenient lock for closing.

To make it still more convenient for lifting the box out of its receptacle or drawer and prevent the lid from being opened thereby, I make a hook to the catch 9 preferably as shown, and provide another projection 10, so that the end of the hook passes under it and thereby holds the lid downward as well as laterally. The lid also furnishes additional protection to the gloves from dust.

The operation of the device is obvious from the description, and is therefore not further described.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a display glove case consisting of an outer cover of stiff material in form of a book cover, and adapted to rest on its back; a covering attached to the sides and back, adapted to hold the sides inclining outward from each other by elastic force; a metallic spring for the back and sides, also adapted to hold the sides of the cover inclining outward from each other; a lid hinged to one of the sides and provided with a projection adapted to engage the other side, and a projection on the other side adapted to engage the projection on the lid.

2. In a display glove case consisting of a cover of stiff material in form of a book cover and adapted to rest on its back, a covering attached to the sides and back of material adapted to hold the sides inclining outward from each other by elastic force; a lid hinged to one of the sides of the cover; and a projection on the free edge of the lid adapted to engage the other side of the cover when the lid is shut down.

3. In a display glove case consisting of a cover of stiff material in form of a book cover and adapted to rest on its back; two sides attached to a flat back; a spring adapted to hold the sides inclining outward from each other by elastic force; and a lid hinged to one of the sides provided with a projection on its free edge adapted to engage the other side when shut down.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name, in the presence of two witnesses, this 9th day of May, 1893.

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