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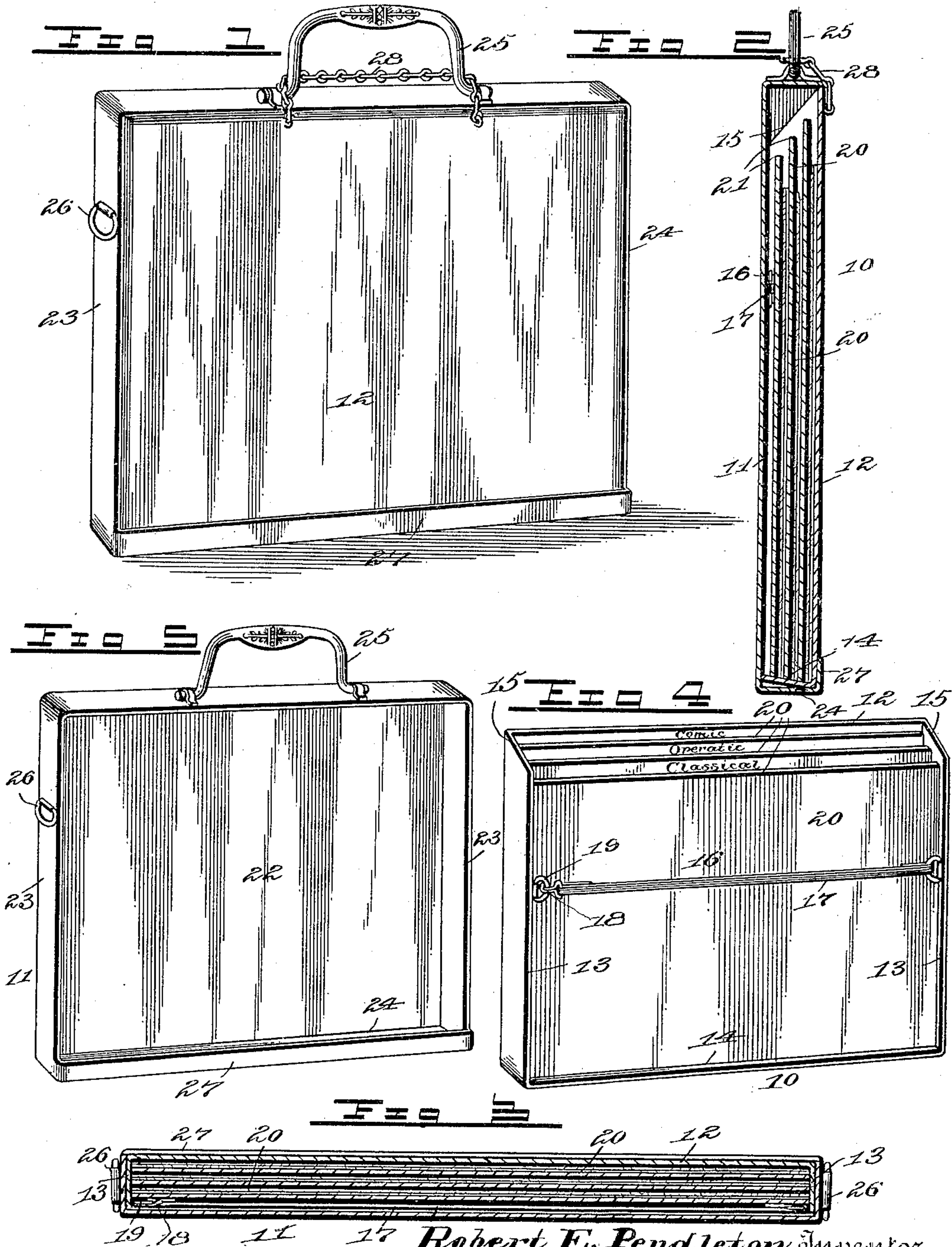
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT EMMET PENDLETON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Redbluff, in the county of Tehama and State of California, have invented a new and useful Carrying-Case, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to carrying-cases; and the object of the invention is to provide an article of this character that will hold music, pictures, drawings, and the like in flat positions, thus obviating the necessity of folding or rolling them.

A further object is to construct a case of this character that will permit ready access to any or all of the articles contained therein, so that one or more may be removed or placed therein without disturbing the others.

In the following specification there is described the preferred embodiment of the invention, and this embodiment is also illustrated in the drawings which accompany and form a part of the same. The construction thus shown and described may be changed or modified slightly, however, within the scope of the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a case embodying this present construction. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the receptacle detached. Fig. 5 is a similar view of the cover.

Similar numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

The case, as shown in the drawings, comprises two elements—a receptacle (designated as a whole by the reference-numeral 10) and a cover therefor, (designated 11.)

The receptacle 10 comprises a flat rectangular side wall 12, having at its two ends and one side edge the outstanding flanges 13 and 14, which form, respectively, the end walls and bottom of said receptacle. The bottom 14 is inclined upwardly from the side 12, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. The remaining side and top are left open, and the end walls contiguous to said open top are beveled, as shown at 15. The articles to be held are placed flat within the receptacle and are held in place by a holding device 16, that extends across

the upper portion of the open side of the receptacle. This device preferably comprises an elastic cord 17, secured at one end to the outer edge of one end wall and having a hook 18 at its other end which is arranged to engage a ring 19, pivoted to the outer edge of the opposing end wall.

In the present instance the case is shown as a music-holder, and in order to properly classify the different kinds, so that they may be conveniently located, the receptacle may be provided with separators or partitions 20, the inner one being widest and the others decreasing in width successively to the outer one, as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 4. The upper ends will therefore be exposed, as shown at 21, and the names of the different classes contained between the adjacent partitions may be printed or otherwise marked upon said exposed ends.

The cover 11 is of the same shape as the receptacle and is large enough to receive the same, so that the outer or exposed face of said cover will be flush with the outer edges of the walls of said cover. This cover consists of a rectangular side wall 22, having outstanding flanges 23 and 24 upon all its edges, which thus forms a boxing into which the receptacle fits. The upper wall carries a pivoted handle 25, and the end walls may be provided with pivoted rings 26, to which a shoulder-strap can be secured.

In order to hold the cover and receptacle in place, the bottom wall 24 of the cover has an upstanding continuous flange 27, which fits over the lower end of the receptacle when the latter is in place, and thus prevents said end from slipping outwardly. A flexible loop 28, preferably formed by a chain, is secured to the upper edge of the outer face of the receptacle and is adapted to be hooked over the handle 25 of the cover, thus holding this end snugly in place.

In use the plates, drawings, music, or other articles to be held are placed in the receptacle and are properly classified by means of the separators. They are then fastened in place by means of the holding device 16, the inclined bottom also assisting in holding the same by preventing their lower ends slipping out. The lower end of the receptacle is then placed behind the retaining-flange 27 of the

cover and said receptacle is swung into closed position, after which the chain is placed over the handle, thus locking the two elements together. To open the case, it is only necessary to remove the loop from the handle, swing the receptacle outwardly, and then remove it.

From this construction several important advantages are derived. In the first place the articles are held flat, and thus the objectionable necessity of rolling or bending them is obviated. Furthermore, when closed the contents are completely housed and protected. A further and important feature resides in the receptacle being detachable, in that the contents are more easily accessible, the open end of said receptacle also furthering this object.

From the foregoing it is thought that the construction, operation, and many advantages of the herein-described invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art without further description, and it will be understood that various changes in the size, shape, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

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

1. In a holder of the class described, the combination with a receptacle comprising a side, a bottom and end walls, leaving an open side and an open top, of a cover having an interlocking engagement with the receptacle and provided with a side and a top that are arranged to respectively cover the open side and top of the receptacle said cover also having a bottom that fits over the bottom of the receptacle, and means for holding the cover in operative position upon a receptacle.

2. In a holder of the class described, the combination with a receptacle comprising a side, a bottom and end walls, leaving an open side and an open top, of a cover having a detachable interlocking engagement at one side with the receptacle, and provided with a side wall and a top that are arranged to respectively cover the open side and top of the receptacle, and means located at the side op-

posite the detachable interlocking engagement for holding the cover in operative position upon the receptacle.

3. In a holder of the class described, the combination with a receptacle comprising a bottom, a side and end walls, leaving an open side and an open top, of a detachable cover having a side wall and a top that are arranged to respectively cover the open side and top of the receptacle, said cover being provided with a bottom having an upturned flange arranged to engage over the outer face of the receptacle to hold the cover in place.

4. In a holder of the class described, the combination with a receptacle having an open side and end, of a cover arranged to close the open side and end of the receptacle and having side walls which surround the same, a continuous inturned flange located at the outer edge of one of the cover side walls and arranged to engage over the outer face of the receptacle, a handle arranged upon the opposite side wall, a flexible loop secured to the receptacle and adapted to be hooked over the handle, and a holding device secured to one edge of the receptacle and having a detachable connection with the opposing edge.

5. In a holder of the class described, the combination with a receptacle having an open side and an open upper end, the lower end being closed by an inclined wall, of a cover arranged to close the open side and end of the receptacle and provided with side walls which surround the same, an inturned flange located at the outer edge of the lower side wall of the cover and adapted to engage over the exterior face of the receptacle, a handle arranged upon the opposite side wall, locking means carried by the receptacle and engaging the handle to hold said receptacle and cover in place, and an elastic holding device secured to one edge of the receptacle, and having a detachable engagement with the other edge.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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