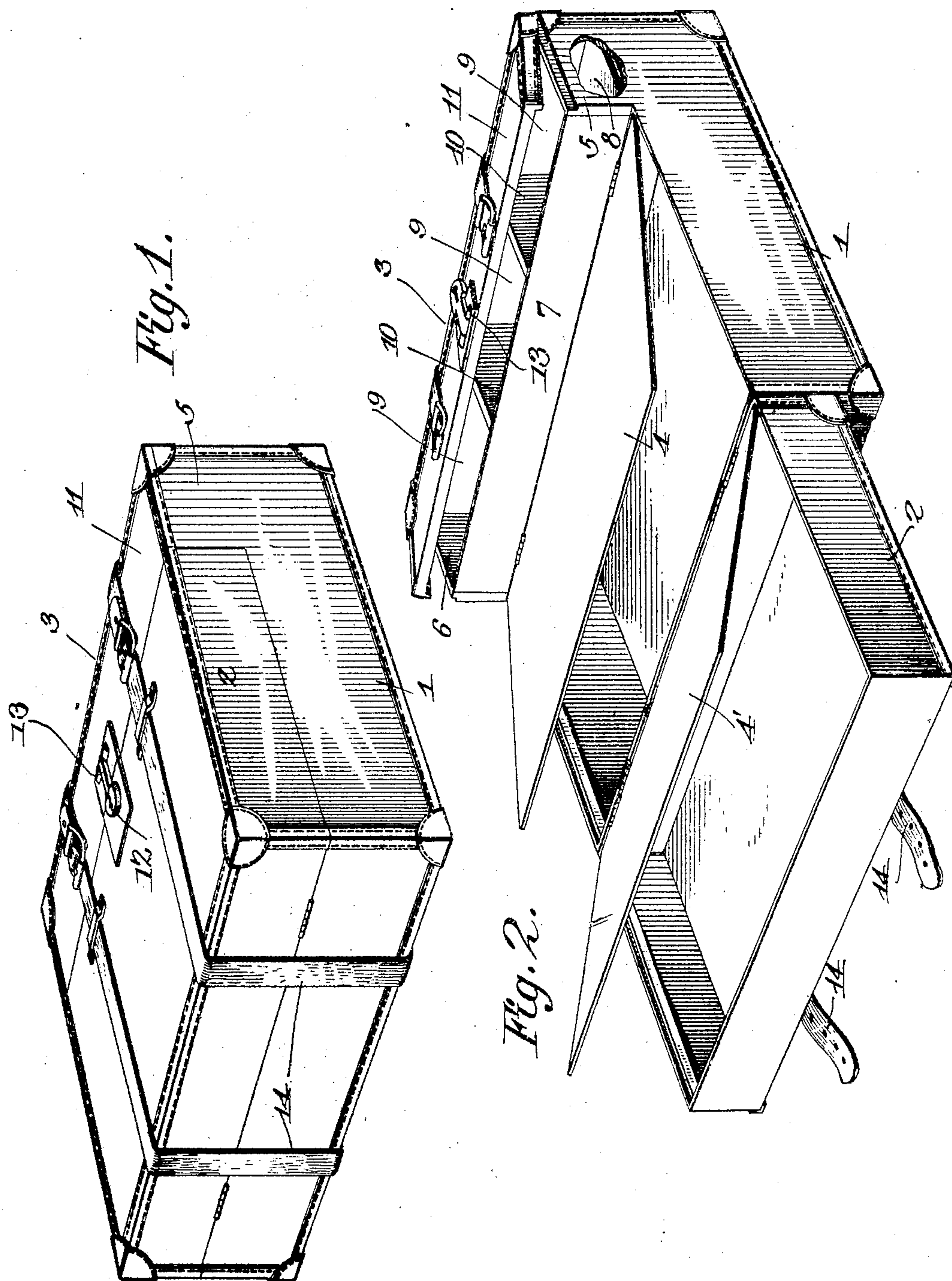


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. TURNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Macon, in the county of Bibb and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Dress-Suit Case, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to dress-suit cases.

It is the object of the present invention, in a ready, simple, thoroughly feasible, and practical manner and without adding to the size or detracting from the appearance of such cases, to provide a novel form of supplemental compartment for containing collars, cuffs, and the like which shall be accessible without opening the other sections of the case, and, further, in which rumpling and damaging of the contents of the compartment will be positively obviated.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel details of construction of a dress-suit case, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, there is illustrated one form of embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the elements therein exhibited may be varied or changed as to shape, proportion, and exact manner of assemblage without departing from the spirit thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective, exhibiting a suit-case constructed in accordance with the present invention folded or closed. Fig. 2 is a similar view, partly in section, exhibiting the parts of the case open.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the body-section of the case, 2 the lid-section, and 3 a section supplemental to the section 1.

Each of the sections 1 and 2 has combined with it an ordinary partition-lid 4 and 4', respectively, which are suitably hinged to the case. All the parts of the case may be made in the usual or any preferred manner and of any material suited to the purpose.

The supplemental section 3 is produced by extending each end of the body-section upward, as at 5 and 6, and by the employment of a vertical partition 7 and a horizontal partition 8, the section thus produced being entirely cut off from communication with either of the other sections. The section 3 is divided up into a plurality of compartments 9

by vertical partitions 10, which are secured, respectively, to the front of the case and to the partitions 7 and 8. The section 3 is closed by a lid 11, hinged to the upper edge of the body-section.

The section 2 is in height equal to the height of the section 3, so that when closed it forms, in conjunction with the lid 11 of the section 3, a flat side, as shown in Fig. 1. The section 2 and lid 11 are held combined through the medium of a hinged lock 12 and keeper 13, the lock in this instance being shown secured to the lid 11 and the keeper to the lid-section 2; but it is to be understood that this order may be transposed without departing from the scope of the invention. As an additional means for holding the sections assembled straps 14 are employed, which operate in the manner usual to such devices.

In the use of the case garments and underwear may be placed in the compartments of the sections 1 and 2, and articles of toilet—such as handkerchiefs, neckties, collars, brushes and combs, soap, a shaving outfit, and the like—may be arranged within the compartments 9. Should it be desired to remove one of the latter articles at any time, it will only be necessary to unlock the lock and loosen the straps, when the lid 11 may be raised, thus exposing only the compartment 9 to view to the exclusion of the other compartments. This will be found exceedingly convenient in traveling on the cars where a traveler is very often crowded for space and where it will be impossible to find a vacant seat where the case can be spread out flat, as will be necessary with the ordinary form of dress-suit case.

Instead of placing toilet articles such as described in the compartments 9 they may be employed for containing samples of goods or for receiving any other object or objects that may be desired, and this will be found particularly valuable to traveling men exhibiting goods that are small in size, as will be readily understood.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. A dress-suit case comprising a body-section having one side vertically extended to form a rigid supplemental section, a lid for the supplemental section carried by the body-section, and a lid-section hinged to the body-section and having its height equal to that of the supplemental section, whereby when the body and lid sections are closed a flat surface

is presented on that side of the case on which the lid of the supplemental section is located.

2. A dress-suit case comprising a body-section having one side vertically extended to  
5 form a rigid supplemental section, a lid hinged to the body-section and covering the supplemental section, a second section of height equal to the supplemental section, and a lock having one of its elements carried by the lid

of the supplemental section and its other element by the second section.

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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