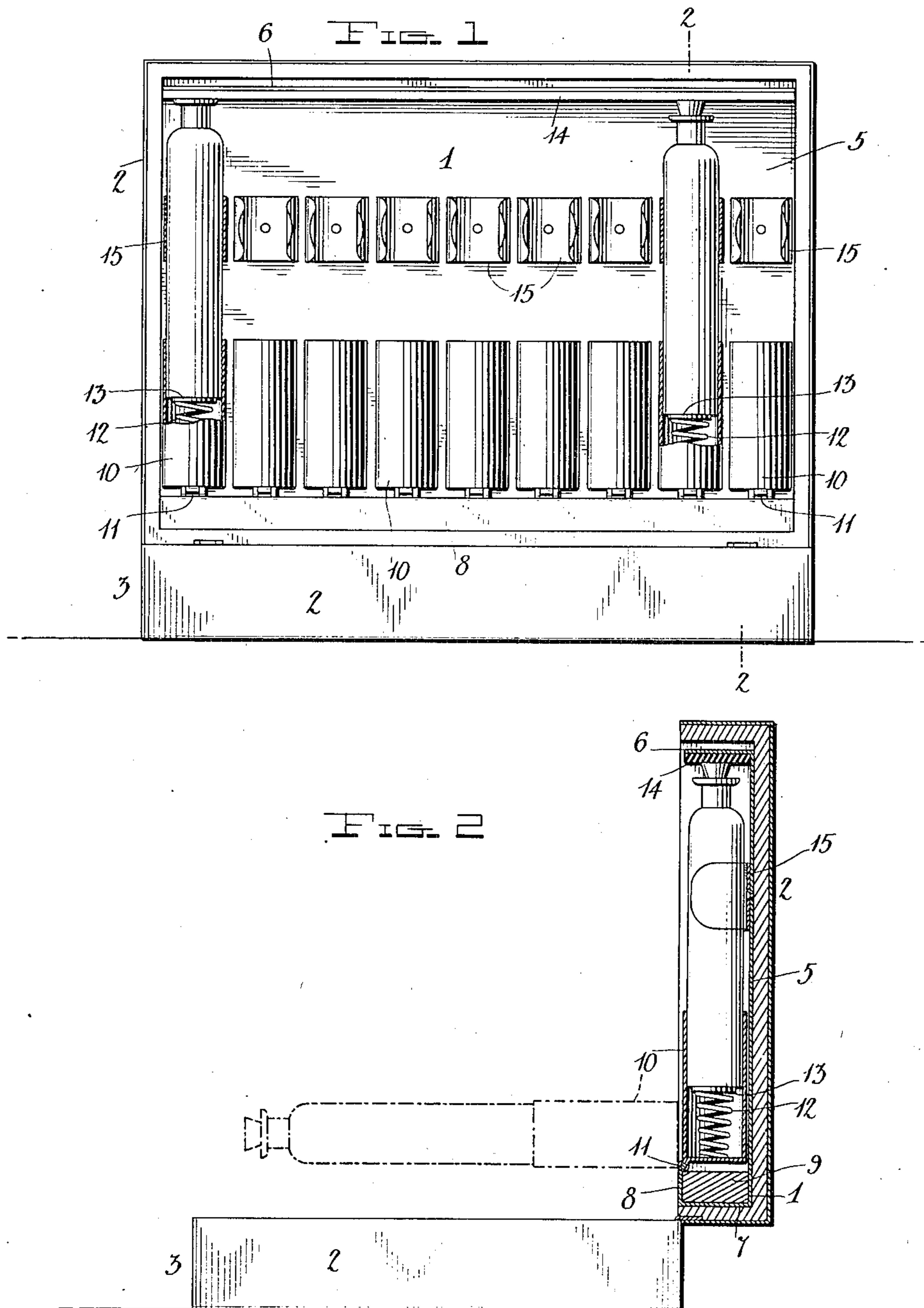


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN LEVI HOLCOMB, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brown, in the county of Pottawatomie, Oklahoma Territory, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Medicine-Cases; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in portable medicine-cases; and it consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of devices, hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of the invention is to provide a case of this character in which bottles may be carried without danger of breakage and in which the loss or escape of the contents of the bottles will be effectively prevented.

The above and other objects, which will appear as the nature of my invention is better understood, are accomplished by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved bottle carrier or holder mounted in one of the hingedly-connected members or sections of a portable carrying-case, the members or sections of the latter being shown as opened at right angles to each other; and Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through the same, taken on the plane indicated by the line 2 2 in Fig. 1 and showing in dotted lines one of the bottles and its holder swung downwardly to permit the bottle to be readily removed therefrom.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, 1 denotes my improved bottle-carrier, which may be mounted upon any suitable support, but which, as here shown, is fixed in one of the hingedly-connected members or sections 2 of a portable carrying-case 3, similar to those commonly used by physicians. The carrier 1 is preferably formed from a sheet of metal by bending the same to form a back 5, an overhanging forwardly-projecting top 6, and a forwardly-projecting bottom 7, which has its front edge upturned to form a longitudinal flange 8, between which and the back upon the upper face of the bottom 7 is a filling or supporting block or strip 9. Upon the latter are supported a plurality of bottle-holders 10, which are preferably in the form of cylindrical metal tubes having open upper ends to receive the bottles. These holders are

hingedly connected, as shown at 11, to the upper edge of the flange 8, so that they may swing outwardly to the dotted-line position. (Shown in Fig. 2.) In these tubular holders 10 are provided cushioning and projecting springs 12 in the form of coils, which have their lower ends secured to the bottoms of the tubes and their upper ends attached to circular plates or disks 13, which are engaged by the bottoms of the bottles placed in the holders. When the bottles are in their upright positions within the carrier, the springs 12 project them upwardly against the top 6 of the carrier, so that their corks will be retained in them to prevent the loss of their contents. When the bottles contain liquids, they must of course be corked; but when they contain powders or tablets the corks or stoppers may be left out, since the springs will force their open tops or mouths firmly in contact with the under face of the top 6 to prevent the loss of their contents. In the latter case I preferably face or cover the under face of the top 6 with a layer or sheet 14, of rubber or other suitable material. To facilitate the holding of the bottles in their upright positions, I preferably provide upon the front face of the back 5 spring-clips 15, which may be constructed as shown or of any other suitable form and construction.

It will be observed that when the bottles are inserted in the holding-tubes 10 and swung upwardly into one of the clips 15, so that their corks or mouths engage the top 6, they will be effectively supported and cushioned. Hence there will be little or no danger of their falling out, and the loss or escape of their contents will be effectively prevented. When it is desired to remove one of the bottles or its contents, this may be readily done by swinging the same to its dotted-line position, (shown in Fig. 2,) as will be readily understood.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention as defined by the appended claims.

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

1. A device of the character described comprising a body or frame having a projecting portion, a tubular holder pivotally connected to said body or frame, and a spring in said

holder for projecting a bottle or the like against said projecting portion of the body or frame.

2. A device of the character described comprising a body or frame having a projecting portion, a tubular holder pivotally connected to said body or frame, a cushion upon said projecting portion, a retaining-clip upon said body or frame, and a spring in said holder for projecting a bottle or the like in said clip and said holder against said cushion, substantially as described.

3. A device of the character described having a bottom, a back and a top, a plurality of

tubular holders hingedly connected to said bottom, spring-clips upon said back for retaining a bottle or the like in said holders, and springs in said holders for projecting the bottles through said clips and against the top of said body, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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