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Fig. 1.

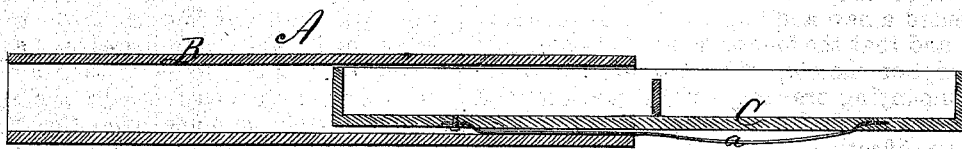
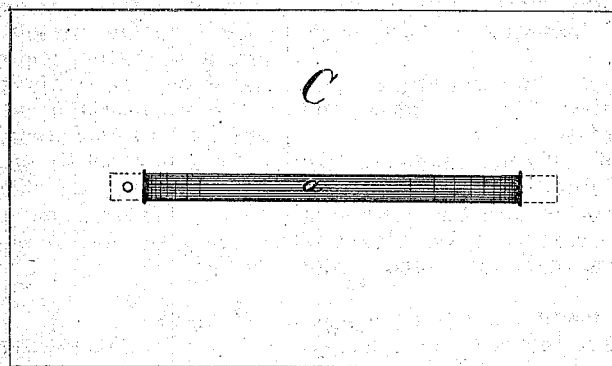


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY M. SMITH, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Medicine-Case, &c.; and that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon making a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to construct a case for holding vials of homeopathic medicines, &c., in such manner as will admit of the one part or tray sliding in the other part or case, and yet prevent the tray from accidentally dropping out of the case when in the pocket or under any circumstances, thus at all times keeping the vials safely in place without danger of breaking or disarrangement.

In the accompanying drawing, Fig. 1 represents a sectional view of my invention, and Fig. 2 a plan view of same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the several figures.

A represents a pocket-case for containing vials of homeopathic medicines, &c. This case is made of two parts, the outside case B, and tray C.

Heretofore cases made in a similar manner have been defective in that the tray C would, after a little use, work so easily in the case

that it would very shortly drop out, breaking and disarranging the vials or contents.

To obviate this I fit to the bottom of the tray C a small flat spring, *a*, which will, by reason of its elasticity, increase the friction between the upper edges of the tray and the under side of the case; besides the spring *a*, by pressing on the inner under surface of the case A, makes a yielding elastic pressure, and by this means enables the tray to be pushed in and out without catching or sticking in the case.

The spring *a* instead of being applied to the under side of the tray C may be applied to the sides of the tray or to the inner side of the case; or, if desired, instead of one spring two or more may be employed; therefore, I do not wish to confine myself to merely placing the spring on the bottom of the tray, nor to the use of but one single spring; but

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a pocket medicine-case, or other similar contrivance, constructed with one or more springs, in the manner, and for the purpose hereinbefore described.

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