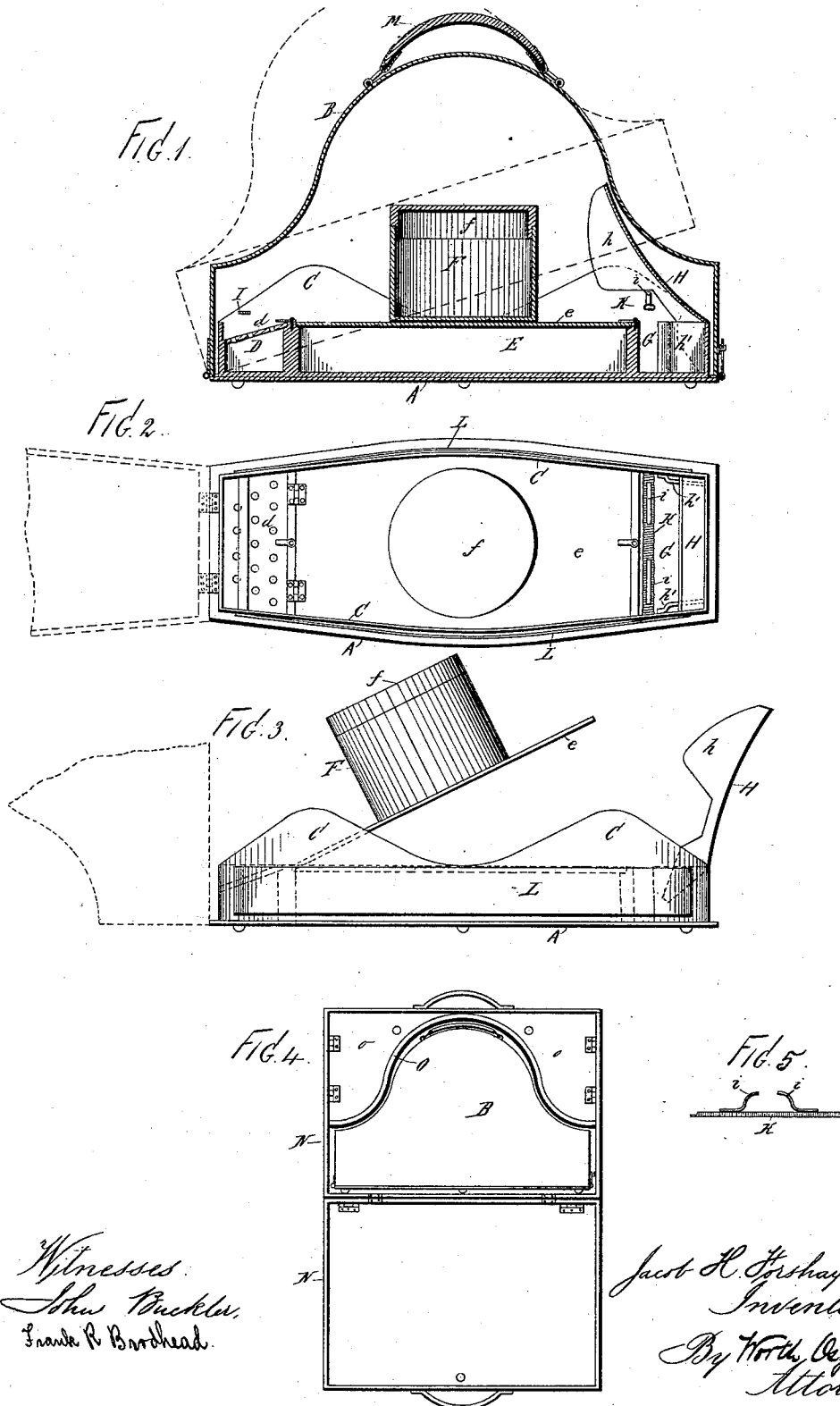


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB H. FORSHAY, of New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented certain new and
5 useful Improvements in Cases for Hats and Accouterments, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

10 My invention has relation to portable cases for containing hats or chapeaus and the various accouterments or trimmings pertaining to Knights Templar, military and naval officers, and members of other organizations, and the
15 object of my invention is to produce a neat, compact, and convenient receptacle for the said articles, wherein they may be closely disposed without danger of damage during transportation, and either or all be readily accessible
20 when required, and also to provide a valise wherein the whole case may be deposited, said valise being arranged to be used either with or without the case.

To this end my improvements involve certain novel and useful arrangements or combinations of parts, peculiarities of construction, and details of manufacture, all of which
25 will be herein first fully described, and then pointed out in the claims.

30 In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a central vertical section and elevation of my improved case detached from the valise and shown with the cover closed. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the
35 base of the case, and Fig. 3 a side elevation thereof. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the valise, showing the case mounted therein. Fig. 5 is a side elevation showing the hat-holding spring and the arms thereof.

40 In all these figures like letters of reference, wherever they occur, indicate corresponding parts.

A is the bottom of the base part, made sufficiently durable, upon which the various receptacles are mounted, and B is the cover,
45 hinged at one end to the bottom and secured thereto by suitable straps and buckles or catches.

C C are the side pieces upon the bottom.
50 At one end is a receptacle, D, for camphor or

other similar preservative material, this receptacle being provided with a perforated cover, *d*, hinged at one end, as to the end piece of the base part.

E is a receptacle for the baldric and gloves, 55 covered by a hinged lid, *e*, upon which is mounted a cylindrical box, F, having a removable cover, *f*. When the hat is in place, this box occupies a portion of the interior of the chapeau or hat, and it receives the sword-belt and its chain attachments, which may be
60 neatly coiled up within it. The fatigue-cap rests over the belt-box F, and also within the chapeau when all are in place.

At the end opposite D is a chamber, G, for 65 containing the end of the feather upon the hat when the latter is properly located upon its supports. It is important that this feather be protected against wear in the case, and the hat is therefore held firmly in place and the flap
70 H allowed to drop down to a position over the feather without necessarily closing down hard upon it. The flap has side pieces, *h h*, which enter between the sides of the base and the guides *h' h'*. The end of the feather may be
75 nicely adjusted in its compartment and the flap brought down over it before the case-cover is closed, protecting the feather from damage. The front of the hat is held beneath any spring
80 or band, as at I, while the back of the hat rests upon a spring, K, preferably of metal, affording a yielding support therefor, and keeping it up from contact with the parts of the base in its immediate vicinity. The spring K has two
85 arms or projections, *i i*, which may be spread apart at their upper ends and allowed to grasp the rear peak of the hat, holding it with sufficient firmness. L L are side straps or bands
90 applied upon the side pieces of the base part, and intended to sustain the gauntlets, which are opened and slipped into place before the cover is shut down.

The hat and accouterments being disposed in the case as above indicated, and the cover closed down and secured, the case may be carried about by the handle M at top.

N N are the two parts of the valise, within one of which is a removable partition, O, its bottom curved substantially like the cover of the hat-case. The case slips into the compart- 100

ment below the partition, and various articles of apparel may be packed in the compartments above it, and held there when the case is removed, so that it may be replaced without hinderance. The remaining part of the valise is for the reception of any articles.

The lids *o o* will serve to close the compartments above the partition.

The partition and case being removed, the valise is ready for use as any ordinary hand-bag.

The valise forms an envelope for the case, adding to the room or space for packing toilet articles which may be required in traveling and not required in any short trips.

The device constructed as above explained will be found serviceable and convenient and well adapted to answer the purposes or objects of the invention as previously stated.

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

1. In a case for hats, &c., the base provided with the chamber for the feather at one end, the covered receptacles for other articles, and hinged cover for the whole, arranged substantially as shown and described.

2. In a case for hats, &c., the belt-box having the removable cover and mounted upon the hinged cover of the receptacle below said

belt-box, being arranged to sustain the fatigue-cap and to enter the interior of the hat, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a case for hats, &c., the supporting-spring supplied with the clamping-arms, the same being combined with the base part and mounted and arranged therein, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

4. In combination with the side pieces of the base part, the strips or bands secured thereon and arranged to sustain the gauntlets, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

5. In combination with the receptacle for the end of the feather, the movable flap arranged to protect the feather, substantially as explained.

6. In combination with the case provided with the handle, and arranged to contain the hat and accouterments, as set forth, the valise or envelope for the case, provided with the removable partition, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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