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Fig. II.

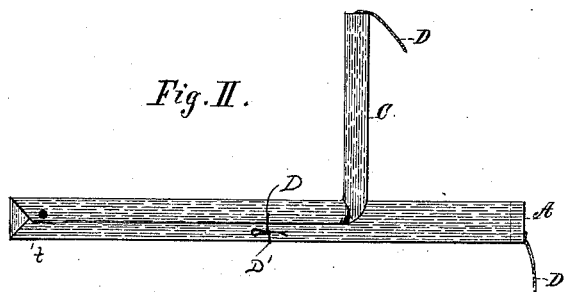


Fig. I.

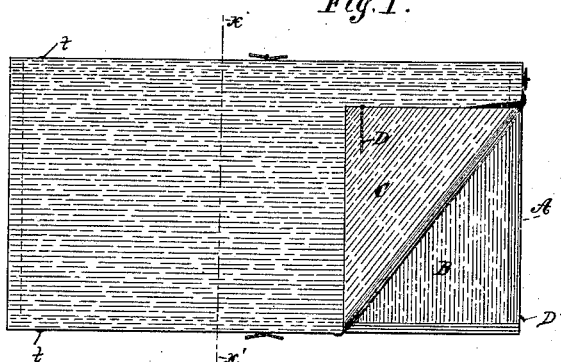


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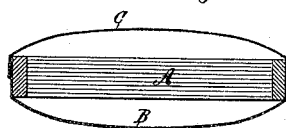


Fig. IV.



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BLANKET-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM G. NORTHUP, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Minneapolis, county of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, have invented a certain new and useful Blanket-Case, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention has for its object to provide an improved case for the shipment, storage, and display of blankets; and it consists of the construction hereinafter fully described and particularly claimed.

Like letters referring to like parts, Figure I is a plan view of my case, one corner of the cover being laid back. Fig. II is a side elevation of the same, one end of the cover being raised; and Fig. III is a vertical cross-section on the line X X' of Fig. I. Fig. IV is a detail.

A is a rectangular oblong frame composed of end and side bars secured together at their corners by angle-irons or in any other suitable way.

B is a flexible bottom composed of canvas, cambrie, or other suitable cloth, secured at its edges by a close joint to the end and side bars of the frame.

C is an openable top composed of similar material, and is detachably connected to the frames by cords or in any other suitable way, the means shown being tacks, &c. The top and bottom may be made of one continuous piece of cloth. This top or cover is made a little larger than the frame, and its edges are turned down all around and overlapped at their corners. At the corners and sides of the frame and cover I secure strings D D'. The overlapped corners of the cover are not sewed together; but the corner-fastening strings D are passed through the adjacent laps in such a manner that when drawn taut and tied down to

the frame-string D' the side and end edges are not only drawn down, but are drawn together, and a perfectly-tight joint is thus formed with the frame. Moths and dust are thus effectually excluded. This construction makes an excellent blanket-case. The rigid frame keeps the package of blankets in definite shape, while the flexible bottom and top render it adjustable to more or less blankets and make the package a yielding one against pressure or rough usage. It also affords easy access for display, and the blankets can be removed and restored to their position without injury to the case or to the blankets. It also makes a package well adapted for convenient storage. In virtue of the yielding or flexible top and bottom, when the blankets are in position, the package assumes a convex form, and the only effect of pressure is to flatten somewhat the package, making a stack of packages very compact and economizing space. No difference how great the pressure at right angles to the top or bottom the package cannot be injured.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is as follows:

The combination, with a rectangular frame provided with a sack-cloth bottom, of an openable cloth cover having its edges turned down and its corners overlapped and adapted to fit over said frame when filled with blankets, fastening-strings attached to said frame at its corners, and draw fastening-strings passing through the overlapping corners of the cover at such points, so as to draw the side and end edges of the flaps together when the string is drawn taut and secured to the frame-strings, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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