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Violin-Case.

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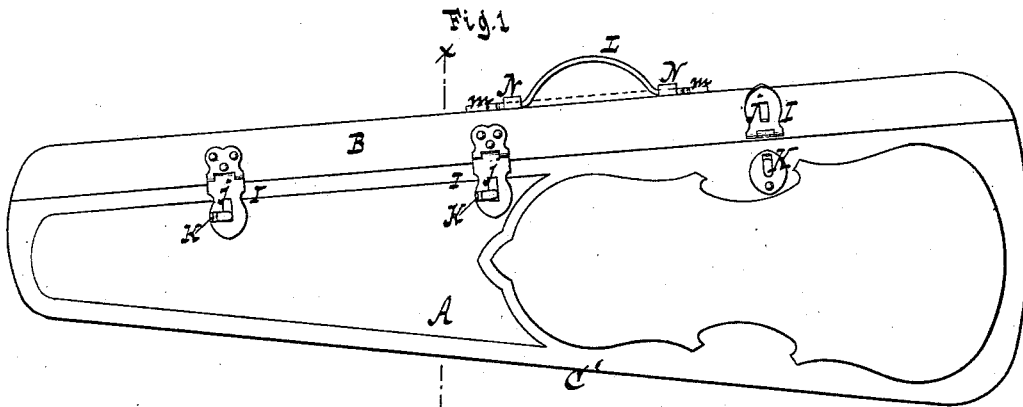


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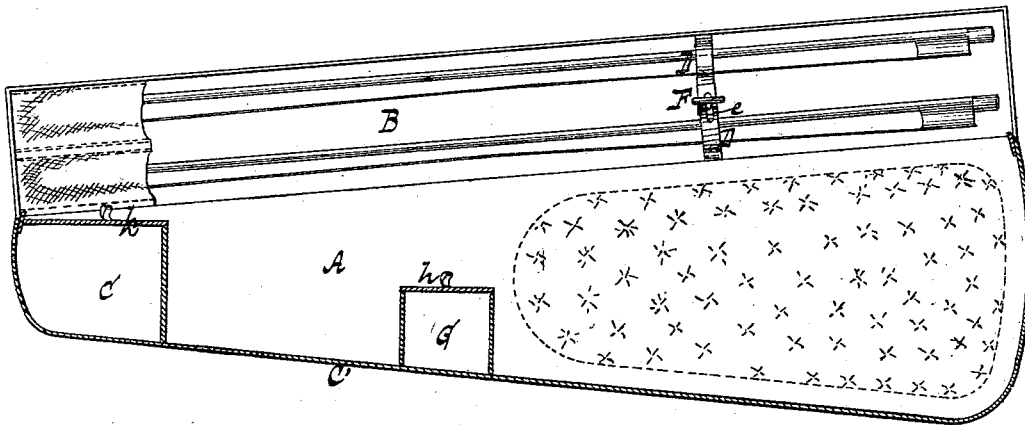


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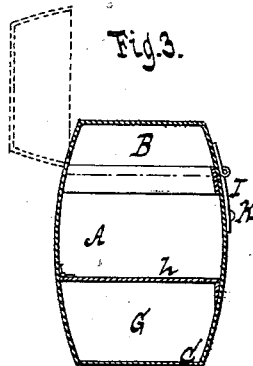
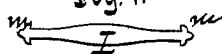


Fig. 4.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN VIOLIN-CASES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS MENGER, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Violin-Cases, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view of a case embracing my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section thereof when the lid is thrown back. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the same in the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

My invention consists in a violin-case made of leather and having its lid or cover formed from one of its narrower sides and hinged to one of its broad sides, as will be hereinafter more particularly described.

In the drawings, the letter A designates the body, and B is the lid, of a violin-case. I make both said body and the lid of pieces of leather cut out to the proper shape and stitched or otherwise united together. The lid B is hinged to the body in any suitable way, and it is formed on one of the narrow sides of the case, while the side C' opposite to said lid is flat, thus permitting of resting the case thereon. By forming the lid on one and resting the case on the other narrow side thereof, I am enabled to curve and ornament both of its broad sides in various ways; and by making the case of leather it can be pressed into shape and the desired ornamentation produced by means of dies; hence a very handsome case can be produced at low cost.

In the interior of the lid B are located straps DD for holding bows. These straps are fastened at one end, and are provided with slots *e* for the passage of a turn-button, F, which is secured to the interior of the lid. The slots *e* are slipped over this button F, and then the button is turned crosswise of the slots in order to fasten the straps, while, when it is desired to release the straps, the button is simply turned parallel to the slots. One advantage of confining the bows by means of the straps F is that these straps are not liable to catch and injure the bow-strings—a disadvantage found in the old fastening devices.

In the interior of the body A are formed two supplemental compartments, C G, which are intended to receive spare strings and other paraphernalia of a violin. These compartments C G are closed by a hinged cover, *h*, and they form a very useful addition to a violin-case.

The lid B is fastened to the body A by means of hasps I, having slots *j*, and by turn-buttons K, said hasps being hinged to the lid, and the buttons K being affixed to the body. In order to fasten the lid B, the slots *j* of the hasps are caused to catch over the buttons K, and then the buttons are turned crosswise of the slots. I thus obtain a very simple, cheap, and effective fastening device for the lid.

The lid B is provided with a finger or hand-strap, L, whereby the whole case can be conveniently carried about. This strap is made of leather, and is cut out with enlargements *m* at its opposite ends, as shown in Fig. 4, and it is embraced at points within such enlargements by loops or staples N, which are secured to the lid. Said strap L is made of such length relatively to the loops N that the middle portion thereof can be pulled outward, as shown in Fig. 1, when the strap can be conveniently taken hold of. When the strap L is not in use it can be pushed in and laid flatly on the lid B, when the same occupies the least possible space.

The hereinbefore-described compartments, with the case, bow-supports, handle, and hasps, I have found very convenient for use with my violin-case; but I lay no claim to them as features of my invention.

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

A violin-case made of leather, and having its lid or cover formed from one of its narrower sides and hinged to one of its broad sides, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of December, 1877.

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