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FIG. 1

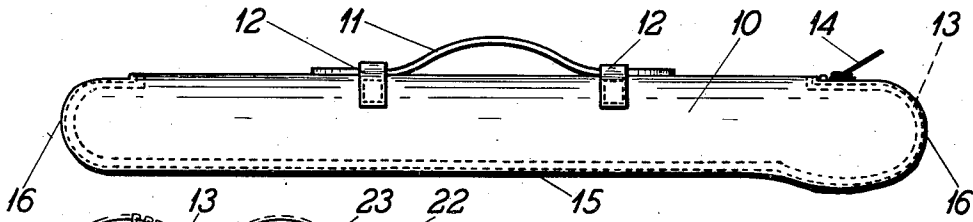


FIG. 2

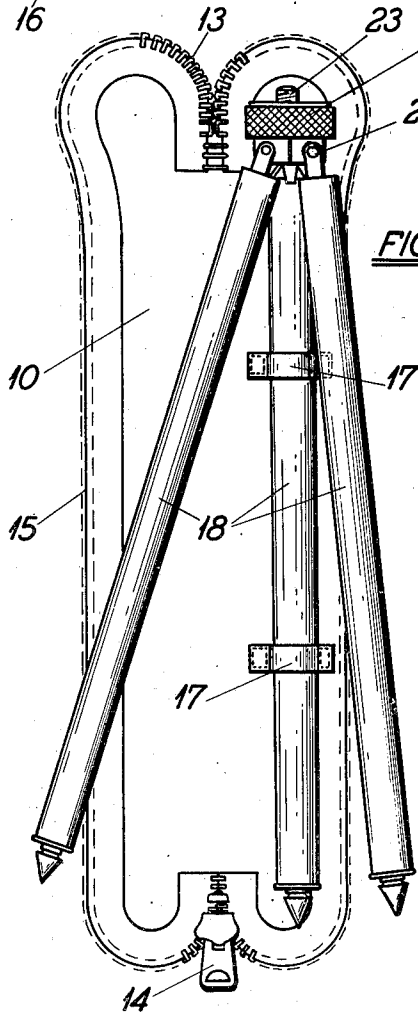
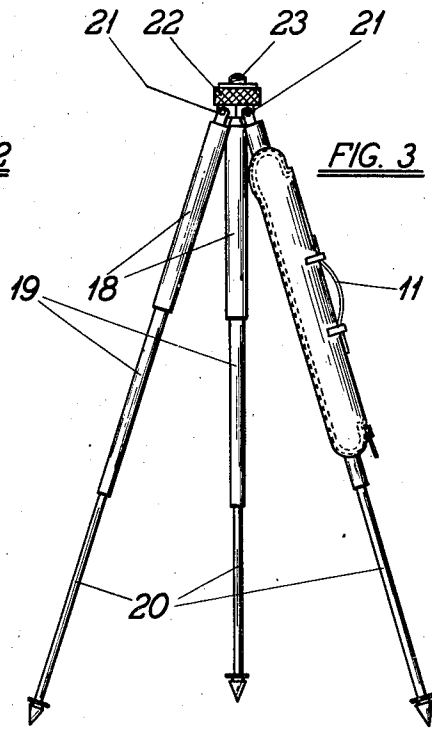


FIG. 3



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The present invention is concerned with a tripod case and, more particularly, with a tripod case which is adapted to be connected to a collapsible tripod.

The ordinary form of tripod case is entirely separate and distinct from the camera tripod itself. Thus, when it is desired to use the tripod, the case is first opened and laid aside, and then the tripod is extended from its collapsed carrying position to its normal operative position. Since the case and tripod are separate, the user of the tripod is inconvenienced to a considerable extent by the necessity of either holding the case while the tripod is being used, or placing the case at a nearby position from which it can be secured later when the tripod is to be collapsed and returned to said case.

With these disadvantages of the known forms of construction in view, it is accordingly one object of my invention to provide a tripod case which may be readily attached to a tripod.

A second object is to provide such a case which can be readily opened and moved to a non-interfering position, without becoming detached from the tripod itself.

A further object is to provide a tripod case which shall be attached to a leg member of the tripod.

An additional object is to provide such a case which shall be adjustable lengthwise along the tripod leg to which it is attached.

Further objects and advantages of my novel form of construction will be readily apparent from the following specification and claims.

My invention accordingly comprises the structure and arrangement, a preferred form of which is shown in the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application, and in which

Fig. 1 is a view of a tripod case made according to the invention, the case being shown in its closed position;

Fig. 2 is a view of the open tripod case showing the tripod attached thereto, said tripod being in a substantially collapsed position; and

Fig. 3 is a view of the case and tripod of Fig. 2 with the tripod in extended operative position.

In order that those persons skilled in the art may fully understand the nature and scope of my invention, the following complete and detailed description thereof is given, with particular reference to the drawing, in which like reference characters indicate like parts.

As shown in the drawing, the case 10 itself may be formed from any desired material, for exam-

ple leather, and is provided with a suitable carrying handle 11 attached to the body of the casing by the strap members 12. Suitable closure means 13 are also provided for joining the edges of the tripod case and completely enclosing the folded tripod.

In the preferred form of my invention, such closure means 13 may be provided in the form of a zipper construction, which extends longitudinally of the case, as at 15, and also around each end 16 of said case. The usual opening and closing link 14 for the zipper is provided, as shown in the drawing. Because of this arrangement, it is possible to open the case 10 completely to a substantially flat position, as shown in Fig. 2.

The tripod with which this case is adapted for use, is of the well-known folding or collapsible type and consists primarily of a head portion 22, to which are pivoted at 21 the telescoping or collapsible leg members 18, 19, and 20. The head member 22 is provided with a screw 23 for engaging the usual threaded opening on a camera or other instrument adapted to be used with said tripod.

The case 10 is preferably attached to one of the leg members 18 of the tripod by means of elastic or resilient straps or loops 17 fastened to the casing itself. In this construction, the case is readily attachable to the tripod leg by insertion of the leg through the said loops or straps. Because of the elastic nature of these straps 17, it will be appreciated that the case 10 may be moved lengthwise of the leg member 18 but will tend to remain in whatever position it is placed by reason of the frictional or gripping action of the elastic straps.

One advantage of this arrangement is that the tripod case may be made of a length just sufficient to enclose the folded tripod. Then, after the case has been opened and the tripod legs extended, it is only necessary to slide the case partly down the leg member 18 so that the case is clear of the head portion 22 and does not interfere with the use of the tripod. When it is desired to close the tripod, all that is required is to collapse the telescoping legs and slide the case 10 back to its original position, in which the closure member 13 may be readily operated by link 14 to enclose the tripod completely and retain it in a convenient form for transportation or storage.

In the form of construction shown in Fig. 2, it will be noted that the attaching members 17 have been placed on one of the sides of the case 10 rather than on the central longitudinal line thereof. Once the case 10 is closed around the

tripod, the case itself will thus tend to carry the weight of the tripod, and such weight will not rest solely on the elastic straps 17, as would be the case if these straps were at the center line of the case in Fig. 2. In such a centered position, the straps 17 would be directly beneath the carrying handle 11 and, unless the tripod case fitted very closely around the tripod, these straps would bear the weight of the tripod and would become stretched and worn much sooner than in the construction shown.

It will be readily understood that my novel tripod case is suitable for combination with any desired form of tripod, and that the attachment of the case to the tripod may be made in any manner equivalent to that shown in the drawing. My invention, therefore, is not to be limited in scope to the precise structure shown in the drawing, but is to be interpreted as covering all substantially equivalent forms of construction within the scope and spirit of the following claims.

Now therefore I claim:

1. A case for a tripod of the collapsible leg type comprising a flexible body portion opening and closing along a central line, closure means on the edges of said body member for completely enclosing the tripod when in the collapsed position, a carrying handle on the outside of said case opposite the closure means, and resilient fastening means on the inner side of said case

for firm but longitudinally adjustable attachment of said case to a leg of the tripod, said fastening means being closely adjacent the closure means and laterally displaced around the circumference of the case from the line of attachment of the carrying handle, whereby the weight of the tripod is directly supported by the case itself rather than by said fastening means when said case and tripod are carried from said handle.

2. In combination, a tripod having legs adjustable to an extended operative position and to a collapsed carrying position, a flexible carrying case therefor opening and closing along a central line, said case having closure means on its edges for completely enclosing said tripod when in the collapsed position, a carrying handle on the outside of said case opposite the closure means, and resilient fastening means on the inner side of said case closely adjacent said closure means and laterally displaced around the circumference of said case from the line of attachment of said carrying handle, said fastening means firmly gripping one of said tripod legs and movable longitudinally thereof whereby said case may be moved away from the head of the tripod to avoid interference with the operation of the tripod and again into position for enclosing the tripod when the latter is collapsed.

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