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Fig. 1.

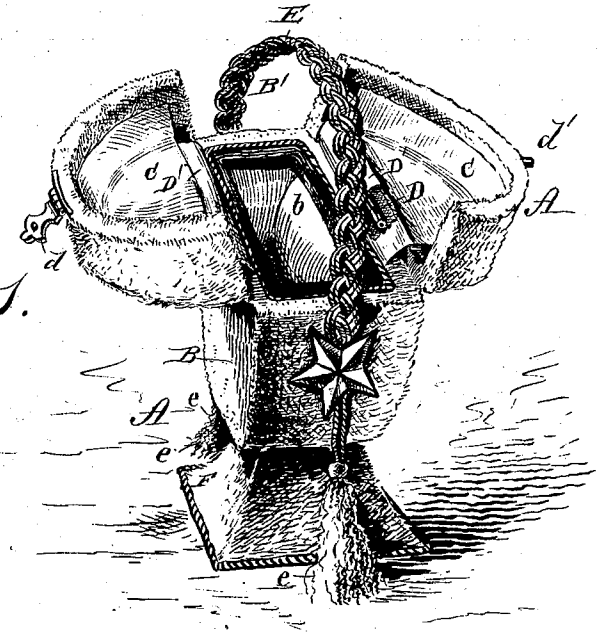
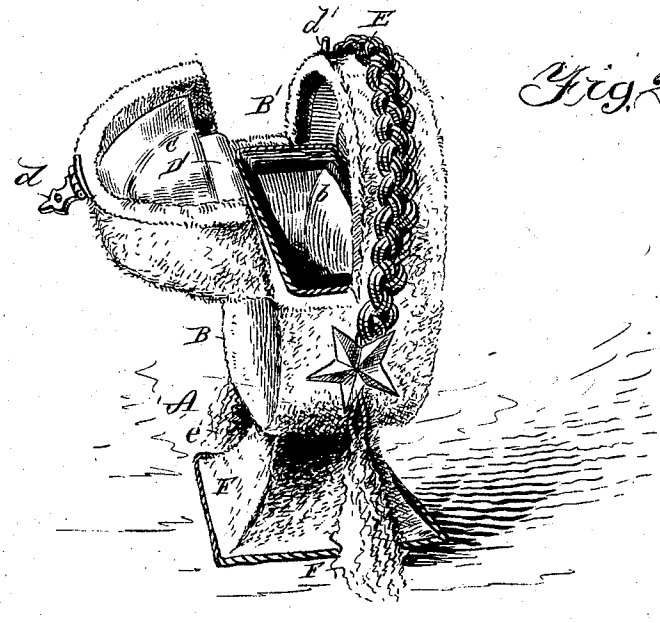


Fig. 2.



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JEWEL-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, SOLOMON VALFER and LAZARUS WEIL, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Jewel-Case, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Our invention relates to an improvement in jewel-cases, and has for its object to provide a case which may be readily carried or supported in a vertical position and conveniently opened for the display of its contents.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the case, illustrating the upper portion of the body as hinged upon itself to fold down upon each side; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view illustrating but one upper side of the body folded down.

The box A of the case, which may be of any desired shape, is divided into two sections—a lower more or less rectangular portion, B, provided with an aperture, *b*, adapted to hold an article of jewelry, and an upper hinged section, B′.

The upper section consists of two wings, C C, attached centrally at their lower and outer edges by a metal hinge, D, to the outer and upper side edges of the lower body portion, B, the downward limit of the said wings being controlled by an auxiliary flexible hinge, D′, of silk, plush, cloth, or similar material, secured to the upper inner side edges of the said lower body portion, B, and to the inner and lower edges of the wings, the flexible hinges D′ being adapted to cover and conceal the aforesaid metal hinges D.

Centrally upon the upper surface of one wing C a hinged apertured catch, *d*, is secured, adapted to engage a pin, *d′*, upon the opposite wing C, whereby when the said wings are carried to their vertical or normal position their inner edges are held in close contact. When the wings are thus vertically positioned, their outer sides and edges are in the same plane with the equivalent sides and edges of the lower body portion, B.

A flexible handle, E, is attached to each end of the lower body portion centrally the same, which handle, extending upward over the wings, is purposed for convenience in transporting the case, and also as an ornamentation.

The body A is in every instance provided with a flat lower edge, *e*, centrally to which edge a pyramidal base, F, is secured, adapted as a support for the case.

The entire body and base are preferably covered with plush, and but one wing C may be folded down to display the contents of the case, as shown in Fig. 2; but if an elaborate display, or a display from all sides, is desired, the two wings may be carried down to a horizontal position at right angles to the lower body portion, B, as shown in Fig. 1.

Having thus fully described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A jewel-case having a body provided with a lower incased portion adapted to receive an article of jewelry and an upper hinged portion, and said lower portion provided with a flexible handle and a base, substantially as described.

2. A jewel-case having a body provided with a lower incased portion, B, recessed to receive an article of jewelry and upper hinged portion, B′, having catches *d d′*, a flexible handle secured to the edges of said lower section, B, adapted to extend upward over the hinged section B′, and a central pyramidal base, F, secured to the lower edge of said body, substantially as herein shown and described.

3. In a jewel-case, the combination, with the body thereof provided with a section or wing, C, hinged thereto, and a flat under surface or edge, *e*, of a pyramidal base attached to said flat surface *e*, and a flexible handle, E, secured at each end of said body to extend upward over the same, as set forth.

4. In a jewel-case, the combination, with the body thereof provided with sections or wings hinged thereto, limited by an auxiliary flexible hinge, D′, and a flat under surface, *e*, of a pyramidal base attached to said flat surface *e*, and a flexible handle, E, secured at each end of said body to extend upward over the same, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose herein set forth.

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