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DRESSING CASE.

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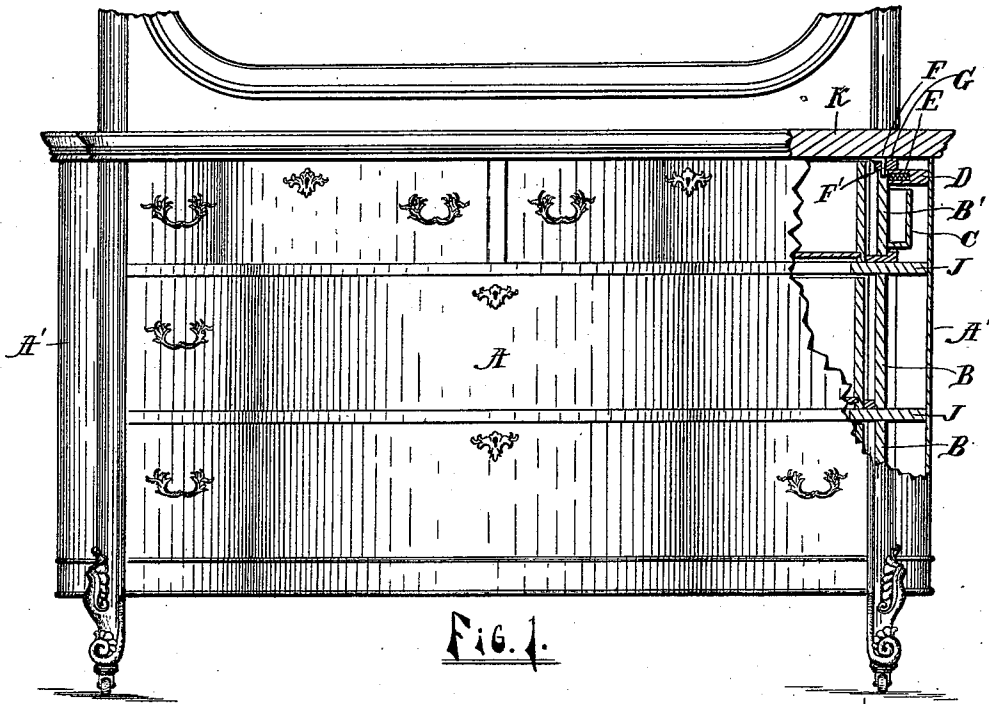


Fig. 1.

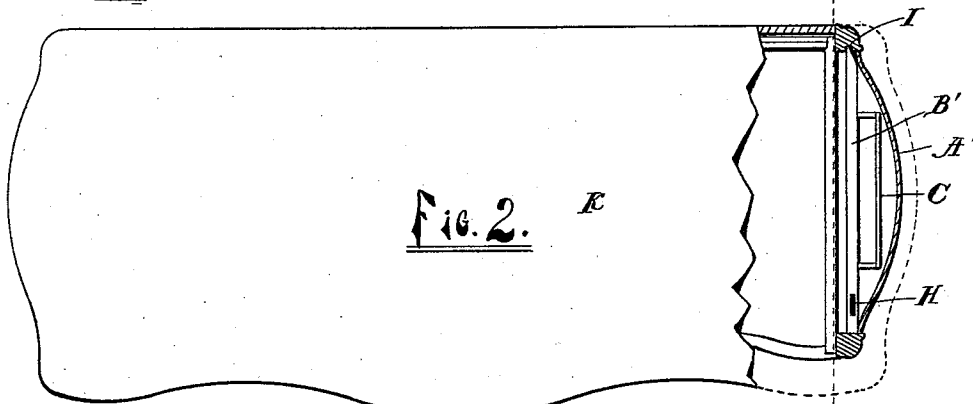


Fig. 2.

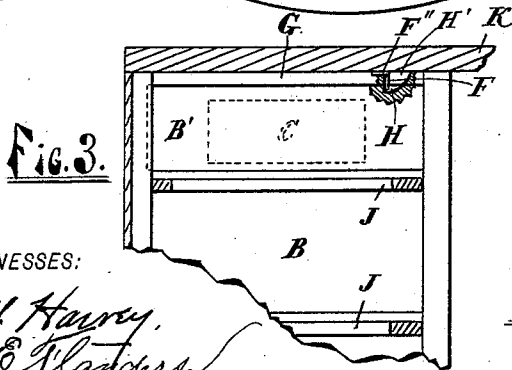


Fig. 3.

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Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY WIDDICOMB, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dressing-Cases; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improved dressing case, and its object is to provide the same with a secret receptacle to contain valuables and so arranged that it cannot be readily discovered by any one not previously informed of its construction, and it consists essentially of a detachable inner panel, having attached a pocket or receptacle and held in place by a concealed fastening, as more fully illustrated in what follows, and particularly pointed out in the claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a device embodying my invention with a part of the front broken away to show the construction; Fig. 2, a plan view of the same with parts removed for the same purpose; Fig. 3, an elevation of a part of the inner side of the end containing my invention, and Fig. 4 a detail showing the fastening for the panel B'.

Like letters refer to like parts in all of the figures.

A represents any suitable dressing case, having the usual drawers, and preferably convex end panels A' A' to afford more room for the pocket or receptacle C, which latter is attached to the inner or concealed surface of one of the inner panels B, preferably the upper one B'. Said panel is detachable and is in the plane of the fixed panels B B, all of said panels being placed between the drawer supporting frames J. Said panel B is secured in place at the rear end by engagement with a groove I in the rear corner post and at the forward end by a fastening consisting of a wire F the middle of which is rotatively secured in a transverse groove in the upper surface of the strip G; said strip being above said panel, and attached to the under side of the top K of the case. Said wire is bent at right angles near one end to form an arm F' which

turns in an opening H' in said strip G and when turned in a vertical position engages an opening H in the upper edge of said panel B', and thus secures the panel in place. Said wire is also bent at right angles forming the arm F'' which turns close to said strip and extends horizontally along the angle formed by said strip and top K, and close to the latter, where it is not readily found, when the panel is secured in place. By turning this arm F'' to a vertical position the arm F' turns to a horizontal position and releases the panel B which is at once moved forward at its outer or forward end by a spring E located in any suitable recess D at the inner side of said panel.

By constructing all the panels B. B. B' so that they have the same appearance of being fixed in place and locating the arm F'' in the angle, formed by the top K and strip G, where it cannot be readily found, I am enabled to make a detachable panel with a receptacle attached that is not easily discovered or found by any one not acquainted with the construction.

What I claim is—

1. In a dressing case a detachable secret panel having a hidden receptacle attached and secured by engagement at one end with a groove in the frame and at the other end by a wire having right angle bends, forming two arms in horizontal and vertical planes, one of said arms engaging an opening in the edge of the panel and the other of said arms adapted to be close to the under surface of the top, substantially as described.

2. In a dressing case, a convex end, a detachable panel having a pocket or receptacle attached, a groove in the rear corner post, engaged by said panel, a strip on the under side of the top of said case above said panel, a wire rotative in said strip and bent at right angles forming arms near each end of the same, and openings in said strip and panel engaged by one arm of said wire substantially as described.

3. In a dressing case, a groove in the rear corner post, a removable panel engaging said groove, a pocket attached to said panel, a spring engaging said panel at the inner side, a strip above said panel having a transverse groove and a vertical opening, a wire rota-

tively secured in said groove, said wire having right angle bends near each end forming laterally projecting arms arranged relatively in vertical and horizontal plane substantially as described.

5 4. In a dressing case in combination with a detachable panel having a pocket or receptacle attached and an opening in its upper edge, a strip above said panel having a transverse groove and a vertical opening, a wire
10 rotatively secured in said transverse groove,

said wire having a right angle bend, forming an arm traversing said openings in the strip and panel, and a second right angle bend forming an arm moving on the outside of said strip substantially as described. 15

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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