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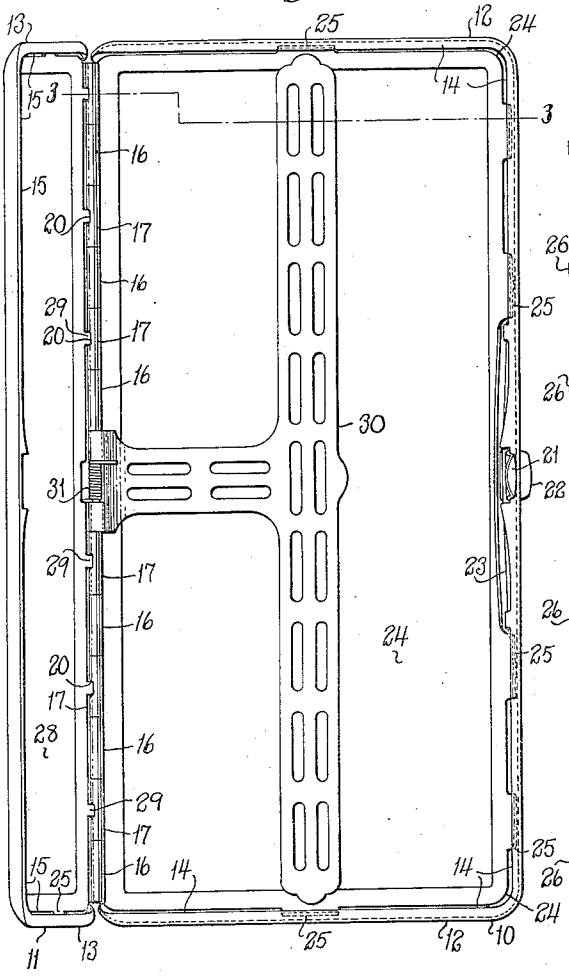


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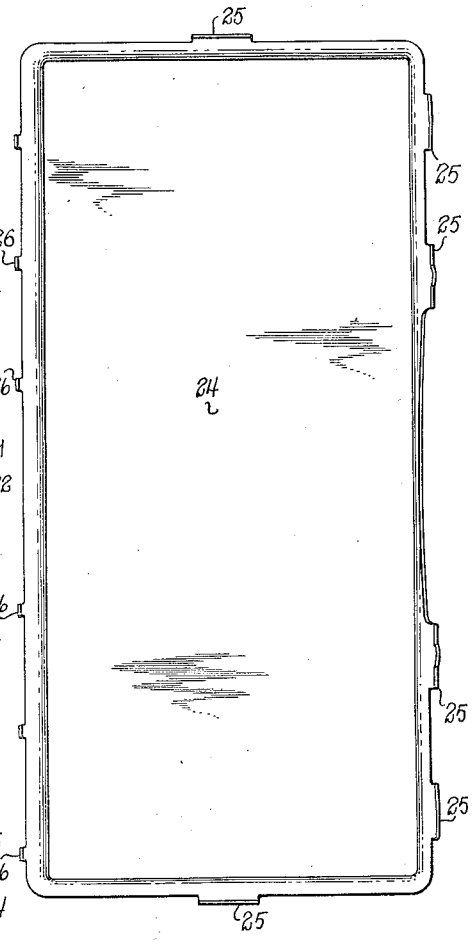


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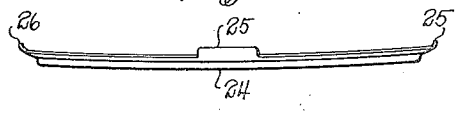
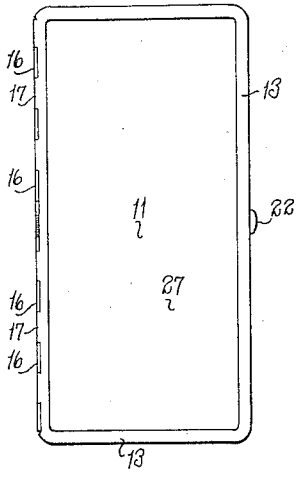


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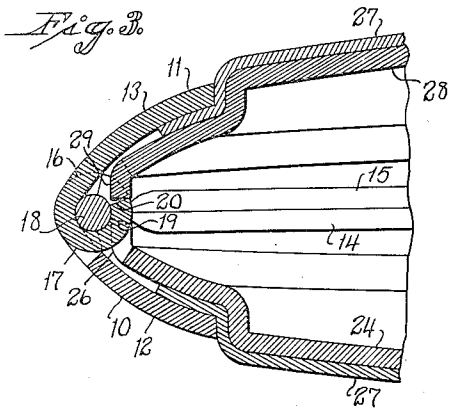
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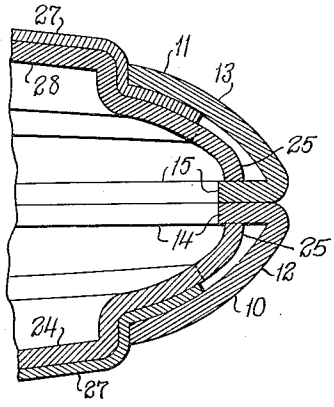
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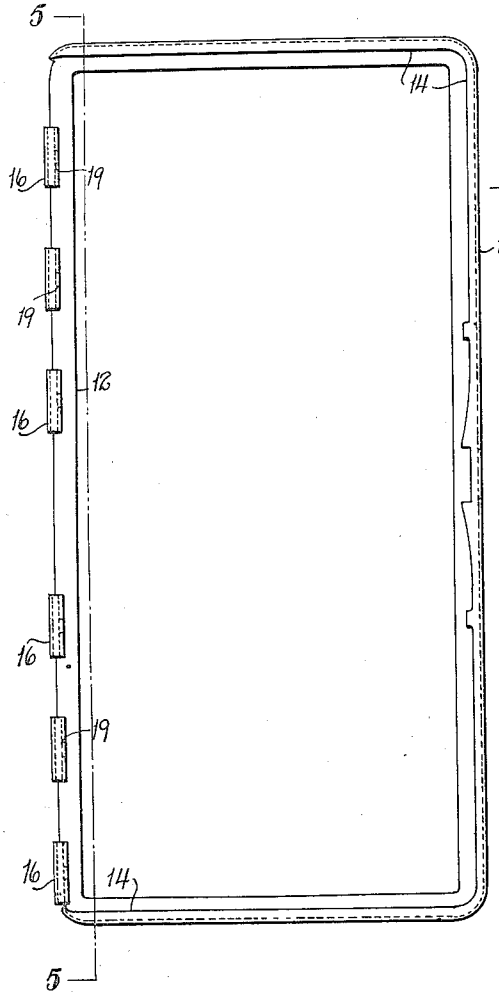


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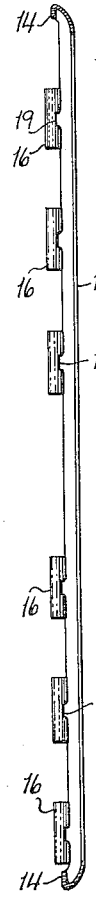


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This invention relates to an improvement in cigarette cases or similar articles such, for instance, as vanity cases.

The object of this invention is to construct the case so that the sides may be finished to contrast with the edges, and so as to produce a very attractive case.

The invention consists in the construction as hereinafter described and particularly recited in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a face view of a cigarette or other case constructed in accordance with my invention, on a small scale;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of a case with the cover in open position;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the back or case-member, detached;

Fig. 5 is a sectional view on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a plan view of one of the plates, detached; and

Fig. 7 is an edge view of the same.

In carrying out my invention, the case comprises a back 10 and a cover 11. These members are practically duplicates of each other, and comprise frames 12 and 13 struck up from sheet-metal or cast, and respectively formed with inwardly-turned flanges 14 and 15.

The back is formed with a series of knuckles 16, and the cover with corresponding knuckles 17, alternately arranged, and through which a pintle 18 extends so as to hinge the two members together. The outer edges of the knuckles 16 are formed with notches 19, and the outer edges of the knuckles 17 are formed with corresponding notches 20.

The back-frame is provided with a latch 21 adapted to be operated by a finger-piece 22 against the action of a spring 23, to engage with the corresponding edge of the front or cover 11.

To complete the back, I employ a plate 24, adapted to fit inside the frame 12 and provided at its edges with lugs 25 to engage with the flange 14, and at the opposite edges provided with fingers 26, adapted to enter the notches 19 in the knuckles of the back.

The outer face of the plate is covered with a sheet 27 of leather, fabric, cellulose compound, or any other suitable material, and fitting in the frame 13 is a similar plate 28 formed with fingers 29 adapted to engage with the notches 19 in the knuckles 17.

For a cigarette case, a holder 30 will be mounted on the pintle 18, with a spring 31 tending to force the holder against the contents of the case.

By forming the plates separately from the frames, the surfaces may be covered or coated with any suitable material before assembly with the frame, and so that plates having surfaces contrasting with the surfaces of the frames may be provided, thus producing a very attractive and novel form of case.

It will be understood by those skilled in the art that my invention may assume varied physical forms without departing from my inventive concept and I, therefore, do not limit my invention to the specific embodiments herein chosen for illustration.

I claim:

1. A case of the class described, comprising a back and a cover, each comprising a frame formed with an inwardly-extending flange and with knuckles, one of the knuckles of each frame formed with a notch in its outer edge, a pintle extending through said knuckles, whereby the frames are hinged together, plates formed with lugs adapted to engage with the said flanges and with a finger adapted to engage with a corresponding notch, and an ornamental surface applied to the outer faces of the plates.

2. A case of the class described, comprisng a back and a cover, each comprising a frame formed with an inwardly-extending flange and with alternately-arranged knuckles, said knuckles formed in their outer edges with notches, a pintle extending through said knuckles, whereby the frames are hinged together, plates formed with lugs adapted to engage with the said flanges and with fingers adapted to engage with the notches in said knuckles, and an ornamental surface applied to the outer faces of the plates.

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