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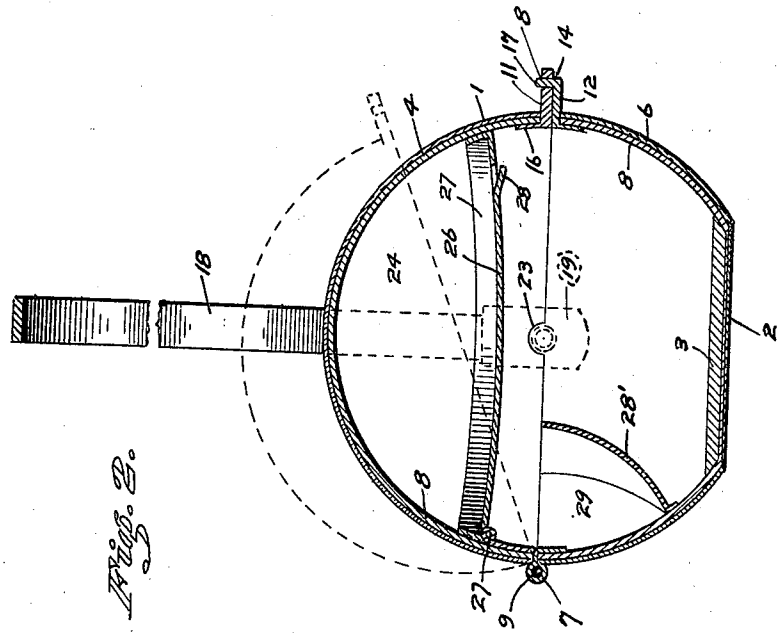


Fig. 2.

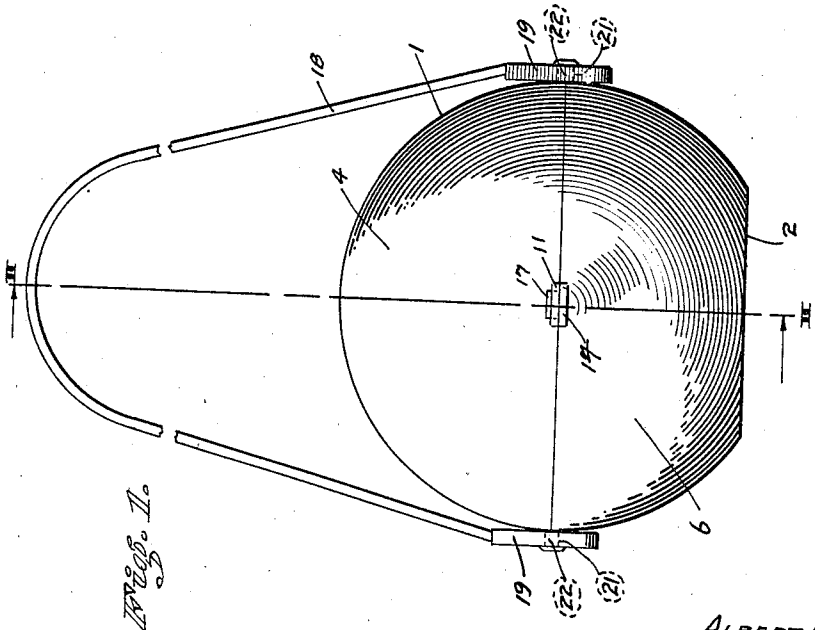


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT C. MAYNARD, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Berkeley, county of Alameda, and State of California, have invented a new and useful Vanity Case, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to improvements in vanity cases and its object is to provide a vanity case that is particularly pleasing in looks and practical in the arrangement of its partitions. A further object of the invention is to provide a case of the character described that is provided with a mirror all around and has convenient means for carrying the same.

I preferably attain these objects by means of the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawing, but I wish to have it understood that slight deviations or changes may be made without affecting the spirit of the invention. Figure 1 in the drawing represents a side view of my vanity case and Figure 2 a vertical cross-section through the same along line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that my vanity case (1) is substantially spherical in form, but has a flat bottom (2) on which it rests. A weight (3) is provided on the bottom which causes the case to always assume a position with the bottom down, no matter how it is placed on its support. The vanity case is cut into two parts on a plane going through the center of the sphere and being parallel to the flat bottom and the two parts (4) and (6) are hinged together at (7) and provided with a latch (8) at a point diametrically opposite the hinge.

The lining (8′) of the case is preferably made of copper and the hinge as well as the latch are directly supported on the lining, either soldered to the same or spot welded. The hinge, one part of which is fastened to the lower half of the case and the other part to the upper half, is pivoted on the pin (9). The latch consists of the two parts (11) and (12), the former part being a lug having a perforation (14) and a flange (16) secured to the upper portion of the case, and the latter part being secured to the lower half and having an upwardly extending stud (17) registering with the perforation (14) in the lug. Since the stud and the perforation in engaging each other follow the circumferential line of a circle while the engaging lines are straight along tangential lines, a slight binding affect will be produced which will prevent the case from opening itself. The exterior of the copper lining is covered with a reflecting surface of glass backed with an amalgam of tin or silver with mercury which makes the whole outside of the case a mirror.

The case is conveniently carried by means of a flexible strap (18) secured to rigid metal members (19), which latter have central or nearly central perforations (21) rotatably secured, at diametrically opposed places, on the hubs (22) which latter are secured to the lining of the lower portion of the case, a registering notch (23) in the upper portion giving sufficient clearance to allow the two faces of the two portions of the case to contact each other.

The inside of the case is divided into several compartments. An upper portion (24) of the upper half is separated from the balance of the space enclosed in the case by a circular lid (26), which is hinged to the lining of the case as shown at (27), the hinge consisting of a coiled spring which has a tendency to throw the lid upward. The lid is surrounded by an upwardly extending flange (27) which fits snugly into the case and with a notch (28) adapted to be engaged by the finger or the thumb of the user, whereby the lid may be pulled downward against the action of the spring.

A second stationary partition wall (28′) separates a relatively small portion (29) from the rest of the case space.

I claim:

1. In a vanity case of the character described, having a concave cover, an internal concave lid having a marginal flange thereon curved to fit snugly into the cover and a spring actuating the same tending to press it into the cover.

2. In a vanity case of the character described, having a concave cover, an internal concave lid having a marginal flange thereon curved to fit snugly into the cover and a spring actuating the same tending to press it into the cover, and a notch in the lid by means of which it may be handled.

3. A vanity case of spherical shape having a flat bottom and stabilizing means secured to the bottom and comprising a body portion and a cover portion, a hinge connecting the two portions, automatic clamping means for offering limited resistance to the

opening of the case, a reflecting exterior surface, oppositely arranged hubs projecting from the case, flexible means pivotally secured to the hubs for supporting the case, an internal lid fitting snugly into the cover portion and a spring actuating the same tending to press it into the cover.

4. A vanity case of spherical shape having a flat bottom and stabilizing means secured to the bottom and comprising a body portion and a cover portion, a hinge connecting the two portions, automatic clamping means for offering limited resistance to the opening of the case, a reflecting exterior surface, oppositely arranged hubs projecting from the case, flexible means pivotally secured to the hubs for supporting the case, an internal lid fitting snugly into the cover portion, a spring actuating the same tending to press it into the cover, and a notch in the lid by means of which it may be handled.

5. A vanity case of spherical shape having a flat bottom and stabilizing means secured to the bottom and comprising a body portion and a cover portion, a hinge connecting the two portions, automatic clamping means for offering limited resistance to the opening of the case, a reflecting exterior surface, oppositely arranged hubs projecting from the case, flexible means pivotally secured to the hubs for supporting the case, an internal lid fitting snugly into the cover portion, a spring actuating the same tending to press it into the cover, and a notch in the lid by means of which it may be handled, a curved partition separating the body portion into two compartments.

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