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Fig. 1.

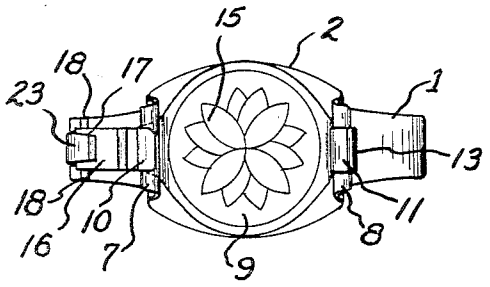


Fig. 2.

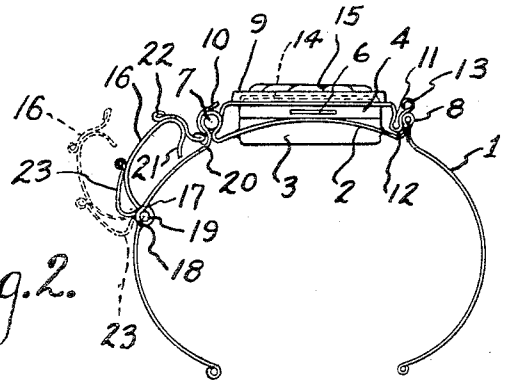
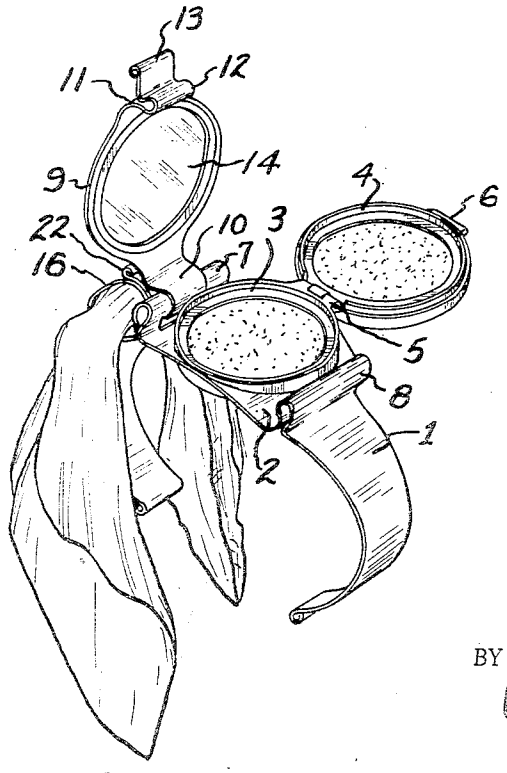


Fig. 3.



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My invention relates to vanity cases and bracelets, and its objects are to provide a vanity case construction and mounting adding to the convenience of carrying and using the vanity case; and to provide for carrying a handkerchief in such manner that it is readily accessible and is readily removed from and replaced in the carrier. A further object is to provide such a construction and mounting of pleasing appearance and in which the carried handkerchief contributes to such appearance. Other objects will appear in the course of the following description.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a device embodying my invention, with the parts in closed positions.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the same with the parts in open positions.

In the example as illustrated, a resilient strip 1 is curved to retentively contact around the wrist, as a bracelet, with a widened middle part forming a base 2 which is apertured and has fixed in it the lower section 3 of the vanity case, to which the upper section 4 of the case is connected by a hinge 5 at one side. These sections 3 and 4 are so formed at their rims that the upper section 4 will snap snugly into the lower section 3, making a tight closure. The upper section 4 has a lug 6 to be engaged by the thumbnail for opening it. The strip 1 is folded upwardly to form transverse ribs 7 and 8, spaced outwardly from the opposite ends of the case formed by these sections 3 and 4. The folds are so formed that the upper parts of the ribs are of tubular shape with parts overhanging the base 2 at both sides of the rib.

One rib 7 is slitted close to its junction with the base 2, and the cover 9 has at one end an extension 10 bent downwardly, passing through the slit and bent around the tubular part of the rib, whereby the cover is hinged to the base to swing down across the case. The opposite end of the cover 9 has an extension 11 bent downwardly and then upwardly, forming a tubular transverse fold 12 which, by the resilience of the extension 11, will snap under the adjacent overhanging part of the rib 8 to hold the cover 9 down. This extension 11 has a terminal lip 13 extending out past the rib 8 for engagement of the thumb or finger to open and raise the cover 9. A mirror 14 is mounted in the lower side of the cover 9, and the cover and its extensions 10 and 11 are so proportioned that when the cover is closed down it arches across and is spaced upwardly from the top of the closed upper section 4 of the case. The outer side of the cover 9 preferably is provided with a decorative design 15.

The handkerchief retaining member 16 comprises a strip bent into arched formation, and is bent at one end to form a tubular hinge part 17. This part 17 is admitted to a depression in the strip 1 between two transversely spaced slits therein, adjacent to which the edge portions 18 of the strip are bent upwardly. A hinge pin 19 passes under these portions 18 and through the tubular hinge part 17 of the member 16. The opposite end of this member 16 has a lip 20 bent outwardly to snap under the overhanging part of the rib 7, against the cover hinge part 10 that extends through this rib. This opposite end part also has a fender part 21 bent inwardly, diverging downwardly from the outwardly bent lip 20 and curving downwardly and engaging its end against the base 2 when the member is closed. This fender part 21 prevents the handkerchief from binding in the sharp corner under the lip 20. The top of the member 16 has a rib 22 transversely of it, which is engageable by the thumb or finger to force the member 16 to open position. Also, the member 16 has an extension 23 past its hinge at its outer end, which is bent upwardly over the member and bowed outwardly therefrom. This extension engages the surface of the strip 1 adjacent to the hinge, to limit the degree of opening of the member 16.

The top of the inner end of the handkerchief retaining member 16 forms a stop engaged by the cover 9 when the latter is opened, holding the cover in raised position for use of the mirror 14. The rib 22 preferably is so positioned that it forms part of this stop. The accessory is placed on the back of the wrist with the handkerchief retaining member 16 at the outer side of the wrist. The cover 9 thus opens outwardly and displays the mirror 14 at the outer end of the vanity case, the upper section 4 of which opens toward the hand, as seen in Fig. 3. The sections 3 and 4 thus are held in horizontal position for most convenient access to their contents, usually powder and rouge, respectively. It will be understood that a thin fabric "puff" element is carried in the case for application of the preparations, as is well known in the art.

An advantage of my construction in its preferred embodiment as herein shown, in addition to the convenient carriage of the device, is the provision of the mirror entirely outside the case at all times, and its spacing a substantial distance from the open case when raised for use, avoiding contact of the powder, rouge and the

like with the mirror, and consequent clouding thereof. As the handkerchief slides freely through the retainer formed by the member 16, it may be withdrawn without opening the member 16. To replace the handkerchief, the member 16 is easily opened by a slight pressure, and the handkerchief, gathered at its middle, is easily laid in the open retainer, which then is closed by a slight pressure, the handkerchief being held and the retainer being opened and closed easily with one hand.

The handkerchief, being carried at the outer side of the hand, does not interfere with the use of the hand, and assumes a shape in which it has a decorative appearance, added to that of the accessory. The handkerchief, as well as the vanity case, is reached for use much more conveniently than by the usual method of placing them in a pocketbook or the like. The means for retentively contacting the wrist of course may, instead of the simple clasp formation, be of any well known form in which bracelets are made, and the ornamental details as well as to some extent the structural details of the bracelet, vanity case and handkerchief retaining device may vary in accordance with the demands of style or the tastes of the wearer. I am not limited therefore to the precise disclosure herein, but what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An accessory of the character described, comprising a case, a handkerchief retaining member located adjacent to the case, and resilient means curved down from said case for retentively contacting with the wrist of the user, said means connecting said retaining member to said case.

2. An accessory of the character described comprising a case, a base extending from opposite ends of the case, a cover over the case, a hinge connecting said cover to the base adjacent to one end of the case, a handkerchief retaining member adjacent to said hinge, and means on said base for retentively contacting with the wrist of the user.

3. An accessory of the character described comprising a case, a base extending from opposite ends of the case, a cover over the case, a hinge connecting said cover to the base adjacent to one end of the case, a mirror on the under side of the cover, a handkerchief retaining member adjacent to said hinge and projecting above the hinge to support the cover in open position for use of the mirror, and means on said base for retentively contacting with the wrist of the user.

4. An accessory of the character described comprising a case, a base extending from opposite ends of the case, a cover over the case, a hinge connecting said cover to said base adjacent to one end of the case, having a part overhanging the base, a handkerchief retaining member having one end hinged to the base and held in closed position by engaging its other end under said overhanging part of said hinge of the cover, and means on said base for retentively contacting the wrist of the user.

5. An accessory of the character described comprising a case, a base extending from opposite ends of the case, a cover over said case, a hinge connecting said cover to said base adjacent to one end of the case, having a part overhanging the base, a handkerchief retaining member having one end hinged to the base and held in closed position by engaging its other end under said overhanging part of said hinge of the cover and having a part extending above said cover, hinge and supporting the cover in open position, a mirror on the under side of said cover, displayed for use when the cover is so supported, and means on said base for retentively contacting the wrist of the wearer.

6. In an accessory of the character described, a base comprising a strip of sheet material folded to form an upstanding rib, a case mounted on said strip adjacent to the rib, said rib having a slit through its bottom part, and a cover for said case having at one end an extension hooking through said slit and around said rib, whereby the cover is hinged to the strip.

7. In an accessory of the character described, a base comprising a strip of sheet material folded to form an upstanding rib with a part overhanging said base, a case mounted on said strip adjacent to the rib, said rib having a slit through its bottom part, a cover for said case having at one end an extension hooking through said slit and around the overhanging part of the rib, whereby the cover is hinged to the strip with a hinge overhanging said strip, and a handkerchief retaining member having one end hinged to said strip and having a resiliently mounted extension snapping under the overhanging part of said hinge to hold the handkerchief engaging member closed.

8. In an accessory of the character described, a base comprising a strip of sheet material folded to form spaced upstanding ribs, each with a part overhanging said base, a case mounted on said base between said ribs, one rib having a slit through its bottom part, a cover for said case having at one end an extension hooking through said slit and around the overhanging part of the slitted rib, whereby the cover is hinged to the strip with a hinge overhanging said strip, a handkerchief retaining member having one end hinged to said strip and having a resiliently mounted extension snapping under the overhanging part of said hinge to hold the handkerchief retaining member closed, and a resiliently mounted extension on the opposite end of said cover, snapping under the overhanging part of the other rib to hold the cover in closed position.

9. In an accessory of the character described, a base comprising a strip of sheet material folded to form spaced upstanding ribs, a case mounted on said base between said ribs, one rib having a slit through its bottom part, a cover for said case having at one end an extension hooking through said slit and around said slitted rib, forming a hinge for the cover, the other rib having a part overhanging said base, and a resiliently mounted extension on the opposite end of said cover, snapping under said overhanging part of the other rib to hold the cover in closed position.

10. In an accessory of the character described, a base having an upstanding projection with a part overhanging said base, and a handkerchief retaining member having one end hinged to said base and having a resiliently mounted extension on its other end snapping under the overhanging part of said projection to hold the member in closed position, said base being formed to retentively contact with the wrist of the user.

11. In an accessory of the character described, a base having an upstanding projection with a part overhanging said base, and a handkerchief retaining member having one end hinged to said base and having a resiliently mounted extension on its other end snapping under the overhanging part of said projection to hold the member in

closed position, and having a fender part diverging downwardly from said extension and curving toward the hinged end of the member, with its end engaging said base when the member is in closed position.

12. An accessory of the character described, comprising a case, a base extending from opposite ends of the case, a cover over said case, a mirror on the under side of said cover, a hinge connecting one end of said cover to said base, and a handkerchief retaining member on said base adjacent to said hinge, said base being formed to retentively contact with the wrist of the wearer, whereby the accessory may be worn on the top of the wrist with the handkerchief carried at the outer side of the wrist and the cover opened outwardly so that the mirror is displayed toward the wearer when the cover is raised.

13. An accessory of the character described, comprising a case, a base extending from opposite ends of said case, said case comprising a lower section fixed in the base and an upper section hinged to the lower section at one side of the case and closing upon said lower section, a cover hinged to the base at one end of said case to close over the case, said cover being shaped to arch across said case, and a mirror on the under side of said cover, held in upstanding position for use when the cover is raised and spaced outwardly away from the vertical plane of the adjacent end of said case due to the arch shape of the cover when so held.

14. An accessory of the character described, comprising a lower case section, a base extending from opposite ends of said section, upstanding projections on said base at opposite ends of said section, an upper case section hinged to said lower case section at one side thereof, a cover hinged to one projection and arching over said case sections and retentively engaged by the other projection, and a mirror on the under side of said cover, held in upstanding position for use when the cover is raised to permit raising of the upper case section from the lower case section, said mirror being held in outwardly spaced relation to the vertical plane of the adjacent end of the case due to the arched shape of the cover.

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