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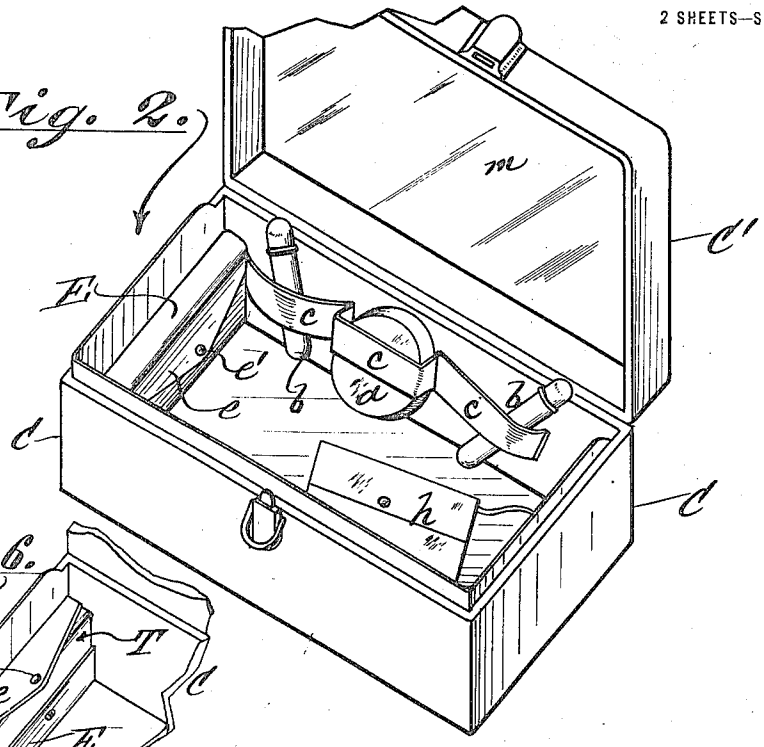


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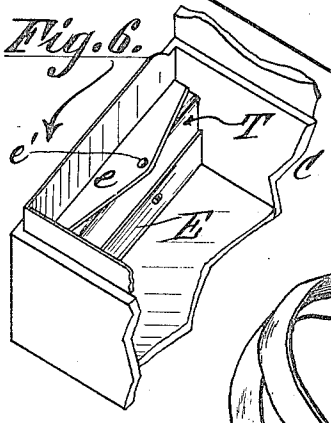
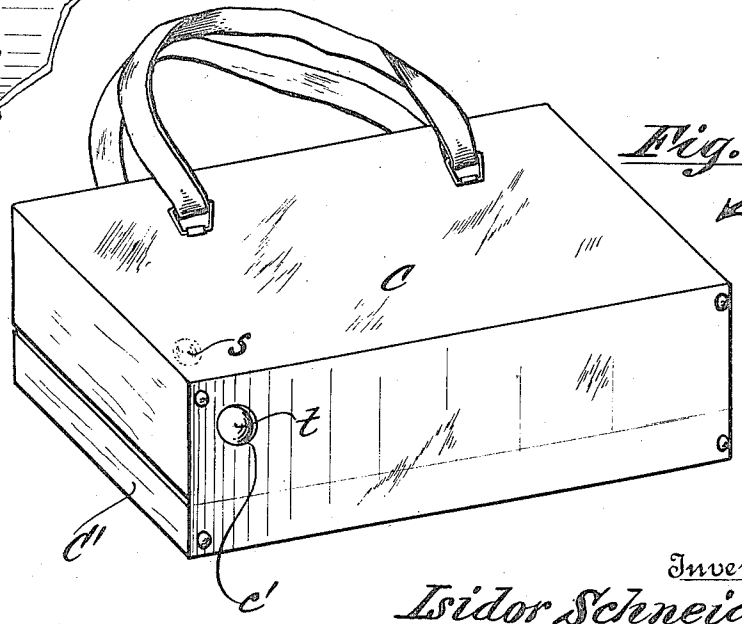


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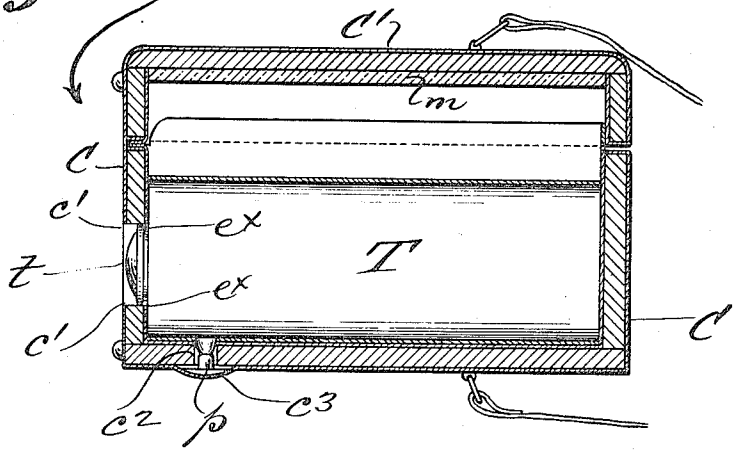
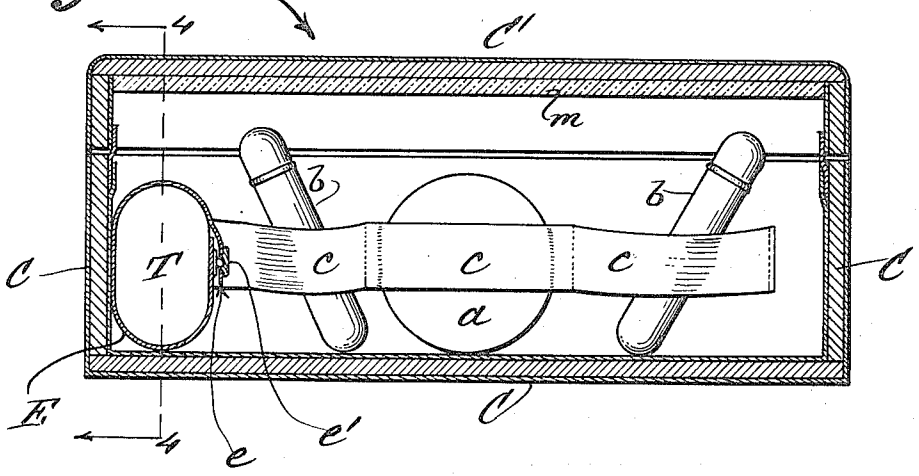


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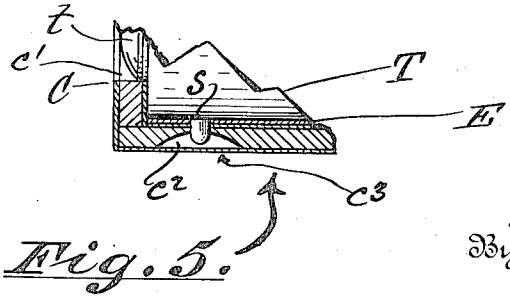


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISIDOR SCHNEIDER, a citizen of Austria, and a resident of the borough and county of Bronx, city and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Containers, of which the following is a specification.

While applicable to portable containers generally, my invention is intended more particularly for embodiment in conjunction with containers adapted to be carried upon the person of, or by, the owner thereof, such for instance as pocket books or cases, porte-monnaies, vanity cases, and the like, designed more especially for individual comfort and convenience; and the invention consists essentially in inconspicuously incorporating and combining, with such a container or receptacle, an electric lamp torch in such manner that the same may be actuated from the exterior of such container to project light through an aperture in the casing thereof, substantially in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter fully set forth, and as described and claimed specifically.

In the accompanying drawings I have, by way of exemplification, illustrated a practical embodiment of my improvement in conjunction with a vanity case, so called, such as at present in vogue for feminine use, although I do not limit myself in this respect, since the essential features of my invention may be incorporated in any form of portable container adapted for personal use, so that by the term "portable container," as herein employed in this connection I mean to include any receptacle of the character designated, and adapted to hand carriage and manipulation, irrespective of size or specific function involved.

With this understanding,

Fig. 1, is a perspective view of a container, made in accordance with my invention, closed, and showing the under side thereof;

Fig. 2, is a perspective view of the same, opened up, the cover being broken away in part;

Fig. 3, is a central longitudinal section of the vanity case shown in the preceeding figures;

Fig. 4, is a transverse section thereof, taken upon plane of line 4—4, Fig. 3;

Fig. 5, is a sectional detail showing a modification of the torch-actuating means.

Fig. 6, is a perspective view of one end of the container as shown in Fig. 2, showing the torch envelope flap partly open.

C, C, represents the casing of the receptacle, and C′, the cover thereof, both of any ordinary or desired construction. As before intimated, the receptacle shown in the drawings is equipped as a vanity case, the inner side of the lid C′, being provided with a mirror *m*, and the inner sides of the casing being formed with loops *c*, *c*, for the reception of various articles used in facial make up or treatment, such for instance as a powder box *a*, tubes *b*, *b*, for lip pencils, eyebrow pencils, etc. A card or change holder *h*, may also be included in the outfit, as well as other accessories if found desirable. Of course in the case of other portable receptacles of the class specified these details are omitted, or others substituted in lieu thereof if required, as the case may be; or if the portable receptacle is in the nature of a travelling case, or other form of handable container, the casing may consist of a plain box without internal appurtenances other than my envelope E, for the accommodation and concealment of a dry battery electric torch T, (so called) of appropriate size and capacity, such as procurable in the market, since any commercial torch of suitable size and lighting capacity will answer the purpose.

The envelope E, is attached to an inner side or end of the receptacle, and is provided with the flap *e*, which may be detachably secured to the lower part of the envelope by a snap fastening *e′*, or equivalent mechanical expedient. One end of the envelope E, is open or formed with an aperture e^{x}, for the protrusion of the electric lamp bulb *t;* and coincidental with this envelope aperture e^{x}, the adjacent side of the casing C, is formed with a flash light aperture *c′*, through which the light from the lamp bulb *t*, may be projected.

By the term torch T, as herein used I of course include the dry battery, etc., as well as the switch *s*, by which the circuit is closed when light is desired. The torch T, is so positioned that this switch *s*, can be closed by pressure exerted externally of the casing C. As shown in Figs. 4 and 5, of the accompanying drawings by way of example, said switch *s*, protrudes into an aperture c^{2}, made for the purpose in the bottom of the casing C, and this aperture may

be of sufficient amplitude, as in Fig. 5, to admit of direct finger pressure, the external covering c^3, if any, being sufficiently flexible to admit of this method of manipulation; or, as in Fig. 4, a press button p, may be positioned to bear against the switch. In either case the result is the same in that the torch T, may be manipulated by extraneous pressure applied to a particular part of the casing C, and without opening the latter.

The practical advantages attained by my invention are obvious, in that it affords readily available means for illumination upon occasion,—such means being isolated and concealed from view under ordinary conditions of use.

It is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the identical form and construction of parts shown herein, and that the electric torch may be otherwise positioned in the container without departing from the spirit and intent of my invention in this respect,—the distinctive feature being the combination of the electric light torch, with a container of the character designated, formed with a light aperture in the casing thereof for the emission of light externally, upon occasion, substantially as herein exemplified.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,

1. A portable container of the character designated, comprising a casing formed with a light aperture and with a switch manipulative aperture, an envelope attached to the inner side of said container, and an electric torch having its lens and switch positioned in coincidence with said light and switch apertures, substantially in the manner and for the purpose described.

2. A portable container having a light aperture in one wall, and a switch manipulative aperture in a contiguous wall, a torch in said container with its bulb coincident with said light aperture, a push button in the other aperture, a torch-containing envelope in said container with an aperture in alignment with said light aperture, and a flexible external covering over said push button.

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