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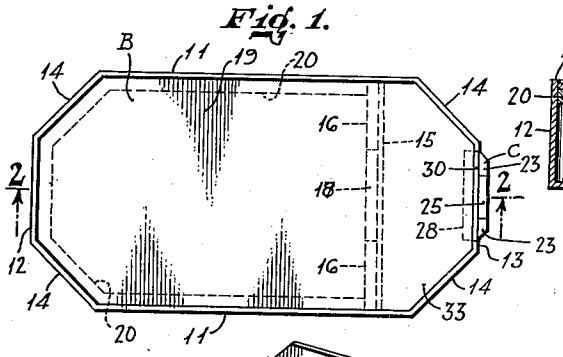


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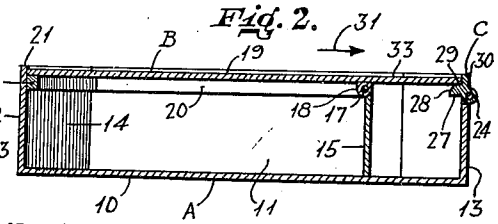


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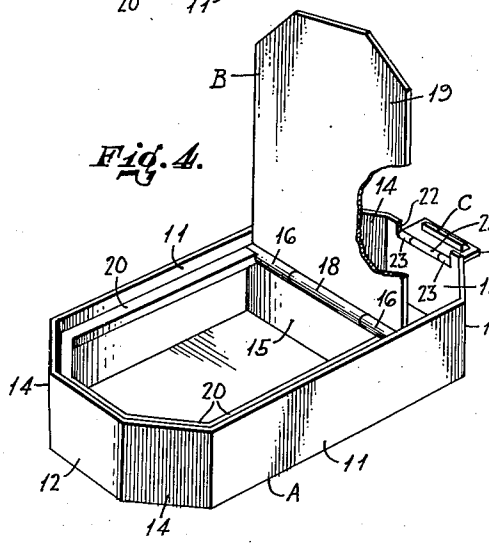


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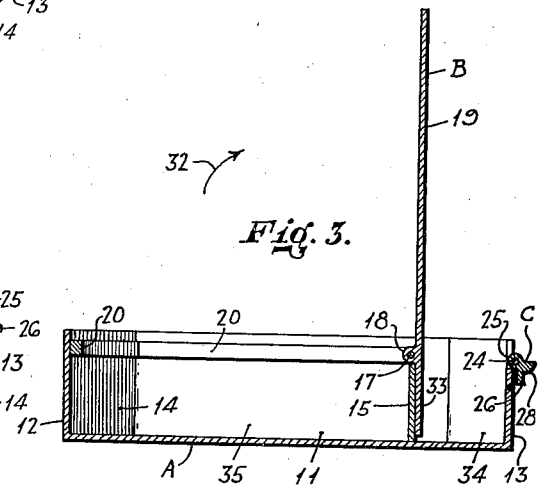


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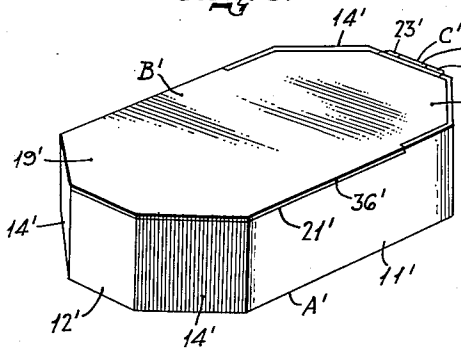
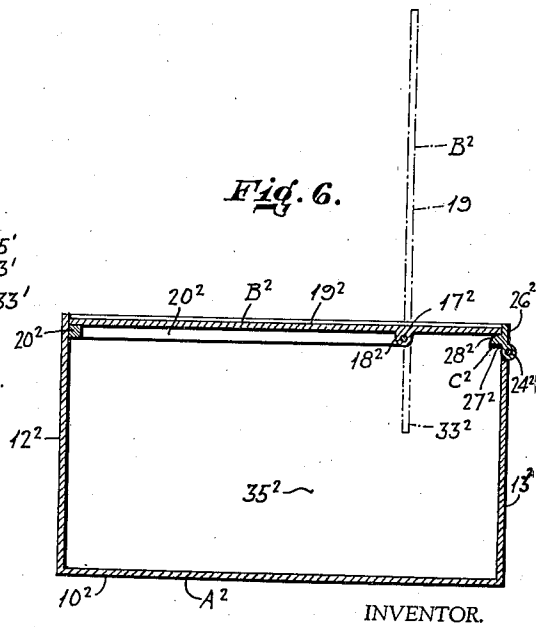


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The present invention relates to women's compacts and it will be particularly described in its application to feminine accessories, such as compacts, cigarette cases, vanity boxes and so forth.

It is among the particular objects of the present invention to provide an improved compact or cigarette case, which will have a substantially unitary latching arrangement for holding the cover in closed position, said latching construction being of durable and inexpensive construction and being so fitted into the case as not to require any particular manipulation and as to enhance the decorative and novel appearance of the case.

Still further objects and advantages will appear from the more detailed description set forth below, it being understood, however, that this more detailed description is given by way of illustration, since various changes therein may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention.

In accomplishing the above objects, it has been found most satisfactory to form the cover in such a way that it will be pivotally mounted substantially inside the edge of the cover and so that the cover may extend beyond its pivotal mount to cover the entire container.

This extension of the cover then may serve as a convenient means for elevating the cover and also for locking the cover in closed position and at the side of the container there may be provided a wedge or other abutment means to press the extension of the cover into closed position. At the same time, the main forwardly extending portion of the cover will abut and close firmly against the main container portion. The container may be of various depths, sizes and shapes.

In the drawing, which illustrates one of the preferred embodiments of the present invention, but to which the invention is by no means restricted, since many changes and alterations might be made, all within the scope of the invention of the present specification:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of one type of container according to the present invention,

Fig. 2 is a side sectional view upon the line 2—2 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, showing the cover in open position,

Fig. 4 is a top perspective view of the open container of Fig. 3,

Fig. 5 is a top perspective view of a modified construction, and

Fig. 6 is a side sectional view of still another modified construction.

Referring to Figs. 1 to 4, the container is provided with a receiver or container element A, a cover element B and the latch element C.

The container element A has a bottom 10, side walls 11 and end walls 12 and 13.

The box A is cut off at the corners, as indicated at 14, so that it will be of a modified octagon shape.

An interior wall 15 is provided extending transversely across the box between the walls 11, which interior wall 15 may carrry the enlargements 16 which receive the pivot pin 17. The pivot pin 17 passes through the enlarged portion 18 at the lower side 19 of the cover B.

Inside of the box and encircling the walls 11 and 12 is the ledge or stop shelf 20, which is desirably at the level of the pivot connections 16—17—18.

It will be noted that the cover B, when in closed position as shown in Fig. 2, will contact with and abut said ledge or stop shelf 20 so that its upper surface, if desired, may be flush or slightly below the upper edge 21 of the side and end walls 11 and 12.

The back wall 13 is provided with a cut out 22, which has the enlargements 23 receiving the pivot pin 24. This pivot pin also extends through the enlargement 25 on the plate 26 which carries the wedge 27 having the curved upper wedging face 28.

This curved wedging face 28 is designed to slide under the back portion 29 of the cover B and the upper portion 30 of this plate is designed to abut the back edge of the cover B.

In operation, when the cover is closed in the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the upper edge 30 of the latch C may be moved rearwardly in the direction indicated by the arrow 31 in Fig. 2 to press the latch C into the open position, as indicated in Fig. 3.

Then the cover may be raised in the direction 32 so that its extension portion 33 will abut the interior wall 15, as indicated in Fig. 3.

The rear portion 34 of the container A then will serve to receive the extension 33 and will not be used, whereas the forward portion of the container at 35 may receive powder or other cosmetic materials or may be shaped to receive cigarettes or may be otherwise utilized for receiving materials.

When the cover B is again closed and the latch C is pressed into position to lock or latch the cover in place. A very compact construction is

thus obtained, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, which does not require excessive manipulation or use of the nails and little spring elements difficult to assemble and maintain in operation.

It is obvious, of course, that the wedge C might be pivotally connected to the rear edge of the cover **33** instead of on the container A and it is also apparent that the box may be made of other shapes and several wedges C might be utilized side by side, as for example on a square box, or a wedge-shaped box which widens toward the rear end thereof, where the latch or latches C might be placed.

In the modification of Fig. 5 (similarly functioning parts being indicated by the same numerals and letters primed), the cover B' is of reduced dimension at its extension **33'** and the edge **36** of the cover is caused to abut the upper edges **21'** of the side walls **11'** and **12'**. This gives a somewhat more compact construction and enables elimination of the ledge **20** of Fig. 4.

In Fig. 6 is shown another modification having a deeper container or box element 10^2 (correspondingly functioning parts being indicated by the same letters and numerals provided with a superior 2).

In this case the interior partitioning wall is eliminated so that the entire interior 35^2 of the container may be utilized.

Many other changes could be effected in the particular features of container designed, and in the methods of operation set forth, and in specific details thereof, without substantially departing from the invention intended to be defined in these claims, the specific description herein merely serving to illustrate certain elements by which, in one embodiment, the spirit of the invention may be effectuated.

What I claim is:

1. A small container useful as a women's compact and for similar purposes having a box-like enclosure with an upper edge and front and back walls, a cover for said enclosure having a hinge mount parallel to the back wall mounted on said enclosure adjacent, but removed from the back wall, the portion of the cover beyond said hinge being swingable downwardly within said enclosure, the upper edge of said back wall being recessed, a latch pivotally mounted within said recess, said latch in operative position having a forwardly projecting wedge-like portion lying beneath the rear end of said cover and having an upwardly projecting portion in the plane of the rear wall and said projecting portion contacting the rear end of said cover and extending slightly above the upper surface thereof, the pivot of said latch permitting the latch to be swung rearwardly to unlatch the cover.

2. The container of claim 1, in which the hinge mount for the cover is provided with an intermediate supporting wall parallel to the front and back walls of the container.

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