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TOILET-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SULLIVAN HASLETT, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Toilet-Cases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

This invention is in the nature of an improvement in toilet-cases; and the invention consists in a toilet-case provided with an inner perforated cover, whereby the nail, tooth, and shaving brushes and soap, and other toilet articles may be locked within the case, and at the same time be freely exposed to the air for ventilation and drying, as is more fully described hereinafter.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my toilet-case with the several parts locked together for packing in valise, &c.; Fig. 2, perspective view with the cover of the case raised for drying toilet articles locked under perforated plate, and showing perforated plate partly broken away; Fig. 3, a longitudinal section of my case in closed position; and Fig. 4, a cross-section through line *x x*, Fig. 3.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the several figures.

It not infrequently happens to travelers and others that their nail, hair, and other brushes and combs, when left exposed in their absence, are used by others, and also, under some circumstances, it becomes necessary to place them in the bag or trunk while they are still wet or damp, in which state they will do injury to garments, &c., with which they may be brought in contact.

To obviate these objectionable features, I construct my toilet-case from any suitable material, preferably of Britannia metal or any other substantially non-corroding and non-absorbing material, and of any desired size adapted to the purpose. This case is made in two parts, A and B, hinged together, as at *a*, so that the edges of these two parts will fit snugly together when closed, making practically a tight case or box. Hinged to the lower part, B, of this box is a wire-netting or perforated cover, C. This perforated cover is formed up, as at *b*, so as not to come in con-

tact with the brushes, &c., within the case, and at one end of the same is fixed a lug, D. To the lower part, B, of the box is likewise fixed a lug, E, with perforations *ee* formed in it, so that when the perforated plate C is in its closed position the lug D is brought in contact with the lug E on the lower part, B, of the box and between the perforations *ee* therein. To the upper part or cover, A, of the box is hinged a ferrule, F, so that when this upper part, A, is in the closed position this ferrule will lie between the perforations *ee* of the lug E.

Within the lower part, B, of the box are placed racks G G. These racks are formed of bars H H, loosely fitted into the lower part, B, of the case and parallel with its sides, and they are united by cross-bars *f*. These cross-bars have placed on them sleeves *h h*, so that the space between any two of the bars H can be increased or lessened by interposing between them a greater or less number of these sleeves, in this way increasing or lessening the space between the bars H, which act as partitions, between which are received the several brushes, &c., of varying width. The bars H, near one end of the box, lie closely against the bottom of the lower part, B, thereof, forming a "grid," on which may be placed a cake of soap, *g*.

When it is desired to make use of my toilet-case after the articles therein have been used, they are placed on the sleeves *h* of the cross-bars *f*, and between the bars H, each in its respective place, and the perforated plate C is placed over them, with its lug D resting on the lug E, and a combination-lock, I, of simple construction, or some other similar device, is passed through the perforations *e* in the lug E, and over the lug D of the perforated plate C, which effectually secures the perforated plate C over the toilet articles within the lower portion, B, of the case, preventing the uplifting of this perforated plate and the removal of the toilet articles from the case, while at the same time the wet or damp articles are freely exposed to the action of the air, whereby they may be ventilated and dried. The case in this condition, with its perforated plate locked, may be left anywhere exposed, and the toilet articles within it cannot be used by unauthorized persons.

When it is desired to pack the case within a traveling-bag or valise, and while the toilet

articles are still wet or damp, before inserting the lock I to secure the perforated plate C, the part A or cover of the case is shut down and over the perforated plate C, with its ferrule F
 5 within the openings *e e*, and the lock then is placed through these openings *e* and the ferrule F and there secured, inclosing the articles within the case in substantially a tight box, which will keep them from coming in contact
 10 with garments, &c., in the bag or valise, which they would tend to injure while wet or damp.

The racks G G, being loosely placed within the part B of the case, can readily be removed therefrom for the purpose of cleansing it when
 15 desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A toilet-case constructed with a hinged

perforated plate and provided with a lock, 20 whereby the toilet articles within the case are secured from unauthorized use, and at the same time ventilated and dried, substantially as described.

2. In a toilet-case, removably-fitted racks 25 constructed with devices, whereby the spaces on the racks for the reception of the toilet articles may be adjusted, substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. In a toilet-case made in two parts, an inner perforated plate or netting, in combination with a lock, whereby the two parts of the case and the perforated plate are secured, substantially as described. 30

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