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Fig. 1.

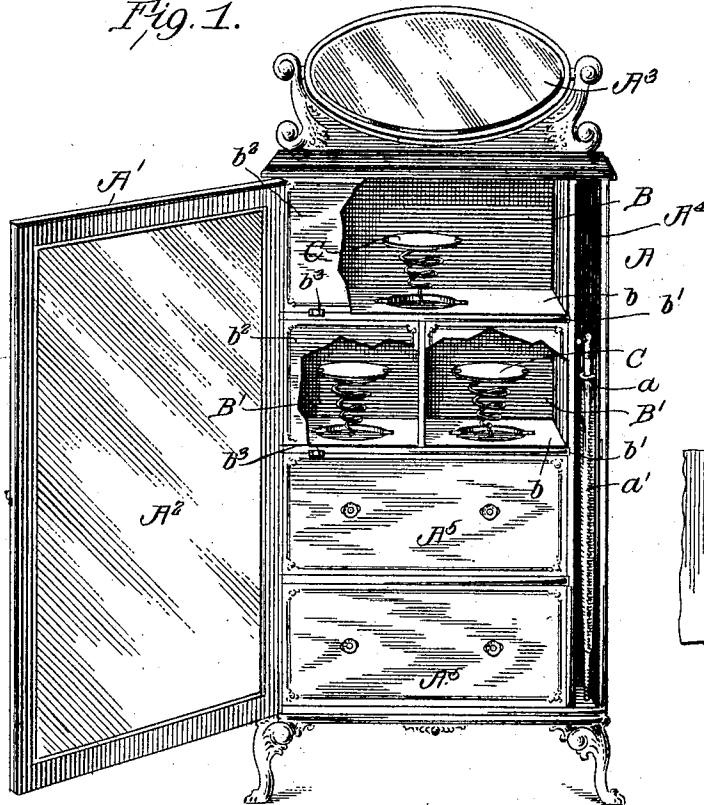


Fig. 5.

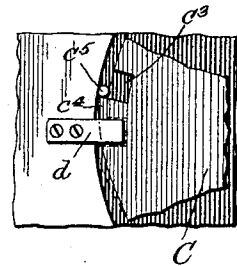


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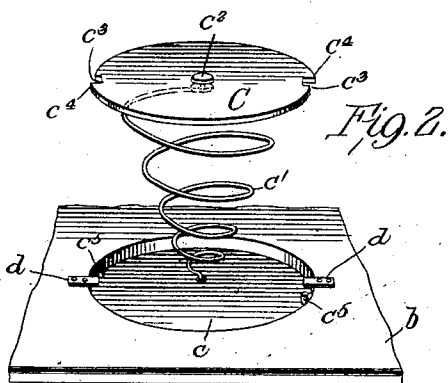
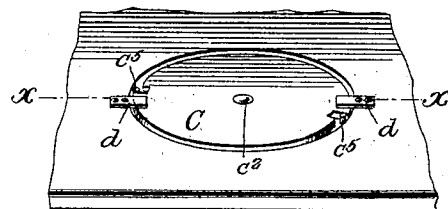
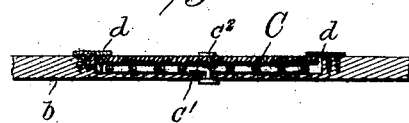


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SALLIE I. NORTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders for Ladies' Dressing-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

The invention to be hereinafter described relates to hat-holders for ladies' dressing-cases, and has for its object to provide a simple and convenient device of this character wherein the parts are so arranged that the hat-holder when in operative position for supporting a hat may be wholly contained within an inclosure to exclude dust and protect the hat, and when in inoperative position it may offer no obstacle to the use of the inclosure as an ordinary drawer.

With the above generally-stated objects in view the invention consists of the parts and combinations to be hereinafter described and then definitely pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a ladies' dressing-case with the door open and with parts broken away to show the hat-holder and its relation to the adjacent parts of the device. Fig. 2 is a detached detail view of the hat-holder and its adjacent parts, on an enlarged scale, the hat-holder being shown in its operative position for supporting a hat. Fig. 3 is a like detail view, on an enlarged scale, of the hat-holder in its inoperative position. Fig. 4 is a section on the line *x x* of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a detail view showing a stop for preventing undue rotation of the top portion of the hat-holder when in its inoperative position, as will be described.

In the drawings, A represents any desired form of dressing-case especially designed for ladies' use and having the door A' provided with a mirror or glass A², said dressing-case in the top portion thereof being also provided with a suitable mirror A³. In the present form of dressing-case, as herein selected for illustrating the invention, one portion A⁴ is provided with suitable means, as the supporting-clips *a*, for an umbrella or parasol *a'*, and preferably the lower portion of the dressing-case may be provided with suitable ordinary drawers A⁵.

The upper portion of the dressing-case is preferably divided into compartments B and

B', the upper one extending the full width of the drawer-space of the dressing-case and the lower ones B' extending substantially each one-half of the width thereof. Referring to Fig. 1, the bottom portion *b* of the compartments B and B' are preferably made to slide in guideways *b'* in the side portions of the dressing-case, somewhat in the manner of an ordinary drawer, so that the compartments B B' may substantially in the manner of an ordinary drawer be pulled out and pushed into the dressing-case. The front portion *b*² of each of these compartments has an ordinary hinge connection *b*³ with its bottom *b*, so that the front portion can be let down in horizontal prolongation of such bottom, as will be readily understood.

The bottom *b* of the compartments B and B', which may for identification be denominated "hat-compartments," are provided, as shown in Fig. 2, with a countersunk recess *c*, from which rises a conical spring *c'*, such spring being secured in the bottom of the countersunk recess *c*, as shown in Fig. 4. Mounted upon the top of the conical spring *c'* is the hat-supporting plate C, which is connected to the spring *c'*, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, by means of a pin *c*², which enables the hat-supporting plate C to be turned upon the upper end of the spring *c'*, for a purpose as will hereinafter appear. The countersunk recess *c*, as shown in Fig. 4, is of a size and of suitable proportion to properly receive and contain both the hat-supporting plate and the spiral spring *c'* when said hat-supporting plate and spring are pressed or pushed down into such countersunk recess.

The hat-supporting plate C, at substantially diametrically opposite portions thereof, is provided with recesses *c*³, one side of the walls *c*⁴ of such recess being extended somewhat beyond the peripheral limits to the other side of the wall to form a limiting-stop in connection with the pin *c*⁵, contained in the countersunk recess *c*, as will be obvious.

Secured to the bottom *b* of the hat-compartment, at substantially diametrically opposite points of the countersunk recess *c*, are the locking-clips *d*, which are adapted to register with the recesses *c*³ in the hat-supporting plate when such plate and its supporting-spring *c'* are depressed, so that such hat-supporting plate will pass below the locking-

clips d , and then by turning such hat-supporting plate the said plate and spring c' may be held within the countersunk recess c . The pins c^5 , projecting upward in the recess c , serve as limit-stops or to prevent undue rotation of the hat-supporting plate when it is pushed into the recess c , as is indicated in Figs. 3 and 5.

From the character of the spring c' and its conical form it will be understood that the convolutions of the springs, when the same are compressed to the inoperative position shown in Fig. 4, will lie substantially as indicated in Fig. 4 and the hat-supporting plate will cover the entire spring and lie substantially flush with the upper surface of the bottom b of the hat-compartment.

From the construction described it will be apparent that when it is desired to support a hat upon the hat-supporting plate C in one of the hat-compartments it is only necessary to turn the plate in the countersunk recess so that the locking-recesses c^3 will register with the locking-clips d , whereupon the hat-supporting plate and spring will rise into the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and a lady's hat containing ribbons, feathers, or like decorations may be conveniently supported thereon without bringing such decorations into contact with any of the surrounding structure or supporting parts. When, however, it is desired to use one or more of the hat-compartments as an ordinary drawer for containing wearing-apparel and like articles, it is only necessary to compress the spring c' and the hat-supporting plate C into the countersunk recess c in the bottom b of the compartment, then turn the hat-supporting plate slightly until the stops c^5 contact with the projecting walls c^4 of such plate, whereupon the hat-supporting plate will itself stand substantially flush with the bottom of the compartment and offer no obstacle to the convenient use of the compartment as an ordinary drawer.

By having the front portion b^2 of the hat-compartments hinged, as described, so as to fall into a horizontal position in prolongation of the bottom of a compartment a convenient rest is provided for the support of small articles, such as hat-pins and the like, during the time that the person using the dressing-case may be putting on or taking off the hat, and by inclosing the hat-supports in such compartments it is evident that all dust and dirt are kept from mingling with the hat decorations during such time it is within the compartment and supported upon the hat-supports.

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

1. A dressing-case provided with a hat-compartment, the bottom of said compart-

ment being provided with a countersunk recess, a hat-support rising from such countersunk recess and means for holding the hat-support within such recess substantially flush with the bottom of the compartment.

2. A dressing-case provided with a hat-compartment, a hat-support rising from the bottom of such compartment and comprising a hat-supporting plate, a spring, and means for locking the hat-supporting plate in inoperative position substantially flush with the upper surface of the bottom of the hat-compartment.

3. A dressing-case provided with a hat-compartment, the bottom of which is provided with a countersunk recess, a spring secured at one end within such recess, a hat-supporting plate secured to the other end of said spring and means for locking the spring and plate in such countersunk recess with the surface of the plate substantially flush with the top surface of the bottom of the compartment, whereby the compartment may be used either as a hat-compartment or as an ordinary drawer.

4. A dressing-case provided with a hat-compartment adapted to slide in and out of such case, the bottom of such compartment being provided with a recess, a hat-support rising from such recess and a locking device for locking the hat-support in inoperative position with its top portion substantially flush with the upper surface of the bottom compartment, whereby the compartment may be used either as a hat-compartment or an ordinary drawer.

5. A dressing-case provided with a hat-compartment, the bottom of which has a countersunk recess, a conical spring secured at one end in such recess, a hat-supporting plate carried by the other end of the spring and means for locking the plate and spring within the recess with the surface of the plate substantially flush with the surface of the bottom of the compartment.

6. A dressing-case comprising a hat-compartment, the bottom of which is provided with a recess, a conical spring secured at one end in such recess, a hat-supporting plate, rotatably supported upon the other end of such spring and provided with peripheral notches, locking-clips secured to the bottom of the compartment and adapted to register with the peripheral recesses in the hat-supporting plate when the same is compressed within said recess.

7. A dressing-case provided with a hat-compartment, a conical spring secured to the bottom of such compartment, a hat-supporting plate rotatably mounted upon such spring and means for locking such plate and spring in their inoperative position on the bottom of said compartment.

8. A dressing-case provided with a hat-

compartment, the bottom of which is provided with a countersunk recess, a conical spring secured to the bottom of said recess, a hat-supporting plate rotatably mounted on
5 said spring and provided with peripheral recesses, locking-clips secured to the bottom of said compartment and projecting over said recess and stops for limiting the rotative

movement of the hat-supporting plate when pushed into said recess and turned.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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