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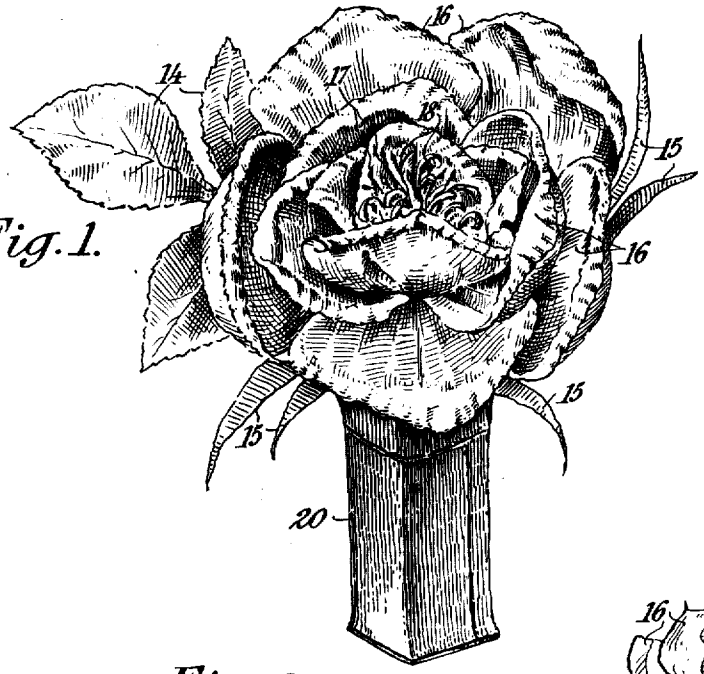


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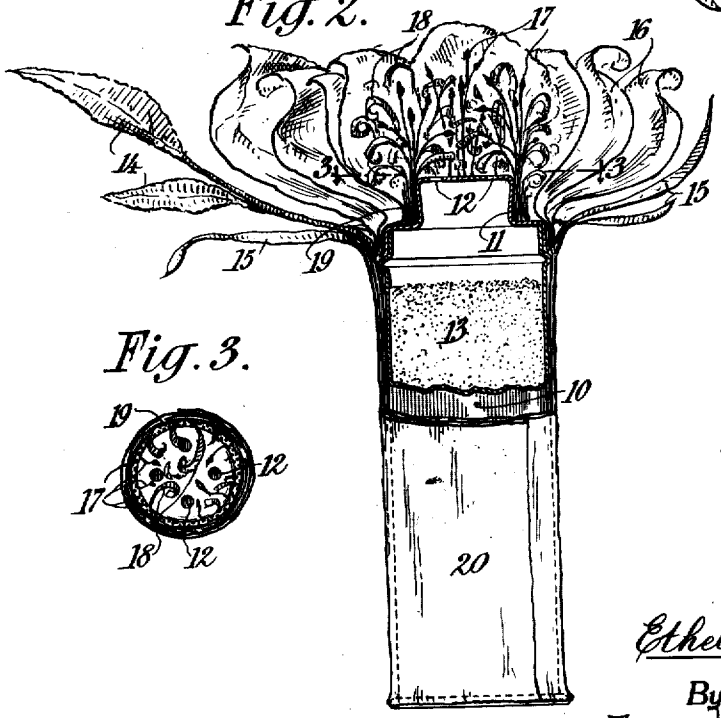
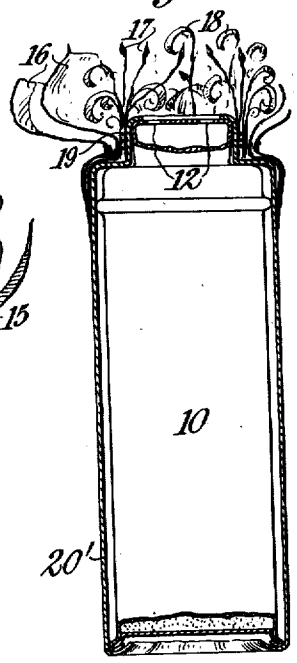


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This invention relates to an improved toilet powder shaker so concealed and disguised by ornamentation as to lose all suggestion of its utilitarian purpose and give the appearance of an object of ornamentation only, such as might be used to grace a woman's dressing table or as might be placed upon a dining table and used as a favor.

One of the objects of the invention is to perfectly and completely conceal the powder shaker without in any manner interfering with the satisfactory sifting of the powder from its perforated portion. To this end, the part of the ornamentation overhanging and concealing the perforated portion of the container is of openwork formation through which the powder may be sifted and by which it is satisfactorily dispersed and distributed over the surface on which the powder is applied.

In the drawings illustrating the invention—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an ornamented powder shaker embodying the invention.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the powder shaker, parts thereof being illustrated in vertical cross-section through its central portion.

Fig. 3 is a top view of the perforated portion of the powder shaker with parts of the ornamentation omitted to disclose underlying parts.

Fig. 4 is a view, partly in side elevation and partly in vertical cross-section, disclosing a modified form of the invention.

Referring first to Figs. 1, 2 and 3, the invention is illustrated as applied to a box of talcum powder of well-known form comprising a container 10 (Fig. 2), the cover 11 of which has a perforated top 12. This box is indicated as being partly filled with talcum powder or other toilet powder 13.

The present invention, considered broadly, consists in covering the container with ornamentation such as will conceal its utilitarian purpose, but it is of importance that the portion of such ornamentation which overhangs and conceals the perforated portion of the container be of an openwork formation such as will permit the powder to be readily sifted from the box to the surface to which it is to be applied.

In the preferred form of the invention herein illustrated, the top of the box is represented as being covered and concealed by an artificial rose and the sides of the container are indicated as being covered with ornamentation representative of a rose holder. More specifically, the ornamentation comprises a rose having leaves 14, a calyx comprising sepals 15, and corolla comprising petals 16, all of which may be secured about the upper part of the container in any appropriate manner, as, for example, by the use of adhesive. These parts of the flower may be constructed of tissue paper, cloth or other appropriate material.

The perforated top of the container may be satisfactorily covered and concealed by openwork ornamentation including elements representative of stamens 17 and carpels 18. The stamens may be secured about the box top in any appropriate manner as by means of a winding of thread 19 (Figs. 2 and 3), and parts representing carpels may be satisfactorily produced by making parallel incisions in one edge of a strip of tissue paper, curling the fingers thus formed, and winding the strip of curled fingers about the top of the container. The base portion of the winding of paper forming the carpels may be secured to the box top by any suitable fastening agent, as, for example, by the application of adhesive.

It is of importance that the parts of the flower representing stamens and carpels be so curled and bent and applied in such profusion that they will completely fill the portion of the flower within the corolla, thereby covering and concealing from view the perforated portion of the container top. In Fig. 3 of the drawings a relatively small number of stamens 17 and carpels 18 are represented as being bent upwardly so as to overhang the container top. In the completed flower, however, it is intended that the stamens and carpels shall be used in such numbers and shall be so closely crowded within the central portion or heart of the rose that no part of the container top shall be visible. The elements representative of the stamens and carpels, however, shall be of relatively light and slender construction such as to form an openwork construction through which the powder may be readily sifted from the container, the openwork central portion of the flower offering no obstruction to the

passage of the powder but serving to disperse and distribute it over the surface to which it is to be applied.

The sides of the container may be satisfactorily ornamented and concealed by means of a wrapping of crepe tissue or other appropriate material 20, whereby the same may be given the appearance of a rose holder.

It will be apparent that the ornamentation used to cover and conceal the box need not necessarily be a rose, but might be an artificial bloom of any other flower, or might be a collection of small flowers, or ornamentation of any other appropriate character. All that is essential is that it shall completely conceal the container and have an openwork portion through which the powder may be sifted.

The particular type of ornamentation used and the manner in which it is constructed, of themselves, constitute no part of this invention, which relates more specifically to the combination between the powder shaker and the ornamentation by which it is concealed without interfering with its usefulness.

In the modified form of the invention illustrated in Fig. 4, the ornamentation is indicated as being applied to a jacket 20' which might be constructed of cardboard, metal or other appropriate material, and to which the ornamentation might be applied. When so constructed, the powder container might be readily slipped into the jacket from its open lower end and parts bent inwardly to hold it in place. As soon as the contents of the container have been exhausted it may be readily removed from the lower end and a new container of powder inserted to take its place, thus providing for renewals without resorting to the use of a refillable container.

The invention is not intended to be limited to the specific forms herein disclosed for purposes of illustration but should be regarded as including modifications and variations thereof within the scope of the appended claims.

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7. A toilet powder shaker comprising a container having a perforated top, an artificial rose covering and concealing said top, and a covering for the sides of said container to give it the appearance of a rose holder, the central portion of said rose by which the perforated portion of the container top is covered and concealed being of openwork formation through which powder may be sifted.

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