

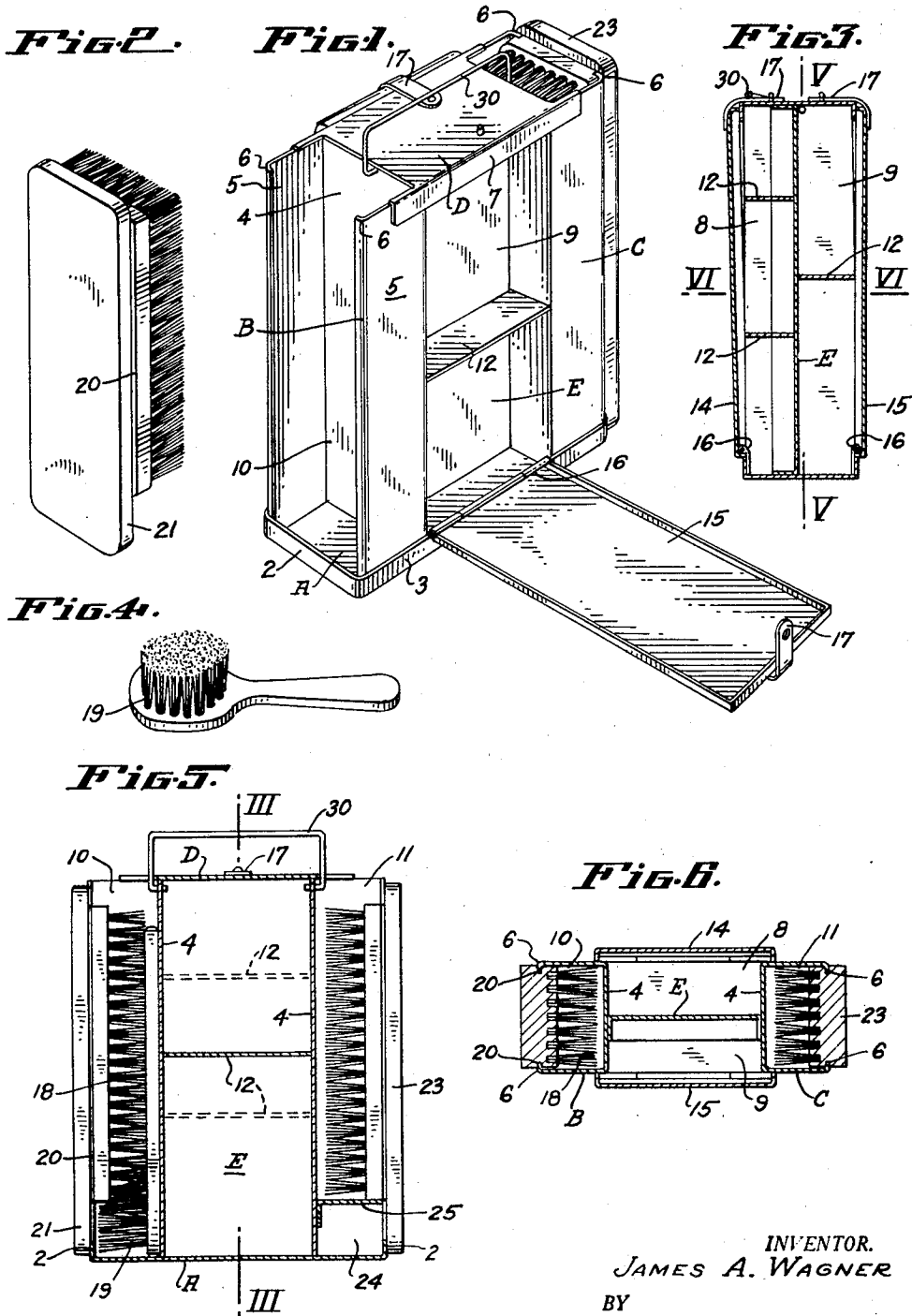
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This invention relates to a utility kit, and more specifically to a compact container which is divided into several compartments so that toilet articles, such as shaving equipment, comb and toothbrush, a shoe polishing outfit, etc., may be separately placed therein in an accessible manner for ready use whenever required.

The object of the present invention is generally to improve and simplify the construction and operation of kits of the character described, to provide a kit of the character described which may contain all the essentials in the line of toilet articles, shoe-brushing and clothes-brushing equipment, etc., to maintain a proper appearance when serving as a soldier, or when traveling, or camping; to provide a kit in the form of a small container or cabinet in which the articles required are stored in separate compartments for quick and handy removal or replacement; and further, to provide means for readily closing the compartments to prevent loss or displacement of articles while the kit is carried or packed while traveling.

The kit is shown by way of illustration in the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the kit showing two of the brushes removed and showing some of the compartments open;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the shoe brush;

Fig. 3 is a vertical cross section taken on line III—III of Fig. 5;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the dauber or brush whereby shoe polish or paste is applied;

Fig. 5 is a central vertical longitudinal section taken on line V—V of Fig. 3; and

Fig. 6 is a cross section taken on line VI—VI of Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawing in detail, and particularly Figs. 1, 3, 5 and 6, A indicates a rectangular base member which is provided with an upturned flange forming a pair of ends 2—2 and a pair of sides 3—3 therefor. Placed at each end of the base member are two uprights, generally indicated at B and C, which are channel shaped in cross-section. Each upright comprises a web or back portion 4 and a pair of flanges or sides 5—5. These flanges are bent at right angles to form secondary intumed flanges 6—6, the purpose of which will hereinafter appear. The uprights B and C are soldered, spot-welded, or otherwise secured between the flanges 2 and 3 of the base A, and their upper ends are similarly secured by a top or cover plate D, this being flanged as at 7 to make the connection as rigid and secure as possible, rigidity being further in-

creased by a partition plate E disposed between the top and base and the inner portions of the uprights B and C and secured in place by welding, soldering or the like.

The structure so far described forms four separate compartments, two compartments 8 and 9 one on each side of the plate E, and two compartments 10 and 11, one at each end. The compartments 8 and 9 may be subdivided into further compartments by partition members 12 and these compartments may be closed by doors or plates 14 and 15 hinged as at 16 to the base side flanges 3—3, and when closed may be secured in any suitable manner, as by spring latches 17. The compartments closed by the doors 14 and 15 are particularly intended for the reception of various toilet articles such as tooth brush and paste, shaving equipment, scissors, nail files, needles and thread, and, in fact, anything of a personal nature desired.

The end compartment 10 is provided for the reception of a shoe brush 18 and a paste or polish applying brush 19. The sides of the shoe brush are grooved as shown at 20 to receive and to be retained by the secondary intumed flanges 6—6. One end of the brush head is extended, as at 21, to form a closure and retainer for the brush 19, which is placed innermost in the compartment 10 when packed in the kit. A clothes brush 23 is placed in the compartment 11 in the same manner as the shoe brush. The handle of the clothes brush is also extended and as such forms a closure for a compartment 24 formed by a partition plate 25. Both brushes are readily removed by merely grasping them at their upper ends so that they may be pulled upwardly and out of their respective compartments. Replacement is just as readily accomplished by reversal of the operation, and when the brushes are inserted the backs of the brushes form closures for the respective compartments.

Every essential item required for personal appearance and grooming by army and navy men, travellers, campers, etc., may be contained in a kit of the character here disclosed, and as all the compartments are closed when the kit is not required, loss or displacement of the several articles contained is avoided. The construction employed renders the kit exceedingly rigid and compact, so that it may be packed or carried as desired. A bail 30 forms a pivoted handle to facilitate carrying, and while this and other features of my invention have been more or less specifically described and illustrated, I nevertheless wish it understood that changes may be resorted to

within the scope of the appended claims, and that the materials and finish may be such as the experience of the manufacturer or varying conditions of use may demand.

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

1. A portable container of the character described comprising a relatively narrow, rectangularly shaped base member, a pair of separate vertically disposed channel shaped members, each of less depth than one-half the length of the base member rigidly mounted on the base member in back to back spaced fixed relation, one at each end of the base member and forming end chambers and an intermediate chamber, a cover plate for the intermediate chamber having longitudinally projecting spaced lateral flange portions overlying and secured to the upper outer side faces of the end chambers to brace the latter at their upper ends to firmly sustain the end chambers on the said base member, leaving the end chambers open at the front and top.

2. A portable container of the character described comprising a relatively narrow, rectangularly shaped base member, a pair of separate vertically disposed channel shaped members, each of less depth than one-half the length of the base member rigidly mounted on the base member in back to back spaced fixed relation, one at each end of the base member and forming end chambers and an intermediate chamber, a cover plate for the intermediate chamber having longitudinally projecting angular spaced flange portions overlying the upper edges and upper outer side faces of the end chambers and secured to the latter to brace the end chambers at their upper ends to firmly sustain the end chambers on the said base member, leaving the end chambers open at the front and top, closures, one hinged at its lower end to the container for each side of the intermediate chamber and each closure at its upper end being detachably connected to said cover plate.

3. A portable container of the character described comprising a relatively narrow, rectangularly shaped base member, a pair of vertically disposed channel shaped members, each of less depth than one-half the length of the base member rigidly mounted on the base member in back to back spaced fixed relation, one at each end of the base member and forming end chambers and an intermediate chamber, a cover plate for the intermediate chamber, each of the end chambers being open at the top, and a carrying handle bridging said cover and having its ends extending beneath the same through the open tops of the end chambers and mounted in the back walls of the end chambers.

4. A portable container of the character described comprising a relatively narrow, rectangularly shaped base member having a marginal upstanding flange, a pair of vertically disposed channel shaped members, each of a depth less than one-half the length of the base member rigidly mounted on the base member within

the base member flange and in back to back spaced fixed relation, one at each end of the base member and forming end chambers and an intermediate chamber, a cover plate for the intermediate chamber, the outer side walls of the end chambers being flanged forming guides, and brushes, each having their heads provided with longitudinal grooves along their sides for longitudinal movement over the said guide flanges of the end chambers for movement of the bristles vertically into and out of the end chambers through the permanently open tops of the latter with the upper ends of the brushes viewable through the constantly open tops of the end chambers.

5. A portable container of the character described comprising a rectangular shaped base member, a pair of upwardly extending connected side and end flanges on the base, a pair of vertically positioned members channel-shaped in cross section disposed one at each end of the base and secured between the side and end flanges, the web portion of each channel-shaped member being disposed innermost and spaced from the back of the other channel shaped member to form a pair of outwardly opening end chambers and provide an intermediate chamber, a flanged cover plate extending from the web of one channel-shaped member to the web of the other channel-shaped member and secured thereto, so as to sustain the spaced channel shaped members in upright position on the base member, the cover plate having upstanding projections thereon, a closure member for each side of the intermediate chamber hinged to the respective side flange of the base, and means carried in the upper portion of each of said closures to extend beyond the upper ends of the closures and overlap the cover plate and connect with the projections on the cover plate to maintain the closures in closed position.

6. A portable container of the character described, comprising a relatively narrow, rectangularly shaped base member, a pair of vertically disposed channel shaped members, each of less depth than one-half the length of the base member rigidly mounted on the base member in back to back spaced fixed relation, one at each end of the base member and forming end chambers and an intermediate chamber therebetween, the end chambers being uncovered at the top and front, a member secured to the upper ends of said channel members and forming a cover plate for the intermediate chamber, and a closure member including a brush having its head detachably connected with the open front of each of the channel shaped end members with the brush bristles confined within the chamber of the end members in spaced relation to the backs of the respective end members, the bristles at the upper end of each brush lying below the horizontal plane of the aforesaid cover plate of the intermediate chamber and being visible through the upper uncovered end chambers of said end members.

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