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DRESSING CASE SUPPORT AND CARRIER.

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Fig. 1.

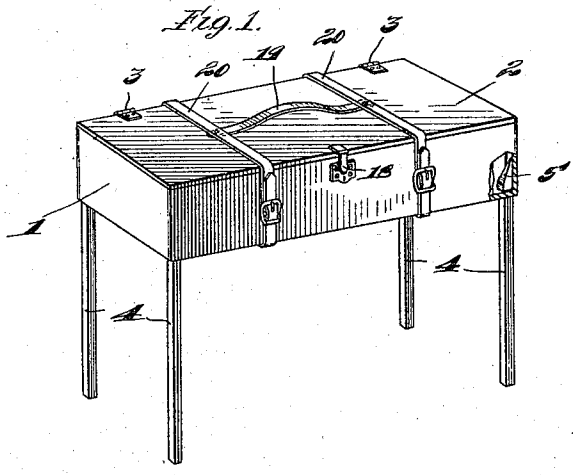
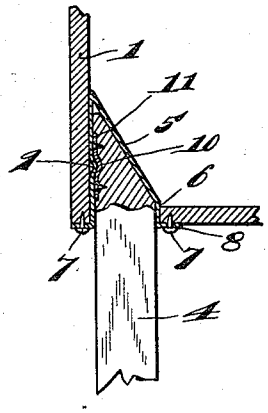


Fig. 3.



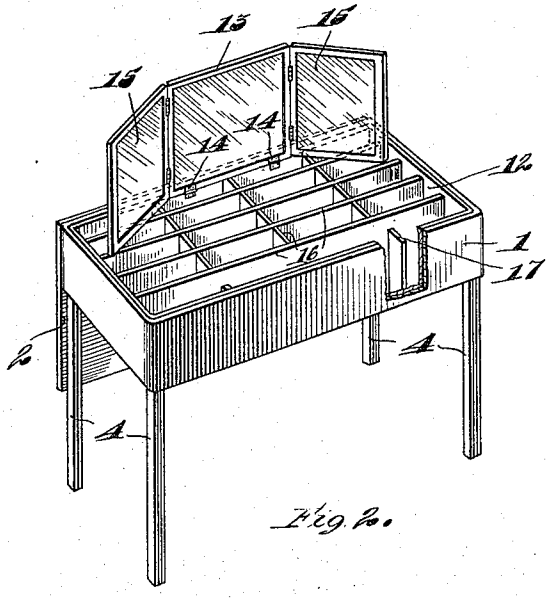


Fig. 2.

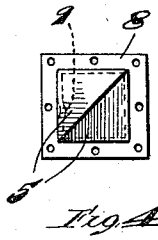


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HELENE V. A. LORING, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dressing-Case Supports and Carriers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to dressing cases and more specifically to an arrangement of this character especially designed for use in traveling, the same being of a collapsible nature, permitting of folding into small compass when not in use and adapted, when in use, to be readily unfolded into operative condition.

The object of my invention is the production of a device of the character mentioned which will be of durable and economical construction and efficient and convenient in use.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

With these objects in view my invention consists in the combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, and in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device showing the body thereof closed, Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 showing the body of the device completely unfolded for use, Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmental detail section illustrating the releasable connection of the supporting legs of the device with the sockets arranged in the body thereof, and Fig. 4 is a top plan view of one of the sockets detached.

The preferred form of construction as illustrated in the drawing comprises a hollow rectangular body or container 1. Said body 1 is open at its upper side and is equipped with a swinging cover 2 hingedly secured thereto at 3. Said body, when in use, is supported in elevated position by means of legs 4. Said legs are detachably secured to said body, the upper tapering ends thereof loosely engaging with downwardly opening sockets of corresponding form provided in socket members 5 which are arranged at the corners of the body 1. Said socket members 5 project through rectangular openings 6 formed in the bottom of body 1 at the corners of the latter, said socket members being secured in position by means of securing devices 7 which pass through an outwardly projecting flange 8 provided at the mouth of each of said socket members. Said legs 4 are releasably secured in engagement with said sockets by means of inwardly extending projections or beads 9 formed in the socket members 5, said projections being adapted for yielding engagement with recesses 10 formed in plates 11 which are secured upon the adjacent sides of said legs, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. With this arrangement it will be seen that, when the upper ends of the legs are inserted into operative position in said socket members, the projections 9 will automatically engage with the recesses 10 and serve to automatically lock said legs to the body 1. In order to detach said legs it is only necessary to exert sufficient downward pressure or pull thereon to overcome the resiliency of the projections 9.

The body 1 is designed to carry a dressing case 12 which fits snugly therein as clearly shown in Fig. 2. Said dressing case is provided with a cover or top 13 which is hingedly secured at 14, to the body of said case so as to permit of swinging of said cover from a horizontal to a vertical position as will be readily understood. Said cover is of a sectional nature and the inner sides of the sections of said cover are provided with mirrors 15 so as to adapt the same to serve in the capacity of looking glasses when arranged as shown in Fig. 2. The interior of the case 1 is divided by means of intersecting partitions 16 into a plurality of compartments for containing the various articles usually carried in a dressing case. Also, the arrangement is such that an elongated compartment 17 will be formed at the front end of said dressing case for the reception of the legs 4 when the latter are detached and the device is collapsed or folded together.

When the device is not in use the cover 2 is secured in closed position by means of a suitable lock 18. The device may be readily carried about by means of a handle 19 arranged at the upper side of body 1, being secured to the latter by means of straps 20 which are adapted to encircle said body. The handle 19 is secured to the body 1 by means of straps which encircle said body as mentioned in order to avoid undue strain upon the cover 2 which would result were said handle secured to said cover.

A device for the construction set forth may be readily and easily unfolded for use and as readily and easily collapsed or folded

when desired. The arrangement is simple and economical and is exceptionally convenient for traveling.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A dressing case support and carrier comprising a hollow body open at its upper side; legs detachably secured to said body for supporting the same in elevated position; sockets opening downwardly at the under side of said body for releasable engagement by the upper ends of said legs, the upper ends of said legs being tapered and said sockets being correspondingly formed to snugly receive said ends of said legs and prevent relative rotary movement thereof, said legs, when detached, being adapted to be carried in said body, substantially as described.

2. A dressing case support and carrier comprising a hollow body open at its upper side; legs detachably secured to said body for supporting the same in elevated position; sockets opening downwardly at the under side of said body for releasable engagement by the upper ends of said legs, the upper ends of said legs being tapered and said sockets being correspondingly formed to snugly receive said ends of said legs; and means for releasably locking said legs in engagement with said sockets, said locking means comprising resilient inwardly extending projections at the inner sides of said sockets adapted to yieldingly engage with recesses provided in the adjacent sides of said legs, when the latter are in operative position, said legs, when detached, being adapted to be carried in said body, substantially as described.

3. A dressing case support and carrier comprising a hollow body open at its upper side; legs detachably secured to said body for supporting the same in elevated position; sockets opening downwardly at the under side of said body adapted to snugly receive the upper ends of said legs and hold the same against relative rotary movement; means for releasably locking said legs in engagement with said sockets, said locking means comprising an inwardly extending resilient projection on one side of each of said sockets; and a plate secured to the adjacent side of the corresponding leg having a recess adapted for yielding engagement by said projection, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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