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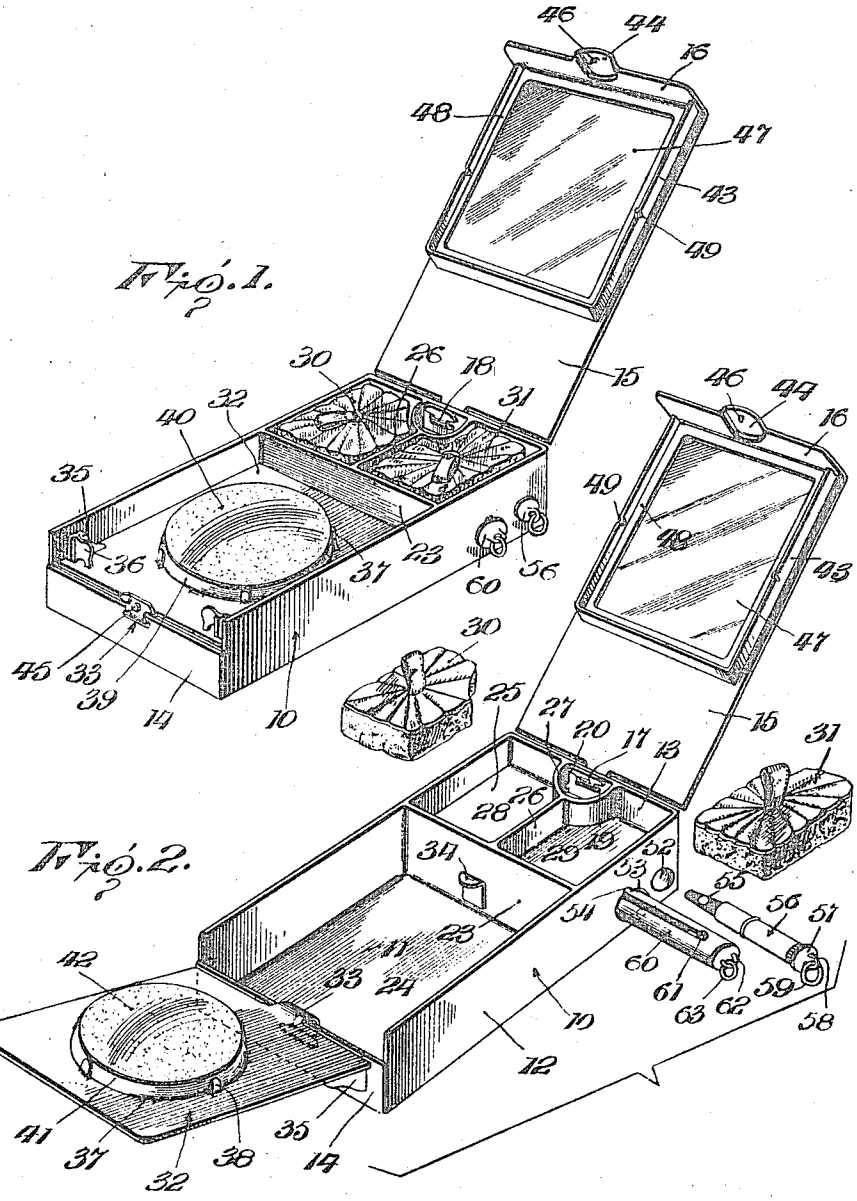


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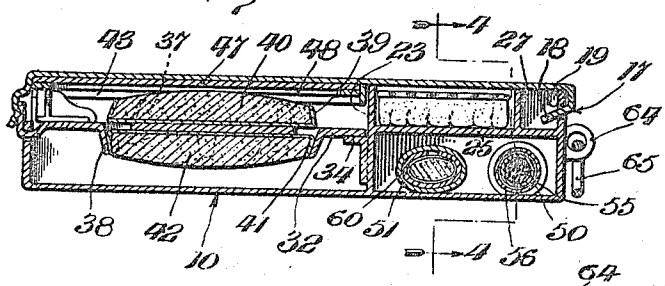


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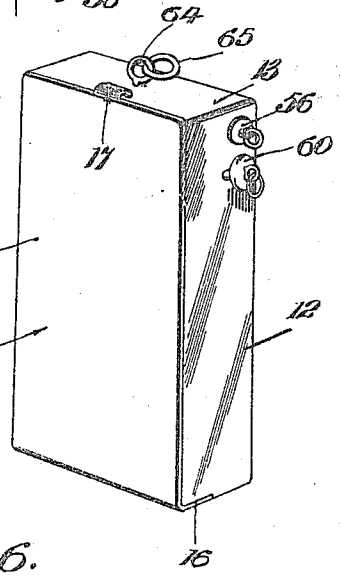


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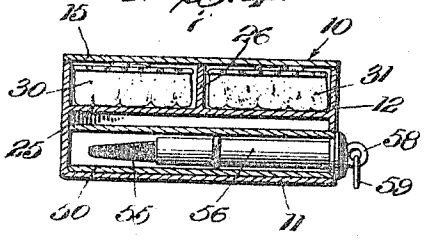
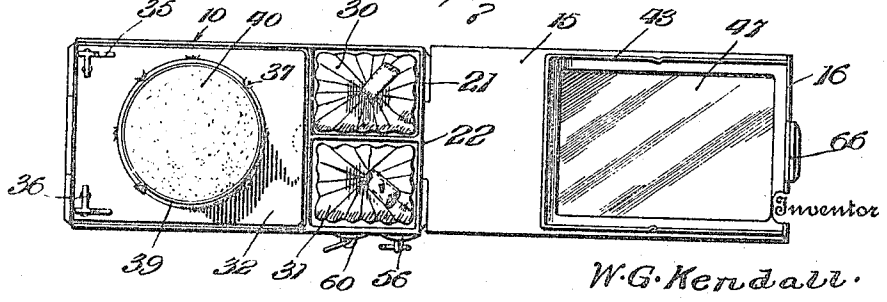


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM G. KENDALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Vanity-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in vanity cases, the primary object of my invention being the provision of a compact and ornamental appearing vanity case capable of holding a mirror, a number of cakes of compressed powder, powder puffs for each cake, a lip stick, and an eyebrow pencil.

More specifically, one object which I have in view is the provision of a case formed of metal, having a hinged cover carrying a mirror, and formed with powder puff receiving compartments and with a hinged leaf carrying a cake of compressed powder on each side so arranged that it may be swung to bring either cake uppermost.

In this connection, a further object of my invention resides in so arranging the hinged leaf and the cover that when the cover is closed, the leaf will be held against any movement, and in so arranging the mirror upon the cover that its retaining wall shall also serve as a cover retaining flange to prevent possible movement of the cover or any leakage of powder from the case.

A still further object of my invention resides in providing hinges for connecting the cover to the case and the leaf in the case in such a manner that they will be supported in convenient position when the case is in use.

A still further object of my invention resides in providing means for housing the lip stick and eyebrow pencil within the case in such a manner that either one may be drawn from the case at will without opening the cover.

With these and other objects in view, my invention will be more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and then specifically pointed out in the claims which are attached to and form a part of this application.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my vanity case in open position;

Fig. 2 is a corresponding view, showing the powder cake supporting leaf swung to its reverse position, the pads removed from their trays, and the lip stick and eyebrow pencil partially withdrawn;

Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal vertical sectional view taken through the case and its contents;

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view taken transversely of the case at the line 4—4 of Fig. 3, looking in the direction of the arrows, the pencil holder housing being shown in section with the pencil holder therein in elevation;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the case in closed position;

Fig. 6 is a plan view of a vanity case in open position, this case being identical in construction with that shown in the previous figures, except for some hinges employed.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

My improved vanity case includes a substantially rectangular shaped box 10, preferably formed of relatively light sheet metal plated or otherwise coated to give it a neat and ornamental appearance. This box includes a bottom wall 11, vertical side walls 12, a rear wall 13, and a front wall 14. The side and rear walls are of uniform height, while the front wall terminates considerably short of the other walls, being generally substantially one-half the height of the side walls, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2. This box further includes a cover 15 proportioned to rest upon the upper edges of the side and rear walls and provided at its front edge with a depending wall portion or flange 16 which, when the cover is closed, completes the front wall of the vanity case, resting at its lower edge upon the upper edge of the front wall proper 14.

The cover 15 is connected at its rear edge to the rear wall of the box by a hinge structure 17 which includes a hinge ear 18 formed integrally with the cover and bent intermediate its length with its free end passed through a slot 19 formed in the rear wall of the box and adjacent its upper edge. This hinge ear 18 is provided at its end and at each side with laterally directed locking tongues 20 which project beyond the ends of the slot and prevent disengagement of the ear from the slot. One of these tongues is normally formed to extend in alinement with the ear to permit convenient assemblage of

the box and its cover and is then bent to the position shown to anchor the two together. This particular hinge construction, however, forms no part of my present invention, being fully disclosed in a copending application filed by me January 25, 1917, and bearing the Serial No. 144,508. In fact, a pintle pin hinge may be employed, as shown in Fig. 6, in which the pin is mounted in alined sleeves 21 formed upon the upper edge of the rear wall and sleeve 22 formed upon the rear edge of the cover.

A transverse vertically disposed partition wall 23 provides a forward compartment 24. A horizontally disposed false bottom wall 25 extends throughout the width of the box and from this partition wall to the rear wall, and a horizontally extending sub-partition wall 26 extends from the partition wall 23 toward the back wall of the box where it branches to provide a housing 27 for the hinge 17. The partition wall 23, together with the false bottom 25 and sub-partition wall 26, provide symmetrical compartments 28 and 29 adapted to receive powder puffs 30 and 31 in such a manner that the tops of the puffs will be substantially flush with the upper edge of the box.

A powder cake supporting leaf 32 is hinged at one edge to the front wall 14 by a hinge 33 which, in the form of box shown in Figs. 1 and 2, is identical in construction with the hinge 17 and which, in the form of box shown in Fig. 6, is identical in construction with the hinge there shown as connecting the box and cover. This leaf is in the form of a rectangular plate of sheet metal adapted, in one position, to fit snugly within the compartment 24, and an L-shaped supporting stop 34 is secured at one arm to the partition wall 23 so that its other arm may seat the free edge of the leaf when it is swung to such position to support the leaf in parallel spaced relation to the bottom of the box so that it will in effect form a false bottom within the compartment 24. Triangular shaped stop brackets 35 are secured to what is normally the upper face of the leaf adjacent its hinged end in parallel spaced relation to the side walls 12 of the box and are so spaced from the hinged end of the box that when the leaf is swung to open position they abut against the outer face of the front wall 14 of the box to support the leaf in substantially horizontal position and thus form a reinforcement for the support given the leaf by the hinge 33. Coöperating brackets 36 are secured to the leaf and to the first brackets and extend transversely of the leaf, as shown, to brace the first brackets and also to provide finger pieces by means of which the leaf may be swung from the position shown in Fig. 1 to a position above the side edge of the box to facilitate moving it to the position shown in Fig. 2. This leaf is formed with a plurality of equally spaced U-shaped clefts 37 disposed in a circle centrally of the leaf and providing a plurality of anchoring tongues 38. Certain of these tongues are sprung upwardly, while the others are sprung downwardly, the first serving to anchor a pad 39 containing a cake of compressed powder 40 and the latter to correspondingly anchor a pad 41 containing a cake of compressed powder 42. These rouge pads are of a well known type and need not be further described. By thus providing for the support of two pads of compressed powder, it will be clear that powder of different tints may be supplied to the vanity case. It is for this reason that I provide the two powder puffs 30 and 31 in order that each may be used with a corresponding tint of powder.

A U-shaped retaining wall or flange 43 is secured to the under face of the cover 15 with the free ends of its side portion secured to the flange 16 and with its intermediate portion extending transversely of the cover in such a position that when the cover is closed it will abut against the forward face of the partition wall 23. The side portions of the flange 43 are spaced inwardly from the edges of the cover a distance just sufficient to permit their engagement against the inner faces of the side walls 12 of the box when the cover is closed and the brackets 35 are so disposed upon the leaf 32 that the side portions of the flange 43 engage snugly against their outer faces. This interengagement of parts, when the cover is closed, does away with the necessity of providing a flange completely about the cover to insure proper maintaining of the cover in position and hold it against lateral movement. The intermediate portion of the lower edge of the cover flange 16 is outstruck, as shown at 44, to seat the tongue portion of the hinge 33 when the box cover is closed and as this tongue is resilient it may be provided with a shallow socket 45 to seat a locking stud 46 formed in the outstruck portion of the flange 16 to frictionally lock the cover in place. Obviously, this engagement of the free end of the hinge ear by the flange 16 also serves to secure the leaf 32 against swinging movement when the box is closed which would otherwise bring the powder cake 40 into engagement with the cover. A mirror 47 is disposed within the retaining wall or flange 43 and is held in place by a wedging ring or frame 48 wedged between the side and intermediate portions of the U-shaped flange 43 and the cover flange 16. If deemed advisable, the side portions of the flange 43 may be instruck slightly, as shown at 49, to additionally anchor this ring or frame in place.

Horizontally disposed within that portion

of the box between the false bottom 25 and true bottom 24 are tubular housings 50 and 51, the former being circular in cross section and the latter elliptical in cross section. One side wall 12 of the box is formed with openings 52 and 53 which communicate with the adjacent ends of the housings 50 and 51, respectively, and the latter opening, at its upper portion, is provided with an extension 54 which communicates with a slot formed in the adjacent portion of the tubular housing. An eyebrow pencil 55 is carried in a holder 56 of conventional type and proportioned to fit snugly within the housing 50 so as to be frictionally held therein. This holder is provided with the usual head 57 having an eye 58 carrying a ring 59 which permits of its ready withdrawal from the vanity case. A lip stick holder 60, of conventional structure, is adapted to be frictionally locked in the housing 51 in like manner and the extension 54 of the opening 53 and the slot in the adjacent portion of the housing provide for the passage of the abutment 61 of a sliding follower by which the lip stick is projected beyond its holder for use. This holder, at its end, has an eye 62 carrying a ring 63 to facilitate its removal from the vanity case. The vanity case, at any suitable point, preferably at its back wall, is provided with an eye 64 carrying a ring 65 by means of which the vanity case may be conveniently suspended from a chain.

Both the manner of employing the vanity case and its contents and its convenience will be appreciated from the foregoing description, when taken in connection with the drawings and no further explanation is believed to be necessary. It should, however, be noted that the vanity case is neat and ornamental in appearance, small and compact, considering the various devices which it incloses, and so constructed that all parts are rigidly held against movement when the case is closed.

The vanity case shown in Fig. 6 is identical in construction with that described, with the exception of its hinges and the further exception that the cover flange 16 is provided with a resilient clasping flange 66 for frictional engagement about the intermediate pintle pin receiving sleeve of the hinge connecting the powder cake supporting leaf to the front wall of the box.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A vanity case including a receptacle, a cover for the receptacle, and a hinged member carried by the receptacle to be disposed therein or to be swung out of the receptacle, said member being adapted to hold an article of toilet upon each face.

2. A vanity case including a receptacle, a cover hinged to one end of the receptacle, a leaf hinged to the opposite end of the receptacle whereby it may be swung out of the receptacle or swung to lie therein, and a plurality of powder pad engaging fingers struck out from the leaf and projecting some at one side of the leaf and some at the other whereby powder pads may be secured to both faces of the leaf.

3. A vanity case including a receptacle having side and end walls, one end wall being of less height than the remaining walls, a cover hinged to the opposite end wall, a depending flange at the free end of the cover to close that portion of the end of the box left open by the lower end wall, and a powder cake supporting member hinged at one end to the lower end wall.

4. A vanity case including a receptacle having side and end walls, one end wall being of less height than the remaining walls, a cover hinged to the opposite end wall, a depending flange at the free end of the cover to close that portion of the end of the box left open by the lower end wall, a powder cake supporting member hinged at one end to the lower end wall, and brackets carried by such member adjacent its hinged end providing means for swinging the member and capable of engaging against the outer face of the lower end wall when the member is swung out of the box to support the member in substantially horizontal position.

5. A vanity case including a receptacle, a vertical partition wall extending transversely of the receptacle and providing at one side a main compartment, a false bottom secured in that portion of the receptacle at the other side of the partition wall, a longitudinal partition wall between the first partition wall and adjacent wall of the receptacle and resting on the false bottom whereby with the first partition wall and false bottom supplemental compartments are provided capable of receiving powder puffs, a leaf hinged to the receptacle and adapted in one position to lie within the main compartment, powder cake supporting means upon opposite sides of the leaf, and a cover for the receptacle.

6. A vanity case including a receptacle, a vertical partition wall extending transversely of the receptacle and providing at one side a main compartment, a false bottom secured in that portion of the receptacle at the other side of the partition wall, a longitudinal partition wall between the first partition wall and adjacent wall of the receptacle and resting on the false bottom whereby with the first partition wall and false bottom supplemental compartments are provided capable of receiving powder puffs, a leaf hinged to the receptacle and adapted in one position to lie within the main compartment, powder cake supporting means upon opposite sides of the leaf, a cover for the receptacle,

and tubular housings extending across the receptacle in the space between the true bottom and false bottom and reinforcing it, the housings each opening at one end through the wall of the receptacle and being adapted to receive rouge and pencil holders.

7. A vanity case including a receptacle having end and side walls, one end wall being of less height than the other walls, a cover hinged to the opposite end wall, a flange on the free end of the cover adapted to engage at its lower edge upon the upper edge of the shorter end wall, a leaf hinged to the shorter end wall, the hinge of the leaf and the flange being adapted for locking engagement with each other, and mirror retaining flanges secured to the underside of the cover, said flanges being adapted to engage against the inner faces of the side walls of the receptacle when the cover is closed to hold it against lateral movement.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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