

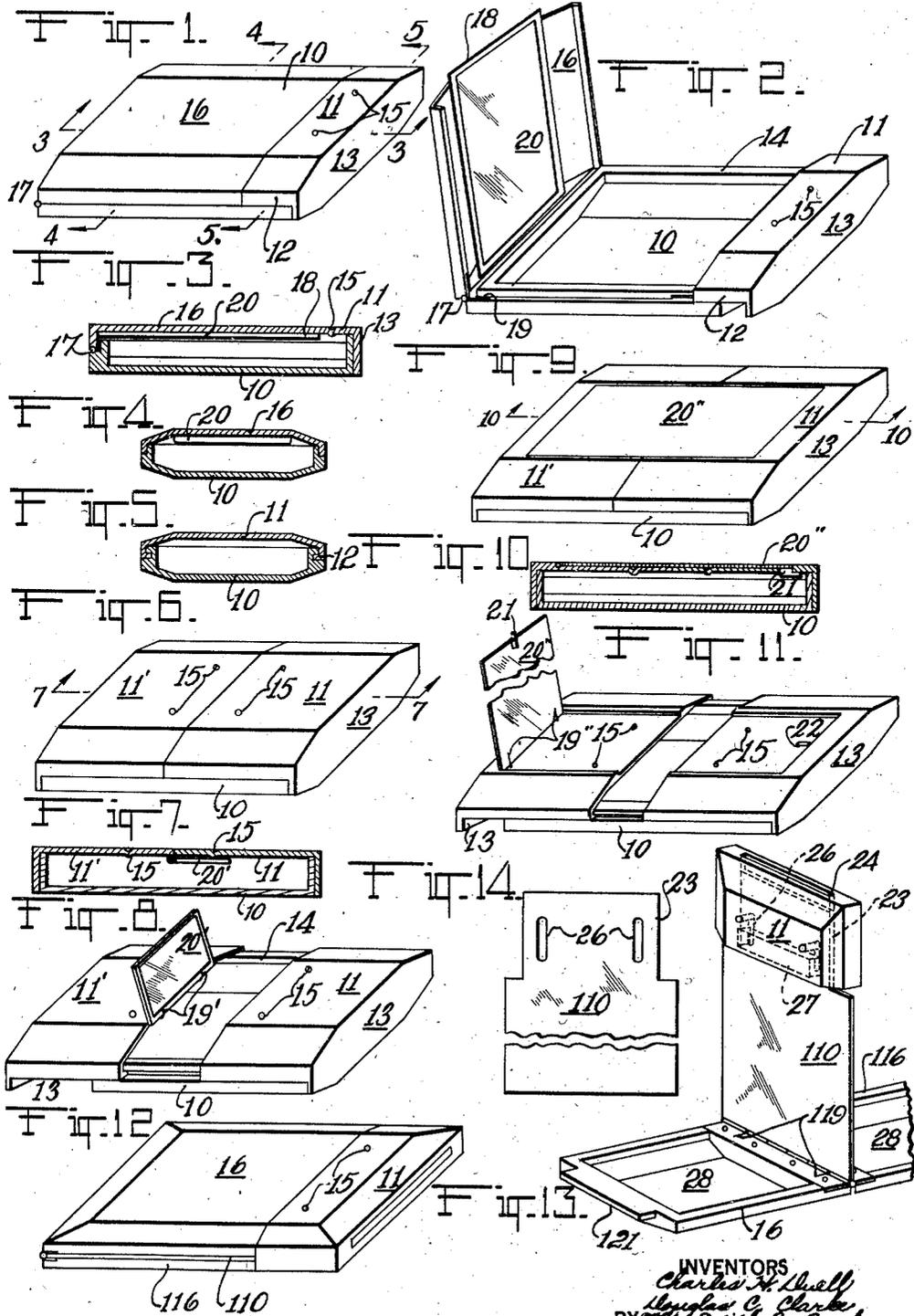
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CONTAINER FOR COSMETICS AND OTHER SMALL ARTICLES

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This invention relates to portable devices or kits which serve as containers for transporting cosmetics such as rouge and powder, together with applicators and other similar articles. The invention has for its object generally an improved construction and arrangement of parts which is efficient, economical and readily manufactured.

More particularly, the invention has for its object the provision of a device comprising a casing having a sliding cover and adapted to transport accessories such as cosmetics, applicators, powder puffs, etc. together with a suitable mirror.

Another object of the invention is to provide a container having one or more slidable covers adapted to release a member which moves a mirror into a position to be used in conjunction with suitable articles found within the container.

Another object of the invention is to provide a container having a mirror and slidable cover adapted for releasing one or more of a plurality of members which may thereupon present various cosmetics and the like contained therein.

Other objects of the invention will in part be obvious and will in part appear hereinafter.

The invention accordingly comprises the features of construction, combination of elements, and arrangement of parts, which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter set forth and the scope of the application of which will be indicated in the claims.

For a fuller understanding of the nature and objects of the invention reference should be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of one form of device embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device shown in Fig. 1 with the hinged cover raised;

Fig. 3 is a cross section in elevation of the device shown in Fig. 1 taken along the lines 3—3;

Fig. 4 is a cross section in elevation of the device shown in Fig. 1 taken along the lines 4—4;

Fig. 5 is a cross section in elevation of the device shown in Fig. 1 taken along the lines 5—5;

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a modified form of device embodying the invention;

Fig. 7 is a cross section in elevation of the device shown in Fig. 6 taken along the lines 7—7;

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the device shown in Fig. 6 with one cover slid to open position;

Fig. 9 is a perspective view of another modified form of device embodying the invention;

Fig. 10 is a cross section in elevation of the device shown in Fig. 9, taken along the lines 10—10;

Fig. 11 is a perspective view in partially-open position of the device shown in Fig. 9;

Fig. 12 is a perspective view of another modification embodying the invention;

Fig. 13 is a perspective view with all covers in open position of the device shown in Fig. 12; and

Fig. 14 is a plan view of a detail of the device shown in Fig. 12.

In containers for cosmetics and toilet articles, it is desirable that a mirror be readily available for use in connection with the other articles as soon as the latter are exposed when the container is opened. It is also desirable that the same motion of the hand which opens the vanity case may release the member having a mirror surface. The device described herein has one or more slidable covers similar to that set forth in the co-pending joint application of Charles H. Duell and Douglas C. Clarke, Serial No. 589,130 filed January 28, 1932. A hinged

cover member is adapted to be released by the opening of the slidable cover to present a mirror-bearing surface. In one modification the motion of either one of two slidable covers releases a mirror attached to one, whereby the mirror is free to rise out of the container. A further modification has two hinged covers containing cosmetics, etc., and releasable on opposite sides of a mirror member by a slidable cover or cap.

In the embodiment shown in the drawing, particularly Figs. 1-5, a casing 10 is provided with a slidable cover 11, which has downturned side flanges 12. These flanges grip the sides of the casing frictionally. A depending auxiliary flange 13 at one end of the cover serves as a stop to arrest the movement of the cover when it has been slid to position, partially covering the opening 14. Inwardly-projecting detents 15 are provided to arrest the cover when being slid to open position and to prevent its being completely separated from the casing. The flange 13 may fit over and conform to the end of the casing.

A cover 16 hingedly secured by any suitable means 17 to the casing, is adapted to cover that portion of the opening not covered by the slidable cover 11. A projecting portion 18 of the hinged cover 16 is adapted to fit beneath a portion of the slidable cover 11 so that the latter retains the former when both are in closed position. Resilient means 19 may tend to open the hinged cover once the slidable cover is withdrawn. The interior of the hinged cover may be provided with a mirror surface 20 in any desired manner, for example, by polishing the material of the cover or by adding a mirror member. The two covers may present one or more continuous surfaces.

A modification of the invention is shown in Figs. 6-8, in which each of two slidable covers 11 and 11' cover complementary portions of the opening 14. Each is provided with detents 15 and an end flange 13, which forms an end of the device when the covers are closed. Attached suitably to one of the covers is a mirror 20' which extends beneath the other cover and is retained thereby within the container when the covers are closed. A resilient member, such as the spring 19', tends to press the mirror out of the casing when either one of the covers is slid to open position.

When either one of the two forms last described is held within the hand and a cover slid back by a motion of the thumb and fingers, the mirror springs up ready to be used alone or in connection with such other accessories as may be within the container.

In the modification shown in Figs. 9-11, the mirror 20'' is attached by any suitable means, such as a hinge, to the outside of one of the cover members and lies along or may

be countersunk in the cover members. A hooked tongue 21, integral with or attached to the mirror, is adapted to extend into an opening 22 in the other cover in such a fashion that as the other cover is slid to closed position it rides over a portion of said tongue and prevents the mirror from rising as it tends to do under the action of a resilient member such as spring 19''.

The modification shown in Figs. 12-14 is similar in certain respects to that shown in Figs. 1-5, there being a hinged cover 16, and in this form a hinged bottom 116, both attached at the same end of a principal member of the device 110, which corresponds to the casing 10 in the above described form. The member 110 is generally flat and may be made of any suitable material such as metal. Either one or both of its sides are supplied with a mirror surface, either by polishing or by attaching mirrors. It has a projection 23 at the opposite end from the hinges. A slidable cover 11 has a channel 24 cut therein into which the projection 23 is adapted to slide. Detents 15 in the slidable cover extend into slots 26 in the projection to prevent the cover from being completely removed. The cover may, in this instance, act as a kind of slidable cap. Grooves 27 in the cover are adapted to slide over tongues 121 on the hinged covers when the latter are in closed position against the main member 110. The covers may be provided with chambers 28 which are available when the covers are open for containing cosmetics or toilet articles. Resilient means such as springs 119, tend to open the covers when the slidable cover is pushed back. It will be seen that the present form may be held in the hand and by moving the slidable cover with the thumb or fingers, either one of the hinged covers may be opened, or if both are opened, they may be held in horizontal plane with the mirror upright between them. The entire device may be closed by the motion of one hand.

The invention accordingly comprises an article of manufacture possessing the features, properties and the relation of elements which will be exemplified in the article hereinafter described and the scope of the application of which will be indicated in the claims.

It is also to be understood that the following claims are intended to cover all of the generic and specific features of the invention herein described, and all statements of the scope of the invention which, as a matter of language, might be said to fall therebetween.

Having described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. In a device of the character described, the combination comprising a container hav-

ing an opening, a hinged cover adapted to cover a part of said opening, a slidable cover adapted, when in closed position, to cover the remainder of said opening, and means adapted for limiting the motion of said slidable cover.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination comprising a container having an opening, a hinged cover adapted to cover a part of said opening, a slidable cover adapted, when in closed position, to cover the remainder of said opening and to hold said hinged cover in closed position, and means adapted for limiting the motion of said slidable cover.

3. In a device of the character described, the combination comprising a container having an opening, a hinged cover adapted to cover a part of said opening, a slidable cover adapted, when in closed position, to cover the remainder of said opening, means adapted for limiting the motion of said cover, and a flange on said slidable cover adapted to fit over an end of said container.

4. In a device of the character described, the combination comprising a container having an opening, a hinged cover adapted to cover a part of said opening, resilient means tending to hold said hinged cover in open position, a slidable cover adapted, when in closed position, to cover the remainder of said opening and to hold said hinged cover in closed position, and means adapted for limiting the motion of said cover.

5. In a device of the character described, the combination comprising a container having an opening, a hinged cover adapted to cover a part of said opening, a slidable cover adapted, when in closed position, to cover the remainder of said opening, and means adapted for limiting the motion of said cover, at least a portion of the inside of said hinged cover presenting a mirror surface.

6. In a device of the character described, the combination comprising a container having an opening, a hinged cover adapted to cover a part of said opening, a slidable cover adapted, when in closed position, to cover the remainder of said opening and to hold said hinged cover in closed position, and means adapted for limiting the motion of said cover, at least a portion of the inside of said hinged cover presenting a mirror surface.

7. In a device of the character described, the combination comprising a container having an opening, a slidable cover adapted in closed position to cover a portion of said opening, a second slidable cover adapted in closed position to cover another portion of said opening, a mirror hinged to one of said covers and held within the container by the other of said covers when said covers are in closed position, and resilient means for moving said mirror out of said casing

when either one or both of said covers are slid to open position.

8. In a device of the character described, the combination comprising a container having an opening, a slidable cover adapted in closed position to cover a portion of said opening, a second slidable cover adapted in closed position to cover another portion of said opening, a mirror hinged to one of said covers and held within the container by the other of said covers when said covers are in closed position, resilient means for moving said mirror out of said casing when either one or both of said covers are slid to open position, and means adapted for limiting the motion of said cover.

9. In a device of the character described, the combination comprising a container having an opening, a slidable cover adapted in closed position to cover a portion of said opening, a second slidable cover adapted in closed position to cover another portion of said opening, a mirror exterior and hinged to one of said covers, held by the other of said covers against said covers when said covers are in closed position, and adapted to be released when one of said covers is slid to open position, resilient means tending to move said mirror out of the plane of said covers, and means adapted for limiting the motion of said cover.

10. In a device of the character described, the combination comprising a container having an opening, a slidable cover adapted in closed position to cover a portion of said opening, a second slidable cover adapted in closed position to cover another portion of said opening, a mirror exterior and hinged to one of said covers, held by the other of said covers against said covers when said covers are in closed position, and adapted to be released when one of said covers is slid to open position, and means adapted for limiting the motion of said cover.

11. In a device of the character described, the combination comprising a container having an opening, a slidable covering member adapted when in closed position for covering a portion of said opening, means adapted for limiting the motion of said member and a second covering member adapted for disclosing a mirror.

In testimony whereof, we affix our signatures.

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