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Fig. 1.

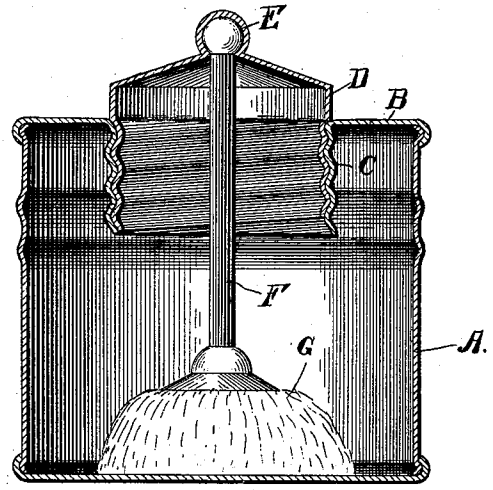
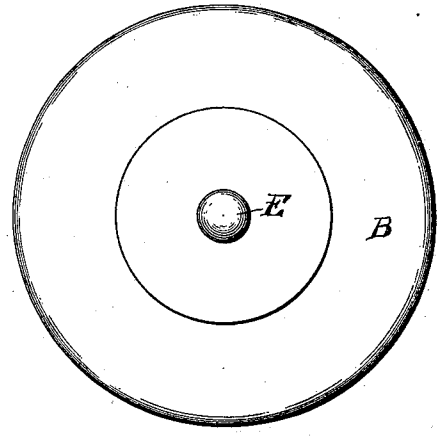


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MINNIE FICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Puff-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in toilet-boxes, and especially that class known as "puff-boxes," for the holding of face-powder and puff for applying the same, and has for its object to provide a simple, cheap, and convenient device of this description in which the desired amount of powder may be stored and from which a portion thereof may be withdrawn by the use of a puff without the liability of wasting the powder or the possibility of losing the puff; and a further object of my invention is to hermetically seal the box containing the powder when not in use, thereby preventing the deterioration of the powder and always keeping the puff in place.

With these ends in view this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claim.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, the construction and operation will now be described in detail, referring to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a central cross-section of a puff-box, illustrating the arrangement of closing the same and the holding of the puff therein; and Fig. 2, a plan thereof.

In carrying out my invention as herein embodied I provide a box A, which may be of any desired shape or size, preferably cylindrical, and the top of this box has an inwardly-projecting flange C, which is screw-threaded, as clearly shown in the drawings, whereby it is adapted to receive the threaded cover D. With the top of the cover is formed a knob E, and the formation of this knob may also serve to secure the handle F in place, while the lower end of said handle is provided with a suitable puff G. In practice the proper amount of powder is placed within the box, after which the puff is inserted and the cover run within the threaded flange C, thus not only closing the box, but securing the puff in place for further use. Now when it is desired to apply the powder this is readily accomplished by backing off the cover and withdrawing the puff, which will carry a certain amount of powder therewith.

Another feature of my invention is that when the box is partly full of powder the puff may be only brought in contact therewith by running the cover within the threaded flange to a sufficient depth; but when the major part of the powder has been used the puff may still be brought into contact therewith by running the cover farther within the threaded flange, as will be readily understood.

Among the many advantages of a puff-box made in accordance with my improvement is the fact that for traveling purposes it may be readily packed among other articles without the powder being spilled therefrom and thereby interfering with surrounding objects, and also the fact that when the powder is not being used the box may be so closed as to exclude moisture, air, and dust.

The cost of a puff-box made in accordance with my improvement is but little in advance of an ordinary puff-box, while offering many advantages over the same.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful is—

A puff-box consisting of a cylindrical body, a top comprising a screw-threaded cylindrical section having an outwardly-projecting flange around its top, said flange being crimped at its outer edge to the upper edge of the body, a cover threaded to fit the threads of the top, a hollow knob formed on the top of said cover, a handle, a rounded head formed thereon and confined in the hollow knob whereby the cover may be turned and yet the handle will remain stationary, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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