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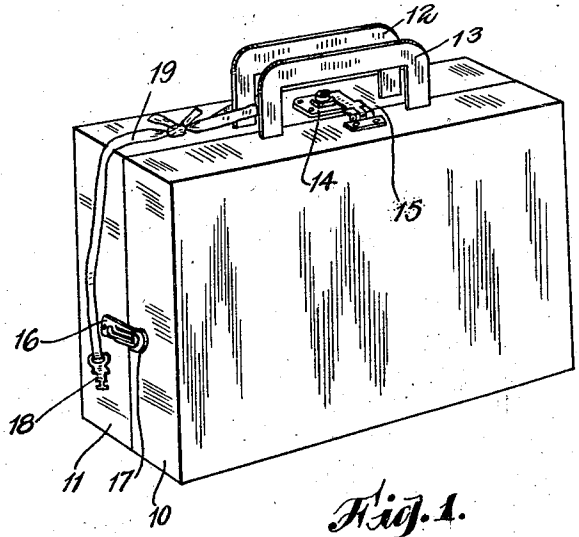


Fig. 1.

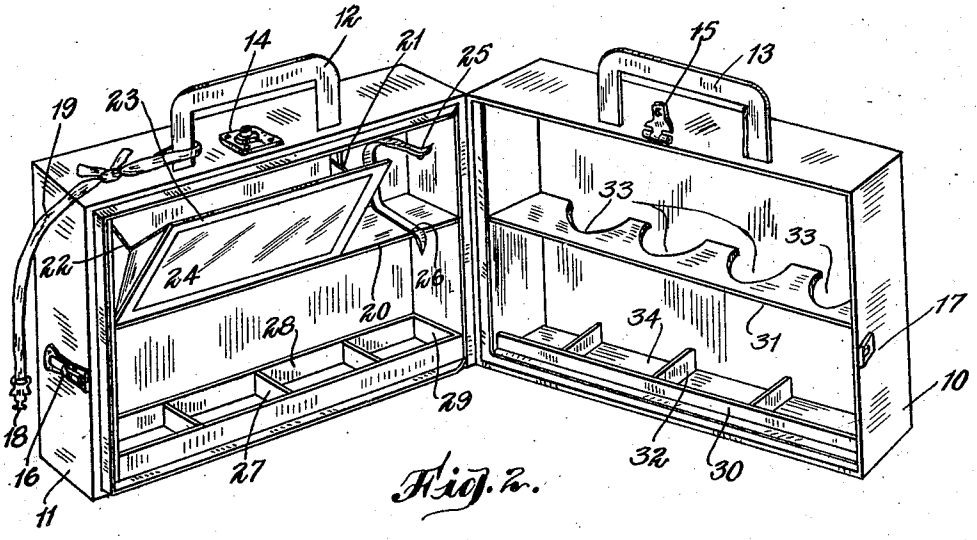


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to improvements in display cases, particularly cases to be used for displaying perfumes, soaps, tonics, powders, and other articles in the line of cosmetics and affiliated trades.

It is the principal object of my invention to provide a case of this character which is not only useful but also ornamental in its appearance, and which can also be used as a lady's vanity case, if desired.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a case of this type in which the single articles contained therein are firmly held in their relative display position, or for immediate use, and in which a compartment is provided for the reception of smaller articles of toilet, such as for instance lipsticks, rouge boxes, powder compacts, nail files, manicuring buffers etc. which compartment is closed by means of a foldable cover equipped with a mirror in front.

A further object of my invention is the provision of a case of this character which is folding endwise and is equipped with two suitable locking devices, and the interior of which is equipped with means for storing, displaying and holding in place the articles contained within the case.

These and other objects and advantages of my device will become more fully known as the description thereof proceeds, and will then be specifically defined in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawing, forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the case constructed according to my invention, closed.

Fig. 2 is a similar view with the case open to illustrate the interior arrangement thereof.

As illustrated, the case comprises two homogeneous parts 10 and 11, hingedly connected at their meeting end parts to unfold laterally, as shown in Figure 2. The outer faces of the case are covered by imitation leather, Spanish leather or any other suitable material apt to give the case a neat and ornamental appearance, while the inner walls are also suitably covered by silk, or similar decorative material.

The parts of the case are provided with a pair of flat, substantially U-shaped upright handles 12 and 13 respectively suitably anchored in the top parts of the casing parts as shown in Figure 1, so that they can be conveniently gripped when the case is closed.

A lock 14 of any desired, suitable construction is located at the top of part 11 and is adapted to be engaged by the catch, latch etc. 15 on top of the other part 10.

A snap lock 16 attached to the outer face of the outer end wall of part 11 has a loop adapted to snap over a suitable abutment 17 on the end wall of the other part 10. A key 18, preferably gilded, for the lock 14 is attached to one of the handles by means of a ribbon or other suitable fastening means 19.

The interior of part 11 is horizontally divided by a partition wall 20 or shelf into an upper and a lower chamber. The upper chamber is divided by means of a vertical partition 21 into a larger chamber and a smaller chamber in juxtaposition thereto The larger chamber is closed in front by a plate or cover 23 equipped with a mirror 24 on its front face, while a pair of folding bellows-like, flexible members 22 are secured at their inner edges to the inner wall of part 11, while the outer edges thereof are attached to the cover plate. The compartment closed by said plate is adapted to contain smaller articles as for instance lip sticks, powder compacts, rouge boxes, needles and pins, etc. The smaller compartment, laterally disposed to the larger one, is adapted for holding soap or the like articles encased or not which are held in position by means of a strap 25 adapted to be connected at its outer ends by means of a snap button 26 or the like, while it is attached intermediate its ends to the rear wall of part 11.

The lower chamber in part 11 is divided by partitions and cross-partitions 27, side walls and end walls 29 into a plurality of open receptacles or chambers for the reception of jars containing pomades, creams and ointments etc.

The part 10 of the case is equipped at its lower front edge with a strip 30 forming with the cross-partitions 32 a plurality of seats 34 for securely holding the lower ends of bottles containing perfumes, lotions, etc.

At a suitable distance from the seats 34, and above the same, a longitudinally extending strip 31 is secured in part 10 of the case which is provided with suitable notches or recesses 33 adapted to be engaged by the

necks of the bottles placed on seats 34 for preventing a lateral displacement and consequent breaking of the bottles.

The operation of my device will be quite clearly understood from the above description, and it will be clear that a convenient case is provided for securely holding and supporting numerous articles of toilet for display and use without the danger of damage to the goods during their transportation.

Evidently my novel case as described and shown in its preferred form as an example of the many ways of practically constructing the same, is subject to many changes in its arrangement and construction of its minor details such as come within the scope of the appended claims without departure from the spirit and gist of my invention.

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

1. A case as described comprising a pair of endwise hingedly connected parts, flat, substantially U-shaped handles for the parts, partition walls for dividing each of said parts into a plurality of chambers for the reception of articles of personal wear and use, one of said chambers closed by a bellows-like structure, and means for locking and holding the parts together in the closed position of the case.

2. A case of the class described comprising a pair of endwise opening parts, a horizontal partition in one of the parts to form an upper and a lower chamber therein, a vertical partition in the upper chamber to form two juxtaposed chambers, one larger than the other, a bellowslike structure, a cover holding a mirror secured to said bellowslike structure to allow a closing of the larger chamber over articles stored therein, and a means for holding articles in the smaller of said chambers.

3. In a bi-partite case, a horizontal partition in one of the parts to form an upper and a lower chamber therein, a vertical partition dividing the upper chamber into a larger and a smaller chamber, a cover for the larger chamber holding a mirror on its outer face, a pair of flexible, folding strips connected to the case and to said cover allowing a folding of the same to close the larger chamber, a strap attached intermediate its ends to the case and having a lock at its free ends adapted to be closed over an article within the smaller chamber.

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