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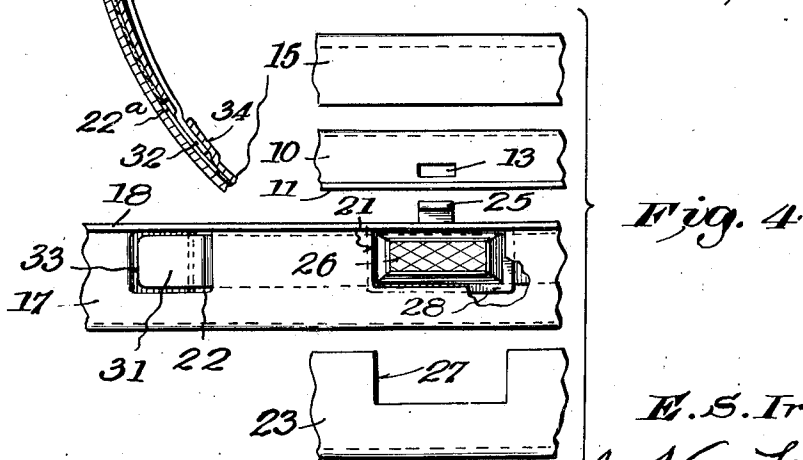
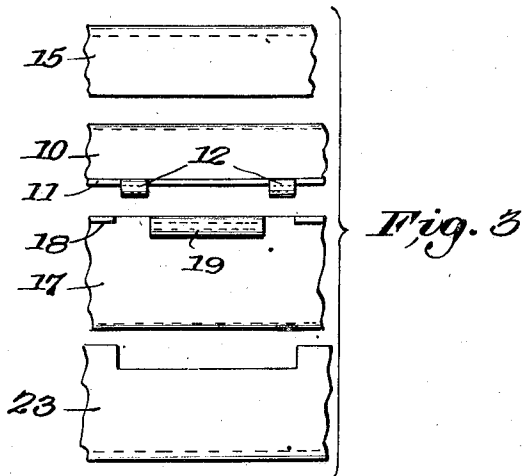
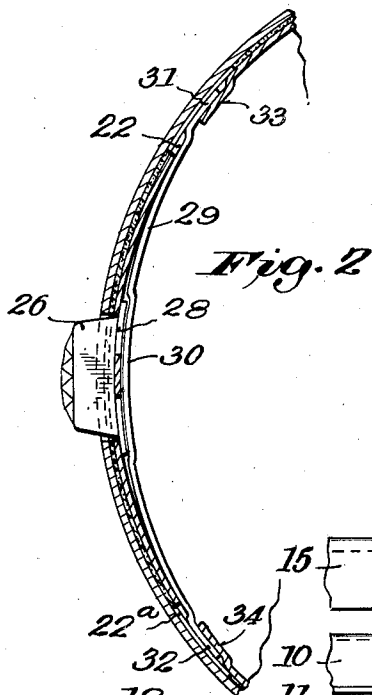
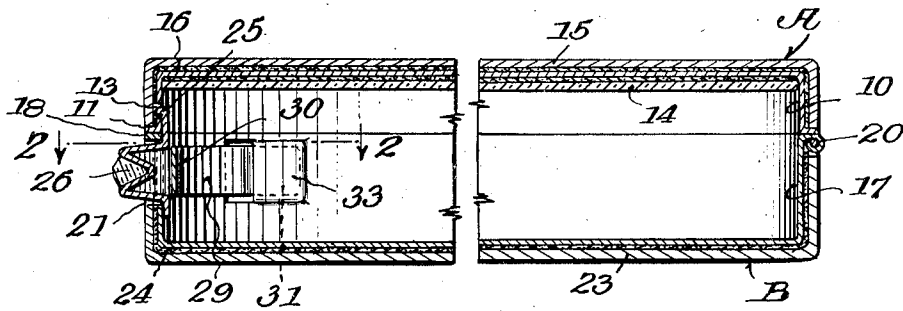
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Fig. 1



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The invention relates to the construction of receptacles adapted to contain any articles or materials and especially such as are useful for compacts, vanity cases, cigarette cases and the like.

A purpose of the invention is to provide a catch for holding the receptacle closed and a special way of mounting it for convenience of construction, arrangement and operation.

Such devices are frequently ornamented on the outside or made especially smooth and attractive to the user. The present invention in one phase contemplates a lining or inner part carrying the contents of the receptacle associated with a cover into which the inner part may telescope and closely fit. The parts may be cemented together or otherwise rigidly held. It may thus be possible to keep on hand ready for assembly as needed various outsides or covers with various ornamentation or colors or decorations any of which may be associated with the linings whether assembled in advance or not.

The invention may be embodied in many forms and without limiting the invention thereto a specific form of device is shown in order to clearly disclose the invention.

In the drawing Figure 1 is a vertical section through a receptacle. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary horizontal section on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary exploded view at the hinge connecting the top and bottom members and Fig. 4 is a similar fragmentary exploded view at the catch.

The receptacle may consist of a top member A and a bottom member B either or both of which may be cup shaped. As shown the top member A may be made up of a lining 10 which may be cup shaped and have an outwardly turned flange 11 portions of which may be coiled as at 12 to form part of a hinge. At the other side the lining 10 may be provided with an opening 13 which may engage the catch to be described. In the bottom of the top lining 10 may be fastened a mirror 14 by cementing or in any other suitable way. The lining 10 may telescope into a cover members 15 and may be held therein for instance by cement shown diagrammatically at 16.

As shown the bottom member B may be made up of a bottom lining 17 which may be cup shaped and have an outwardly turned flange 18 a portion of which may be coiled as at 19 to form part of a hinge. When the coiled portion 19 is placed between the coils 12 a pintle pin 20 may be inserted to complete the hinge. At the other side the lining 17 may be provided with an opening

21 and openings 22 and 22a at each side thereof. The lining 17 may telescope into a cover member 23 and be held therein by cement shown as 24.

It will be noted that the opening 13 is in the lining 10 and does not extend through the cover member 15. To engage the opening 13 and hold the device closed is provided at catch 25 shown as integral with an operating finger piece 26. The finger piece extends outwardly through the openings 21 in the lining 17 and an opening 27 in the cover member 23 which registers with the opening 21. At its inner end the finger piece 26 is provided with a flange 28 which is larger than the opening 21 and so limits the outward movement of the finger piece 26. A leaf spring 29 lies within the lining 17 and more or less closely hugs the wall having a slight bulge 30 which lies against the inner end of the finger piece 26. The ends of the springs 29 are slightly offset as at 31 and 32 and pass through the openings 22 and 22a and rest against slightly inturned parts 33 and 34 of the wall of lining 17. This arrangement allows the lining 17 to snugly telescope into the cover member 23. The spring 29 thus normally exerts pressure on the finger piece 26 and tends to hold the catch 25 into engagement with the opening 13. Pressure on the outer end of the finger piece 26 will flex the spring 29 without releasing its ends 31 and 32 and allow the catch 25 to disengage the opening 13 to open the receptacle.

When the cover member 15 is telescoped onto the lining 10 its edge will come into substantial contact with the flange 11 and close or conceal any crack which might be formed between the lining 10 and the cover member 15. Likewise when the cover member 23 is telescoped onto the lining 17 its edge will come into substantial contact with the flange 18 and close or conceal any crack which might be formed between the lining 17 and the cover member 23. In order to hold the finger piece 26 in assembly the flange 18 is continuous past the opening 21 but the opening 27 is open at its side which engages the flange 18 so that it can be easily telescoped into position when the finger piece 26 is assembled as shown in Fig. 4. In the completed condition the spring 29 is securely held in position by its ends 31 and 32 being in engagement with the offset portions 33 and 34 in which they are held by the snugly fitting telescoping cover member 23 which also conceals them from view and gives a finished pleasing appearance to the device as a whole.

I claim as my invention:

1. A compact or the like comprising a hollow

top lining and a hollow bottom lining meeting at their edges to form a closed compartment, a hinge connecting together the linings, a catch holding the linings closed, outwardly turned 5 peripheral flanges at the edges of both linings, a cover into which the top lining is telescoped and secured with its flange overlying and contacting the edge of the cover, a cover into which the 10 bottom lining is telescoped and secured with its flange overlying and contacting the edge of the cover, a leaf spring within the inner lining actuating the catch and having its ends passing through openings in the bottom lining and concealed between the bottom lining and its cover, 15 and means opposite the spring passing through the bottom lining and cover for actuating the catch.

2. A compact or the like comprising a hollow top lining and a hollow bottom lining meeting 20 at their edges to form a closed compartment, a hinge at their meeting edges connecting together the linings, outwardly turned peripheral flanges at the edges of both linings throughout their peripheries except at the hinge, a catch holding 25 the linings closed with the edges in contact, a cover into which the top lining is telescoped and secured with its flange overlying and contacting the edge of the cover, a cover into which the bottom lining is telescoped and secured with its 30 flange overlying and contacting the edge of the cover, the flanges extending outwardly at least to the outer surface of the covers, and means passing through one of the linings and its cover for actuating the catch.

3. A compact or the like comprising a hollow top lining and a hollow bottom lining meeting at their edges to form a closed compartment, a hinge at the peripheral edges of the linings connecting the linings together, outwardly turned 5 flanges at the edges of both linings throughout their peripheries except at the hinge, a catch opposite the hinge holding the linings closed with the edges in contact, an ornamental cover into which the top lining is telescoped and secured 10 with its flange overlying and contacting the edge of the cover, and an ornamental cover into which the bottom lining is telescoped and secured with its flange overlying and contacting the edge of the cover, the flanges extending outwardly at 15 least to the outer surface of the covers.

4. A compact or the like comprising a hollow top lining and a hollow bottom lining meeting at their edges to form a closed compartment, a hinge connecting together the linings, outwardly 20 turned peripheral flanges at the edges of both linings throughout the periphery except at the hinge, a catch holding the linings closed with the edges in contact, a cover into which the top lining is telescoped and secured with its flange 25 overlying and contacting the edge of the cover, a cover into which the bottom lining is telescoped and secured with its flange overlying and contacting the edge of the cover, the flanges extending outwardly at least to the outer surface 30 of the covers, the bottom lining having a notch at its upper edge, and means passing through the notch for actuating the catch.

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