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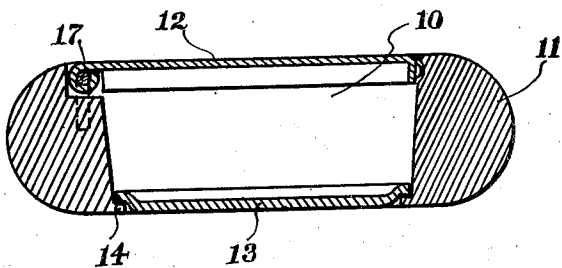


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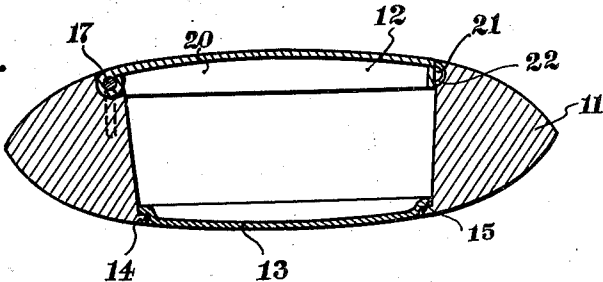


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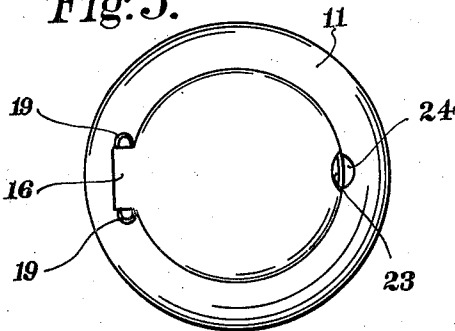


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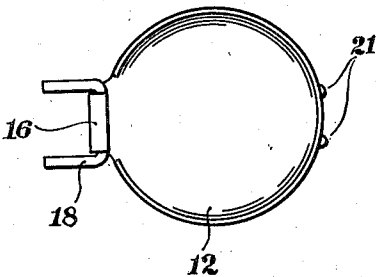
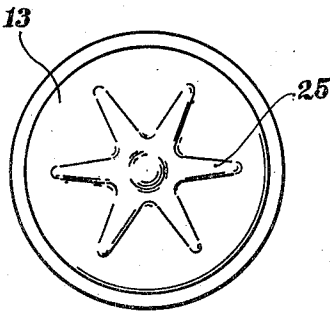


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This invention relates to a combination plastic and metal vanity case the bottom of which also forms the holding plaque for a cosmetic such as rouge.

Among the objects of my invention is to create a thin modern streamlined vanity case having a construction producing a minimum exterior and maximum interior, said vanity case having sides made of preferably colorful plastic material, and metal top and bottom portions; to create a vanity case in which a metal portion serves the double function of a cosmetic holding plaque as well as the bottom of the container; to supply a vanity case having a hinge member swingably attaching the metal top to the plastic sides; to show a vanity case having a thin metal bottom strengthened by designs so that in use the bottom member will not be pushed in so as to break the cosmetic held on the inside of said bottom portion, and such other objects, advantages and capabilities as will later more fully appear and which are inherently possessed by my invention.

While I have shown in the accompanying drawing preferred embodiments of my invention, yet I wish it understood that the same are susceptible of modification and change without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Referring to the drawing, Fig. 1 is a sectional view of my vanity case having a flat bottom, and Fig. 2 a curved bottom; Fig. 3 is a plan view of the closed top; Fig. 4 is an inside view of the open top of the vanity case; Fig. 5 is a view of one form of the outside bottom of the vanity case.

Referring to the embodiment selected to illustrate the invention, my vanity case 10 has a substantially circular or oval member 11 forming the side walls thereof. The side walls are preferably of plastic material, thereby permitting a wide choice of colors to contrast with the metal top 12 and metal bottom 13 of my vanity case.

The plastic side walls 11 at the bottom have a slight inturned flange 14 to support and hold a metal bottom disk or plaque 13 of smaller diameter than the opening between opposite edges of the flange 14. The plaque 13 may have a step 15 at its edges to engage the flange 14 so that the plaque 13 may be flush with the end of the side walls 11.

The side walls tend to extend slightly inwardly toward the bottom thereof so that a curved plaque 13 once positioned will remain in place because an upward movement would tend to flatten the curved plaque and increase its width thus placing greater force on the edges to retain it in position against the side walls.

The plaque 13 may be of any desirable kind of metal, and it is only necessary to finish or polish the outer surface which will form the exposed outside bottom portion of my vanity case. The inside surface need not be finished, and acts as a rigid surface on which the cosmetic, such as rouge is placed. It is well known that rouge and the like must be held on a rigid support (not disturbed by ordinary usage) such as metal, in order to prevent the cosmetic from crumbling. Generally it has been necessary to have a separate rouge plaque placed in the vanity case. With my invention the rouge plaque serves also as the bottom of the vanity case.

The metal top 12 at its back upper edge has a loop 16 holding a U-shaped wire 17 having a pair of spaced short ends 18 suitably anchored by adhesive, friction or the like in spaced holes 19 in the top edge portions of the side walls 11. This permits the top to swing to open and closed position. The top has a downwardly extending flange 20 adapted to engage the side walls 11 and hold the top in closed position by friction grip of raised portions 21 pressing into depressions 22.

The top may have a slight cut out portion 23 connecting with a cut out portion 24 on the side wall to permit the lift of a finger of a user to open the top. Other suitable means for opening such as a lip on the top may be used.

The modern vanity case must be thin so as to fit into a lady's purse but it also must have sufficient room in the interior to accommodate the cosmetic. These requirements demand thin walls for the vanity case. It has not been desirable to use plastics because a plastic vanity case sufficiently strong to stand up would be too thick. With my combination of metal cap and bottom, plastic can be used on the sides. Metal even as thin as 12/1000 of an inch can be successfully used, although any desirable thickness is contemplated by my invention.

Where I use an extremely thin metal, I may use corrugations or ribs 25 of a desired design so as to strengthen the cap or bottom. This is particularly desirable in the bottom portion so as to prevent a user from pushing in on the metal and crumbling the rouge or other cosmetic thereon.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A vanity case comprising a plastic member of desired color forming the side walls of the vanity case and having at its bottom portion a slight inturned flange, a metal bottom member of smaller size than the opening between opposite edges of the walls, said metal bottom member positioned on said flange, the inner surface of

said metal bottom member forming a sufficiently rigid surface to prevent crumbling of a cake of rouge placed thereon, and the outer surface of said metal bottom member forming the bottom of said vanity case, and a metal cap swingably attached to said side walls.

2. A vanity case comprising a plastic member of desired color forming the side walls of the vanity case and having at its bottom portion a slight inturned flange, a metal bottom member of smaller size than the opening between opposite edges of the walls, said metal bottom member having a step at its edges, said step positioned on said flange so that the metal bottom member is flush with the lower ends of the side walls, the inner surface of said metal bottom member forming a sufficiently rigid surface to prevent crumbling of a cake of rouge placed thereon, and the outer surface of said metal bottom member forming the bottom of said vanity case, and a metal cap swingably attached to said side walls.

3. A vanity case comprising a plastic member of desired color forming the side walls of the vanity case and having at its bottom portion a slight inturned flange, said side walls extending downwardly and slightly inwardly, an upwardly curved metal bottom member of smaller size than the opening between opposite edges of the walls, said metal bottom member positioned on said flange and having its outer edges positioned against said side walls, the inner surface of said metal bottom member forming a sufficiently rigid surface to prevent crumbling of a cake of rouge placed thereon, and the outer surface of said metal bottom member forming the bottom of said vanity case, and a metal cap swingably attached to said side walls.

4. A vanity case comprising a plastic member of desired color forming the side walls of the vanity case and having at its bottom portion a slight inturned flange, said side walls extending downwardly and slightly inwardly, an upwardly curved metal bottom member of smaller size than the opening between opposite edges of the walls, said metal bottom member having a step at its edges, said step positioned on said flange and

having its outer edges positioned against said side walls so that the metal bottom member is flush with the lower ends of the side walls, the inner surface of said metal bottom member forming a sufficiently rigid surface to prevent crumbling of a cake of rouge placed thereon, and the outer surface of said metal bottom member forming the bottom of said vanity case, and a metal cap swingably attached to said side walls.

5. A vanity case comprising a plastic member of desired color forming the side walls of the vanity case, said side walls tapering downwardly and slightly inwardly, a metal bottom member positioned within the opening between opposite portions of said side walls, the edges of said metal bottom member engaging the side walls so that an upward movement of said metal bottom member will tend to widen the same against the side walls and prevent displacement therefrom, said metal bottom member constructed to have the double function of acting as the bottom of the vanity case on its exterior and as a rouge holding plaque on its interior.

6. A thin, light, strong plastic and metal vanity case comprising a light substantially circular plastic member of desired color forming the side walls of the vanity case and having at its bottom portion a slight inturned flange, said side walls extending slightly convergingly downwardly, a thin curved metal disc of smaller diameter than the opening between opposite edges of the walls, said metal disc having a step at its outer edges, said step positioned on said flange so that the metal disc is flush with the lower ends of the side walls, the edges of the metal disc engaging the side walls adjacent their narrowest point so that an upward movement of the disc will tend to widen the same against said side walls and prevent displacement of the metal disc, the inner surface of said metal disc being unfinished and forming a sufficiently rigid surface to prevent crumbling of a cake of rouge placed thereon, the outer polished surface of said metal disc forming the outer bottom of said vanity case, and a metal cap swingably attached to said side walls.

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