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JEWELRY CASE

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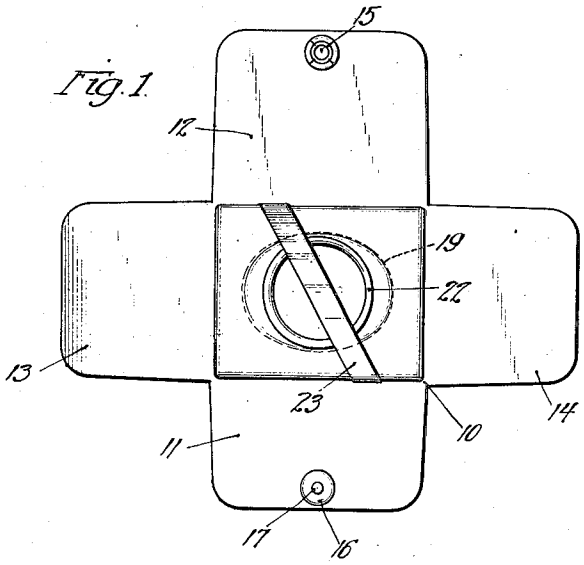
Fig. 1.



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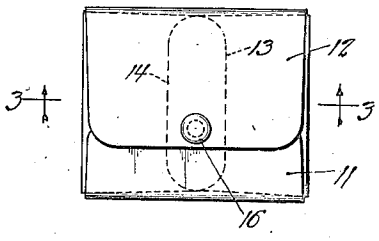

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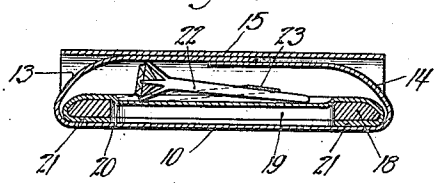

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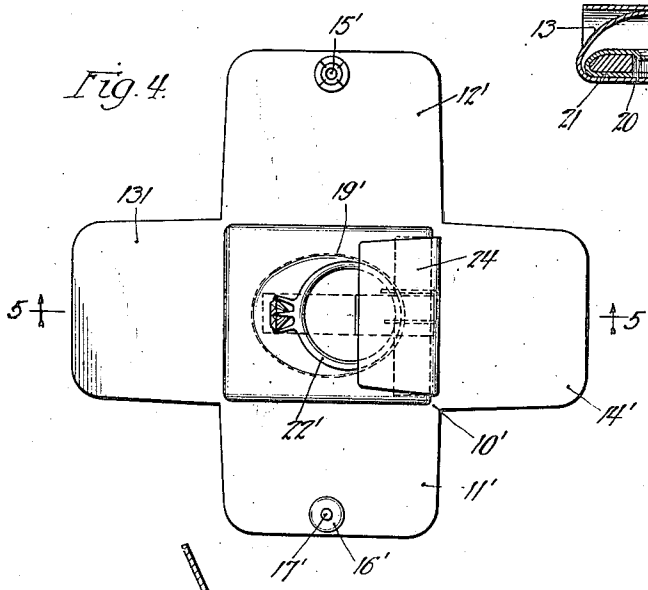

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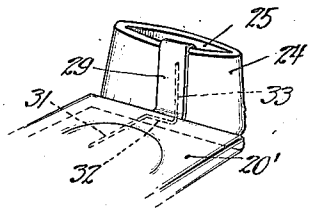

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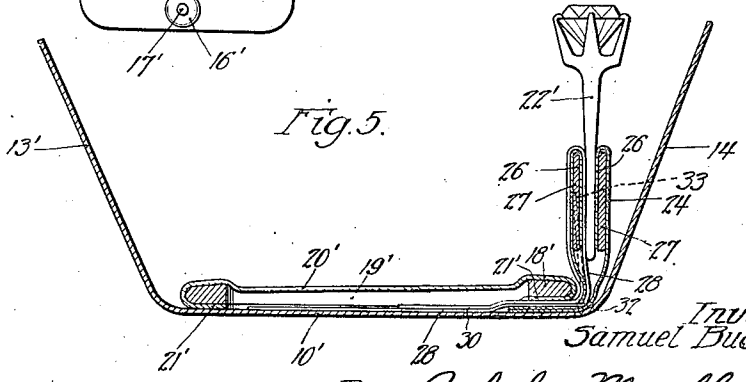

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL BUCHSBAUM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Jewelry Cases, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

This invention relates to jewelry cases and more particularly to a case that is used for carrying rings and similar pieces of jewelry.

It is a purpose of the present invention to provide a jewelry case of flexible material that has a body portion provided with a plurality of flaps that are adapted to be folded into overlapping relation to provide a closed case or receptacle, and to provide certain of said flaps with securing means for holding said case or receptacle in closed position.

It is a further purpose of the invention to provide a jewelry case of the above mentioned character that is neat in appearance, that is compact and which can be readily and easily carried in the pocket.

It is still a further purpose of the invention to provide a jewelry case of the above mentioned character with a lining of plush or similar textile material and to provide a substantially rigid backing for said lining, said backing being preferably provided with a hole or recess, so that the article of jewelry to be placed in the case may seat itself in the depression in the lining formed therein due to this recess.

It is a further purpose of the invention to provide suitable means for holding the article of jewelry in position in said case. This means may take the form of a holding band or may be formed of the lining material, stiffened in any suitable manner and shaped in the form of an envelope or pocket to receive a part of the article of jewelry, such as a ring that is to be placed in said case with a portion of said ring or other article of jewelry projecting beyond said pocket, so as to display the set or other ornamentation carried by the same.

It is a further purpose of the invention when the last mentioned holding means is used to hinge said holding means to said case, and to provide resilient means permitting said holding pocket to be pressed downwardly into engagement with the lining and causing said pocket and the article carried thereby to spring upwardly into an angular position when said case is opened to display the article of jewelry to advantage.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear as the description of the accompanying drawings showing certain forms that my invention may take, proceeds. However, I desire to have it distinctly understood that I do not intend to limit myself to the exact details shown and described, but that I intend to include as part of my invention all such obvious changes and modifications of parts as would occur to a person skilled in this art and as would fall within the scope of the claims.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of my improved jewelry case in unfolded position;

Fig. 2 is a similar view thereof in folded position;

Fig. 3 is a section thereof taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2 showing a ring in place in the case;

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 1 of a modified form;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 4; and

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary perspective view of a portion of the modified form of case.

Referring in detail to the drawings the improved jewelry case comprises a body portion 10 of flexible material having flaps 11, 12, 13 and 14 extending outwardly therefrom in opposite pairs 11—12 and 13—14. The flaps 11 and 12 are preferably provided with cooperating fastening devices, such as the snap fastener comprising the socket member 15 and the member 16 having a boss 17 adapted to enter the socket in the member 15 for securing the flaps in folded position, as shown in Fig. 3. The flaps 13 and 14 are adapted to be folded toward each other as shown in Fig. 3 and the flaps 11 and 12 are adapted to be folded toward each other, as shown in Fig. 2, said flaps 11 and 12 overlapping the flaps 13 and 14 so that when the members 11 and 12 are fastened together the entire device will be in the folded position shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

Mounted on the body portion 10 and secured thereto by means of suitable adhesive material is the stiffening member 18 which is provided with an opening 19 and over which is secured a lining or covering of

fabric, such as plush or similar material 20. The ends 21 of the fabric lining 20 are turned under as will be clear from Fig. 3 so as to be secured between the body portion 10 and the stiffening member 18 of the jewelery case. The member 18 is preferably made of carboard and is provided with any desired shape of opening 19, the opening 19 being substantially oval as shown in Fig. 1, when the case is made for carrying a ring, such as that shown at 22 in Fig. 1.

It will be seen that by providing the opening 19 a recess is formed on the inner surface of the case within which the piece of jewelry, such as the ring 22, is adapted to seat. In order to hold the ring 22 in proper position within the case and relative to the recess formed due to the opening 19 being provided in the member 18, a flexible holding member 23 is provided, the same being preferably a band of ribbon or similar fabric material which is secured at its ends between the body portion and the stiffening member 18, it being of course understood that the member 23 can be secured in any desired manner. The stiffening member 18, the body portion 10, the lining 20 and the band 23 are preferably secured together by means of any desired adhesive.

In Figs. 4 to 6 inclusive is shown a slightly modified form of jewelry case comprising the body portion 10', the flaps 11', 12', 13' and 14' bearing the same relation to the body portion 10' and to each other as the corresponding flaps bear in Fig. 1 and being provided with fastening devices 15' and 16' which secure the parts together in folded position in a manner similar to that shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The body portion 10' is provided with a stiffening member 18' having an opening 19' therein similar to the opening 19 of the member 18 and providing a recess for the same purpose, and in a similar manner as that of the form shown in Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive. A lining 20' is also provided that is similar to the lining 20 and is secured at 21 in a manner similar to the way in which the lining 20' is secured. In this form, however, a different means is provided for securing the ring 22' in position in the case. A piece of fabric material, preferably similar to the fabric lining 20', is formed in a tubular shape forming a flattened tubular member 24, the free end portions of the material being secured together in any desired manner, such as by sewing. The tubular member 24 provides a pocket 25 within which the ring 22' is adapted to rest as shown in Fig. 5. The edge portion of the tubular member 24 is preferably turned inwardly as shown at 26 in Fig. 5, and a layer of stiffening material, such as cardboard 27, is secured between the overturned edge 26 and the body portion 24 of the tubular member for the purpose of holding the tubular member in proper shape and giving the proper amount of stiffness thereto. Extending beneath the stiffening member 18' is the strip of flexible material 28, the same being secured between the member 18' and the member 10' by means of any suitable adhesive, preferably being secured to the member 10' throughout the engaging faces of said members 10' and 28. The member 28 extends upwardly through the tubular member 24 and around the outer surface thereof, as at 29, and has the opposite end portion 30 thereof extending beneath the member 18' and secured to the opposite end of the member 28, thus securely holding the tubular member 24 in position and binding the parts securely together.

Secured between the member 18' and the body portion 10' is a spring member having the straight portion 31 extending inwardly toward the center of the body portion of the case, having the intermediate portion 32 extending at right angles thereto and parallel to one of the side edges of the body portion and having the leg 33 extending in a plane at right angles to the plane of the members 31 and 32, the leg 33 of the spring extending between the inner and outer layers of the tubular member and between the outer portion 29 of the member 28 and the inner portion thereof, whereby said spring is securely held in place.

It will be seen that the spring will tend to hold the tubular member 24 in an angular position relative to the base 10' when the case is open as shown in Fig. 4. The spring, however, permits the tubular member 24 with the ring 22' in place therein, to be folded downwardly into engagement with the lining 20' and to remain in such position while the flaps 11' and 12' are fastened together by means of the fastening devices referred to above. When the fastening devices are released and the case is unfolded the ring holding member in this form will spring upwardly, thus clearly and advantageously displaying the ring, as will be evident from Fig. 5.

From the above it will be seen that a very compact and simple device is provided for carrying jewelry, such as rings, which can be readily and cheaply made and which is neat in appearance. The body portion and the flaps are preferably made of leather or imitation leather or similar material. It is, of course, to be understood that any other member can be carried in the case providing the recess is shaped properly to receive such member and a ring is merely shown for illustrative purposes.

Having thus described my invention what I desire to claim and secure by U. S. Letters Patent is:

1. A device of the character described comprising a body portion of flexible mate-

rial provided with a plurality of pairs of flaps, the flaps of each pair being adapted to be folded into overlapping position, means for holding said flaps in overlapped relation, a recessed stiffening member secured to said body portion, and a lining of flexible material covering said stiffening member and extending over said recess, said lining being free over said recess, whereby an article engaging the same will seat itself in said lining.

2. A device of the character described comprising a body portion of flexible material provided with a plurality of pairs of flaps, the flaps of each pair being adapted to be folded into overlapping position, means for holding said flaps in overlapped relation, a recessed stiffening member secured to said body portion, and a lining covering said stiffening member and extending over said recess, and means for holding an article of jewelry in engagement with said body portion at said recess, said lining being free over said recess, whereby to provide a nest conforming to the shape of an article engaging therewith.

3. A device of the character described comprising a body portion of flexible material provided with a plurality of flaps adapted to be overlapped to provide a closed receptacle, means for holding said flaps in overlapped relation, a stiffening member having an opening therein, secured to said body portion, and a flexible lining secured to said stiffening member and extending across said opening, said lining being free to yield toward said body portion to provide a cushioned recess for receiving an article of jewelry therein.

4. A device of the character described comprising a body portion of flexible material provided with a plurality of flaps adapted to be overlapped to provide a closed receptacle, means for holding said flaps in overlapped relation, a stiffening member having an opening therein, secured to said body portion, a lining secured to said stiffening member and extending across said opening in spaced relation to said body to provide a cushioned recess for receiving an article of jewelry therein, and article holding means secured to said stiffening member.

5. A device of the character described comprising a body portion of flexible material provided with a plurality of flaps adapted to be overlapped to provide a closed receptacle, means for holding said flaps in overlapped relation, a stiffening member having an opening therein, secured to said body portion, a lining secured to said stiffening member and extending across said opening to provide a cushioned recess for receiving an article of jewelry therein, and article holding means secured to said stiffening member, said article holding means having means for moving the same into an angular position relative to said stiffening member.

6. A device of the character described comprising a body portion of flexible material provided with a plurality of flaps adapted to be overlapped to provide a closed receptacle, means for holding said flaps in overlapped relation, a stiffening member having an opening therein, secured to said body portion, a lining secured to said stiffening member and extending across said opening to provide a cushioned recess for receiving an article of jewelry therein, and tubular article holding means secured to said stiffening member, said article holding means having means for moving the same into an angular position relative to said stiffening member.

7. A device of the character described comprising a body portion of flexible material provided with a plurality of pairs of flaps, the flaps of each pair being adapted to be folded into overlapping position, means for holding said flaps in overlapping position, a recessed stiffening member for said body portion and a lining fixed in position on said stiffening member and lining said recess, said lining extending over said recess in spaced relation to the bottom of said recess.

8. A device of the character described comprising a body portion of flexible material provided with a plurality of pairs of flaps, the flaps of each pair being adapted to be folded into overlapping position, means for holding said flaps in overlapping position, a recessed stiffening member for said body portion and a lining fixed in position on said stiffening member and spanning said recess to completely line said recess, said lining being unsupported over said recess.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 1st day of April, A. D., 1921.

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