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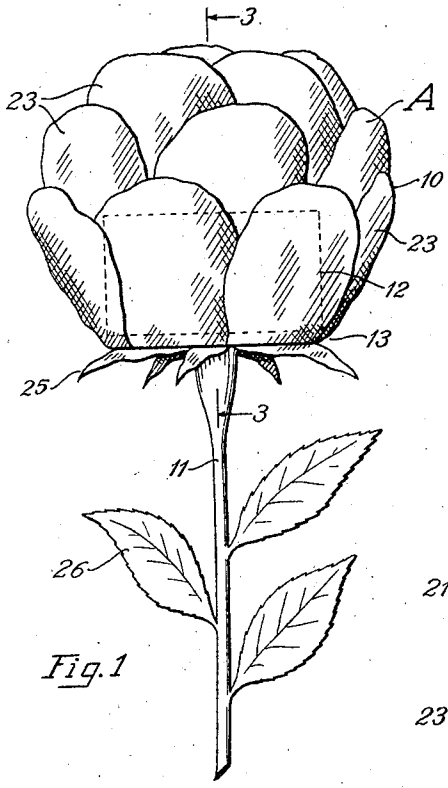


Fig. 1

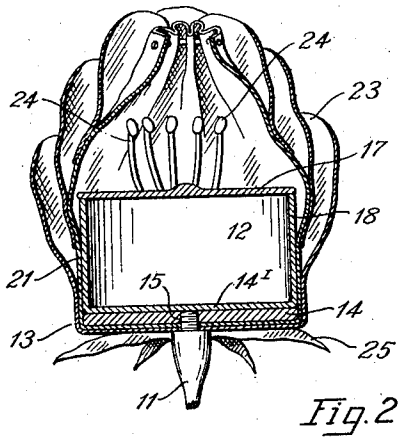


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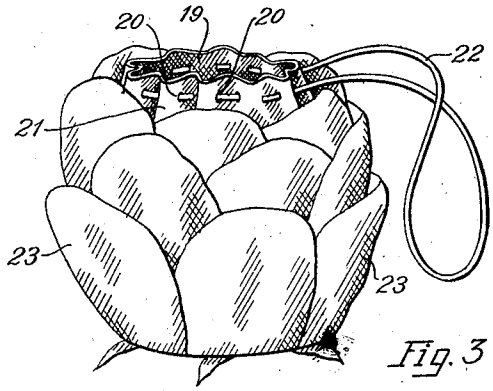


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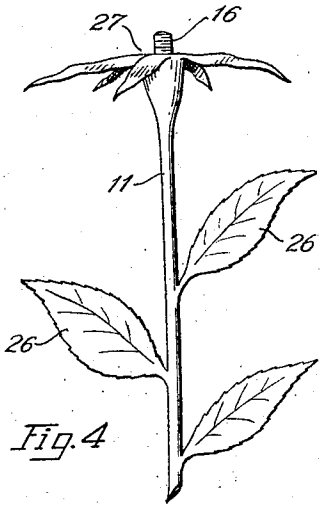


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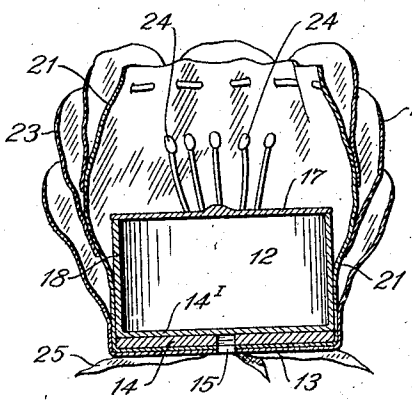


Fig 5

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL FREDERICH WILLIAM MULLER, a citizen of the United States (whose residence and post-office address is 124 Hudson Street, Hoboken, county of Hudson, New Jersey), have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Flower and Vanity Bags, fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the same.

This present invention relates to new and useful improvements in hand-bags, powder boxes and the like.

Another object of the invention is to provide an article of adornment for a lady's dressing table.

It is a still further object to so construct a powder box or vanity bag that it may be used as an artificial flower for ornamental purposes, thus for instance to be placed in a vase or used in a similar way.

This invention consists in the construction and combination of parts to be more fully described hereinafter and particularly set forth in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an embodiment of my invention in the shape of a rose; Fig. 2 is vertical transverse section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the blossom or bag detached from the stem or stalk, the top or mouth of the bag being open; Fig. 4 shows a perspective view of the stem detached from the blossom; Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional view showing the double bottom of a powder box made up as a rose and bag in Figs. 1 and 3.

In the practical embodiment of my invention Fig. 1 illustrates a rose "A" consisting of a blossom 10 and a stem 11. The blossom 10 embraces a small, preferably round box 12, of the ordinary type having a double bottom 13; this box may be made up of any suitable material, viz: metal, celluloid, pasteboard, wood, etc.; the bottoms of the box are of an equal thickness, although if preferred the lower bottom 14 may be made a little thicker than the upper one 14′ in order to give more steadiness to the flower stem 11 when this is secured to the blossom by inserting or screwing the upper part of said stem into a small hole or perforation 15 in the lower bottom 14 of the box. This stem 11 has a reduced end piece 16 at its upper end, which end piece, may be threaded and is constructed to fit said perforation 15 made in, preferably the centre, of the lower bottom of said box; it is evident, that if a threaded upper part of said stem is desired, the perforation in said lower bottom must likewise be threaded on its inside to adopt said part of the stem.

Around the walls of the box 18 and wholly or partly on the outside of the lower bottom is fastened by means of glue, paste, or the like, a lining 21, made of suitable material, preferably silk, which lining extends upwardly and at its upper end forms a mouth or opening 19, which may be securely closed after having been drawn together by means of a draw string 22 passing through perforations 20 made in said upper part of the lining. If desired two such strings may be used. After securing said lining to the box, as described, the box is further dressed up with petal-shaped leaves or rose petals 23, shown in Fig. 3. These petals, which may consist of any suitable material, although velvet or silk is preferred, are fastened around the sides and lower bottom of said box 12 and upon the lining as shown in Fig. 3. The means of fastening or securing these petals to the box and lining upon same are similar to those used to secure the lining to the box.

The box 12 is covered by a lid 17 made of substantially the same material as the box and covered on its top by a layer of material preferably the same kind as one of those used in dressing up the box, as formerly described. The lid has upon its top and fastened to the same in any suitable manner a few tiny threads or strings 24 made to imitate the stamens in a flower; these threads may be so arranged that they will serve as a means of lifting the lid of the box when the contents of same are to be used. The stem 11 may be made of any suitable material, such as, straw, bamboo, wood, etc., and has secured to it leaves 26 shaped as those common to rosetrees and of similar color, made of substantially the same material as one of those used in dressing up the box.

Under or at the bottom of the bag or box made up as a rose, and upon the petals are

secured a few leaves 25 as those which surround a blossom, of the same material as stated before, to bring about a natural resemblance of a rose; these leaves may, however, also be placed on top of the stem, below the reduced part of same, as shown by 27 in Fig. 4, if desired, in which latter case a perfect resemblance of a rose also is brought about when the stem is connected to the blossom.

From the description it will be seen that the rose invented and constructed may serve a useful double purpose, thus the blossom when detached from the stem will present a vanity-bag of an attractive design, while with the stem attached as described a nice artificial rose will have been produced.

While in the present instance the bag is shown as constructed of fabric, it is obvious that leather or any other suitable material may be employed, and that slight variations in shape and design of the bag or flower are within the scope of the invention.

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

1. A vanity case simulating a flower comprising imitation flower petals secured to the case at their lower ends and loosely surrounding the upper end of said case to form a blossom having an upper, open mouth, means for closing said mouth over said case, a removable stem for allowing the use of said blossom as an ornament, a removable lid for said case, and a means for lifting said lid from said case.

2. A vanity box simulating a rose, a double bottom for said box, a stem adapted to be detachably secured to said bottom, a cover or lid for said box loosely supported thereon, a plurality of imitation flower stamens on said lid representing a handle for lifting the same, a plurality of imitation flower petals enveloping said box, and means for closing the upper ends of said petals about said box.

3. A vanity receptacle simulating a flower comprising a vanity case, a plurality of imitation flower petals secured at their lower ends to the bottom and lower part of the side walls of said case, loosely surrounding the upper part of said case and extending beyond the same, adapted to be closed about the case to completely envelop the same, a removable stem attached to said case, a plurality of imitation flower leaves attached to said stem intermediate its ends in spaced relation to each other, and a plurality of laterally extending leaves attached to the bottom of the petals and case.

4. A vanity box simulating a rose and comprising a vanity case, a double bottom for said case having one of its parts centrally perforated, a plurality of imitation flower petals attached to the bottom and part of the side walls of said case enveloping the same, extending beyond and above the upper edge of said case and provided with a plurality of perforations near its upper margin, strings passed through said perforations for closing the petals about said case to form a blossom, a removable lid for said case, a plurality of imitation flower stamens on said lid representing a handle for lifting the same, a stem having an upper reduced and threaded end adapted to engage the central perforation in said bottom to permit the use of the box as an ornament, a plurality of imitation flower leaves secured in spaced relation to said stem intermediate the ends thereof, and a plurality of laterally extending leaves attached to the bottom of said box and surrounding the upper part of said stem.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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