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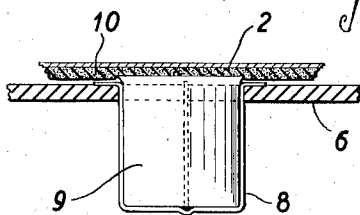
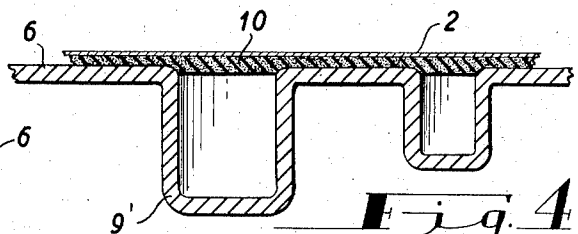
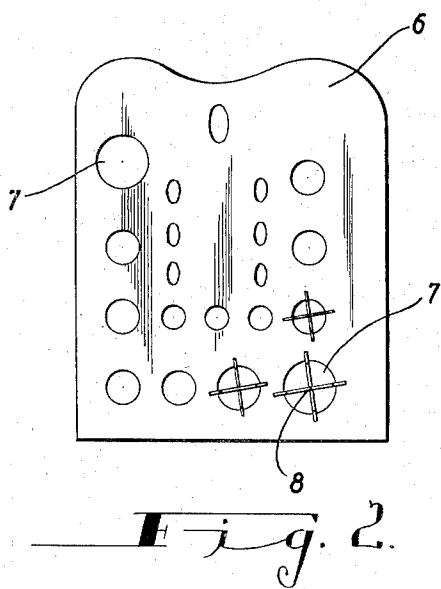
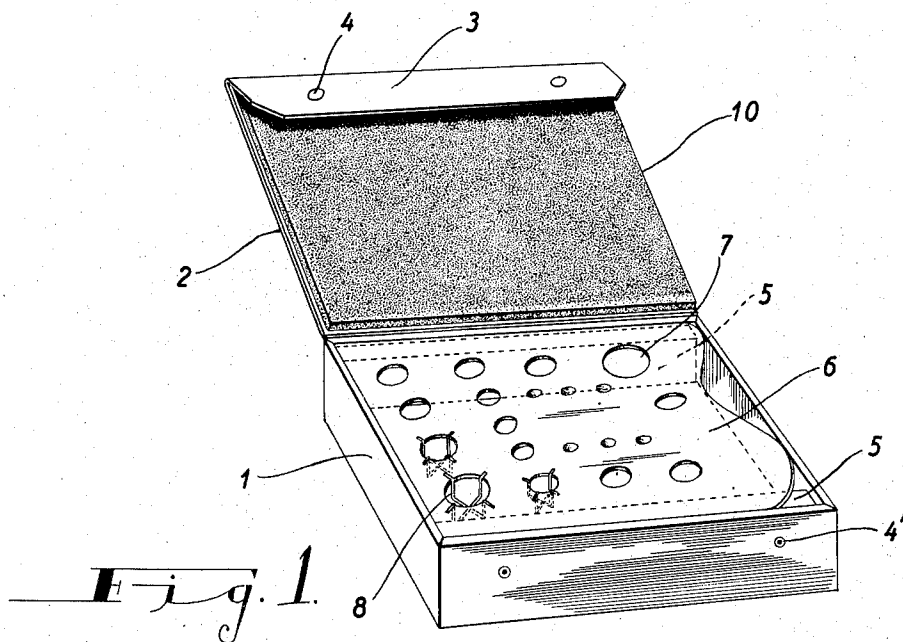


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This invention relates to an improved container.

More particularly, the container according to this invention is so constructed as to provide for the reception and removal as a unit of a plurality of individual containers, or receptacles, such as bottles, jars, and the like, and for the closure or stopping of the individual containers, or receptacles, as a unit.

The container according to this invention is adapted for various uses. By way of illustration, without limitation, it may be used for containing and transporting a plurality of cosmetic preparations, including such as are in liquid, cream or powdered form.

Having now indicated, in a general way, the nature and purpose of this invention, I will proceed to a detailed description of a preferred embodiment thereof, with reference to the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a container embodying this invention.

Figure 2 is a plan view of a palette forming an element of the container shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a sectional view showing a detail of construction of the container shown in Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a sectional view showing a container formed integrally with a palette.

In the several figures variously 1 indicates a box having a hinged cover 2 having a locking or fastening flap 3 provided with fastening members 4, 4, adapted to be engaged with cooperating members 4', 4' on the front wall of the box 1.

The box body 1, cover 2 and flap 3 may be made of any suitable material which will have rigidity, as, for example, plywood, box board, or the like; and desired finish may be provided by covering with, for example, artificial or real leather, staining and varnishing, or otherwise.

Removably supported within the box 1, as by means of supports 5, 5 secured to the inside of opposite walls of the box 1, is a palette 6. The palette may be made of any suitable material, as, for example, plastic, plywood, or the like.

The palette 6 is provided with a plurality of openings 7 provided with supports 8 formed, for example, of wire, for the reception and support of individual containers or receptacles.

The openings 7 and supports 8 may be in such number and size as to accommodate the number and size of the individual containers 9 desired to be supported by the palette. However, the supports 8 will respectively be of such depth with respect to the height of the individual containers or receptacles 9 as to support the several individ-

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ual containers or receptacles 9 with their open ends at a uniform distance above the upper surface of the palette 6.

Secured, as with an adhesive, or otherwise, to the inner surface of the cover 2 is a unitary stopper comprising a sheet 10 of resilient material, as cork, sponge rubber or other synthetic or natural rubber composition, or other material suitable, and of a thickness with respect to the extension of the containers or receptacles 9 above the surface of the palette 6, to close or stop the open ends of the containers 9 supported by the palette 6 as a unit when the cover 2 is closed and fastened.

The sheet 10 is of somewhat less area than the cover 2 so as to fit within the box 1 when the cover is closed.

It will, of course, be appreciated that the cover 2 and sheet 10 may be formed as a single unit, the sheet 10 acting at once as the cover 2 and as the unitary stoppers for the receptacles 9.

It will now be apparent, it is believed, that containers or receptacles 9, of desired varied size and shape and filled with, for example, various cosmetics, including such in fluid form, may be removed from and replaced in the box 1 as a unit, the palette 6 serving as a support for the containers or receptacles 9 as a unit within or without the box 1.

Further, all of the individual containers or receptacles 9 supported by palette 6 will be closed or stopped and equally opened as a unit through the medium of sheet 10 as the cover 2 is closed or opened, with the palette 6 in place in box 1, thus obviating the necessity for individual stoppers for the several containers or receptacles 9, yet providing ready access to and complete protection for the contents of the containers or receptacles.

As shown in Figure 4, the receptacles 9' are an integral part of the palette 6 and may readily be formed by the use of a conventional molding method and material such as, for example, a thermoplastic resin.

It will be noted in this embodiment that when the cover 2 is closed, the sheet 10 is compressed by the surface of the palette 6 and extends slightly below the surface into the receptacles 9'. The sheet 10 thus effectively closes or stops the receptacles 9' when the cover 2 is closed.

It will be appreciated that the above detailed description of an embodiment of this invention is given for illustrative purposes only, it being apparent that various modification in details of construction may be made without departing from

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the scope of the appended claim. And it will be appreciated that this invention is not dependent upon the size, shape, number or contents of the individual containers or receptacles 9, since they may be in such number and variety of size and shape and nature of contents as may be desired.

What I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

A container comprising a box body and a cover, a palette removably supported in said box body and provided with a plurality of openings, supports depending varying distances from the openings in the palette, a pair of supporting members within said box supporting two edges of said palette, said palette having a cut-out portion along an unsupported edge to provide a hand hold, a plurality of open ended receptacles of varying depths removably supported by said supports with their open ends extending a uniform distance above the surface of the palette and a

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sheet of resilient material carried by the box cover for closing the open ends of said receptacles simultaneously when the cover is positioned to close the box body.

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