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VANITY CASE

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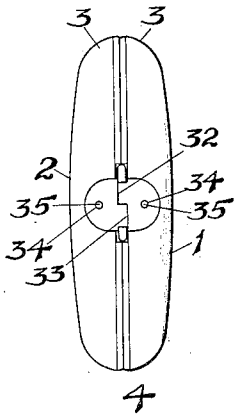



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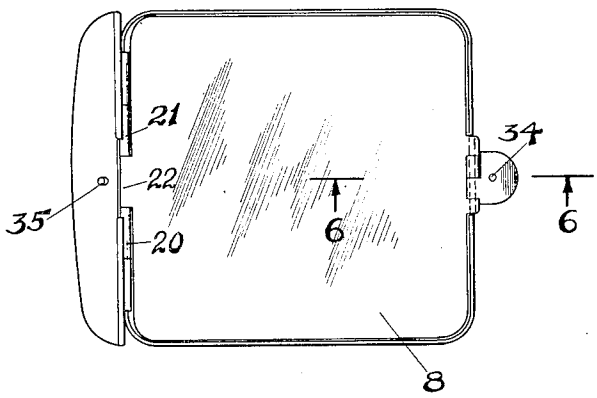



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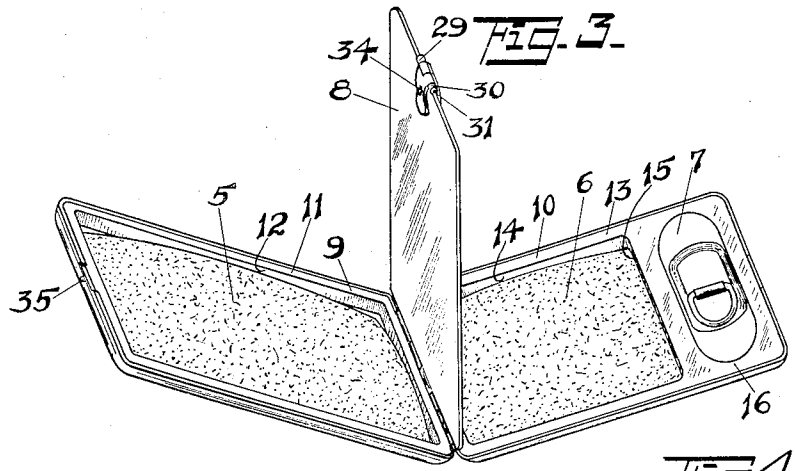



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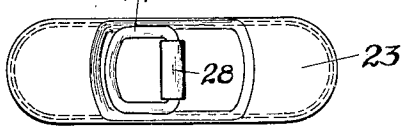



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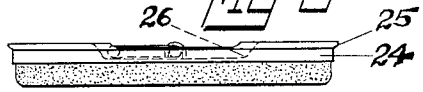
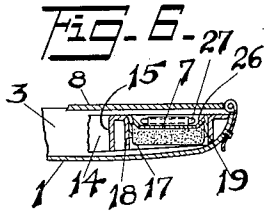



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## VANITY CASE.

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This invention relates to certain improvements in small boxes or cases for holding toilet articles such as cosmetics and now commonly known as vanity boxes or cases.

This type of case usually includes a body and a cover associated together on a hinge and capacitated to carry a cosmetic such as rouge, powder or lip paste. Where lip paste is used in such cases, it is carried in a separate container comprising a casing and a cover known as a lipstick holder, which the user has to take out of the case and open in order to use the paste.

It is the especial object of the present invention to provide an improved box construction and an improved lip paste holder whereby on the withdrawal of the holder from the box the paste is accessible and ready to use, but which is protected while in the box so that it does not come in contact with other articles which may be carried in the box.

A further object of the present invention is to provided an improved vanity box or case including two similar case sections so that they can be made by the same stamping operation, and a fitment acting to carry various toilet articles and to unite the two sections of the case.

A further object of the invention is to provide a case of improved construction by which the fitment may be associated with the case members without the use of nibs or other securing means, the fitment being held in position by the spring of the walls of the case.

A further object of the invention is to provide a case of this character having an improved catch for securing the case sections together.

With these and other objects not specifically referred to in view, the invention consists in certain novel parts, arrangements and combinations which will be described in connection with the accompanying drawings and the novel features pointed out in the claims hereunto annexed.

In these drawings,—

Figure 1 is a front edge view of the improved case;

Figure 2 is a face view of the case partly open;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the case fully open;

Figure 4 is a top view of the improved lip paste carrier;

Figure 5 is a side view of the carrier shown in Figure 4, and

Figure 6 is a detail sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Figure 2.

Vanity cases embodying the invention may be either single cases, that is, a case adapted to carry a compact and lip paste, or double cases, that is, a case capacitated to carry lip paste and two compacts and in which a central partition acting as a mirror is employed, but under some circumstances the case may be designed to carry only lip paste. The case illustrated, however, is the preferred one and has been chosen as illustrative of the invention, but it will be understood that as to certain of its features the invention is not to be restricted to this type of case.

Referring now so the case shown in detail, such case includes a body 1 and a cover 2, these being identical in shape, which in the particular case shown is slightly oblong. These two members being identical they can be formed by the same dies and the same stamping operation, so that a cheap construction is provided. Each case section has side walls 3 which are inturned slightly at their edges to form a spring rim, indicated at 4, this being hereafter referred to.

The particular case shown is a double case and is capacitated to hold two powder compacts 5, 6, and a lip paste carrier 7 of improved construction, hereinafter referred to.

The body and the cover are associated by a hinge, and preferably associated on the same hinge is a central partition shown in the form of a metal plate 8 highly polished on both sides and forming a double mirror. While this hinge construction may take various forms, in the best constructions there is provided a two part fitment which is formed of frame members 9, 10, of light metal. The frame member 9 has a rim 11 and a depending flange 12, the lower edge of which engages the bottom of the cover 2, this frame forming a well for the reception of the compact 5. The frame member 10 is provided with a rim 13 having a depending flange 14 which forms a well for the reception of the compact 6. Beyond the front wall 15 of the well the rim is widened, as indicated at 16, and in this widened portion is a well 17 (see Figure 6) adapted to receive the improved lip paste carrier 7, before referred to. The inner walls of this well are formed by down-

wardly extending flanges 18, 19, which are resilient so as to frictionally engage the lip paste carrier and hold it in position, and the flanges 12, 14 also similarly frictionally hold the compacts. Thus these parts may be held in position without nibs or other protuberances and at the same time the compacts may be readily removed from the wells.

The two fitments 10, 11 are formed with complementary hinge knuckles 20, 21 held together by suitable pintle wires, and the partition 8 is formed with a knuckle 22 also associated on the same pintle wire. The cover and body sections 1, 2 of the case are secured to the frame members by snapping them under the inturned rim portions 4 of the walls 3. Thus the frame members are held in position and the whole box associated without the use of other locking devices, and a very cheap and easy way of assembling the parts has been provided.

In accordance with the invention, an improved paste carrier is provided and this paste carrier is positioned in the box with the paste facing the bottom of the box, means being provided for spacing the paste away from the box bottom. While this paste carrier may be of various forms, in the particular construction illustrated there is provided a shell having a top 23, a depending flange 24, and a top flange 25, the flange 24 being inset to form the flange 25. The lip paste is secured in the flange 24 and, when the carrier is positioned in the box, the flange 25 engages the top edge of the walls of the well 17, so that the paste is spaced away from the bottom of the well. The top 23 of the carrier is recessed, as indicated at 26, and in this recess is a finger hold, shown in the form of a ring 27 pivoted at 28 in the recess, the ring thus lying flat when not in use.

It will be seen with the construction described that the lip paste may be used without laying the case down, and is fully protected and kept away from the other parts of the case when not in use. Further, there are no projecting parts which prevent the case from closing.

Boxes constructed in accordance with the best practice will include a catch by which the parts will be held together, and this catch is preferably so constructed that one of the parts of the box may be opened if desired without opening the other part. While this catch may be varied in construction, where the box includes a central partition the catch will be carried by this partition. As shown, the partition on its outer edge, that is, the edge opposite the hinge, has secured thereto, as by soldering, a pair of spaced loops 29, 30, through which passes a pintle pin 31. Swingingly connected on this pintle pin is a pair of latch members, a portion of the edge of which is cut out and turned over to form knuckles, which engage the pin 31, these knuckles being indicated by the numerals 32, 33 (see Figure 1). These latch members are provided with apertures 34 which engage projections 35 on the body and the cover. It will be observed that these latch members are independently rotatable on the pintle, so that either side of the box may be opened or freed from the partition member without freeing the other side, a construction which is desirable for certain uses.

It will be observed with the construction shown and described that a box of very neat and attractive appearance has been provided, one which can be cheaply made and assembled, and one in which the various toilet articles may be held without the use of any securing means other than the resiliency of the metal of which the parts are made. Furthermore, the lip paste is always ready for use and at the same time is prevented from coming in contact with any other parts of the box or articles carried therein.

While the invention has been shown and described in its preferred form, it will be understood that various changes may be made in the shape and the capacity of the box and in the articles carried therein, and the invention is therefore not to be restricted to the construction shown and described.

What I claim is:

1. In a vanity case, the combination of a body forming a compartment, a walled member in the compartment, a lipstick carrier in the member disposed with the lipstick toward the bottom of the member and comprising a shell having a flange for holding the lipstick which is in frictional engagement with the walls of the member, and a cover over the compartment.

2. In a vanity case, the combination of a body forming a compartment, a well in the compartment, a lipstick carried in the well disposed with the lipstick toward the bottom of the well, said carrier comprising a flanged shell for holding the lipstick, the flange frictionally engaging the walls of the well, means for spacing the lipstick from the bottom of the well, and a cover over the compartment.

3. In a vanity case, the combination of a body forming a compartment, a well in the compartment, a lipstick carrier in the well with the lipstick disposed toward the bottom of the well and having a top and a side flange for holding the lipstick and in frictional engagement with the side walls of the well, a top flange engaging the top of the well to space the lipstick from the well bottom, and a cover over the compartment.

4. In a vanity case, the combination of a body forming a compartment, a well in the compartment, a lipstick carrier in the well with the lipstick disposed toward the bottom of the well and having a top and a side flange for holding the lipstick and in friction-

engagement with the side walls of the well, a depression in the top of the carrier, a finger hold pivoted in the depression, means for spacing the lipstick from the bottom of the well, and a cover over the compartment.

5. A holder for lipstick paste and the like comprising a shell having a top and a depending side flange for holding the paste, and a flange extending beyond the side flange for spacing the paste from a container with which the holder may be used.

6. A holder for lipstick paste and the like comprising a shell having a top and a depending side flange for holding the paste, a flange extending beyond the side flange at the top, a depression in the top, and a finger hold pivoted in the depression.

7. In a vanity box, a body and a cover having walls formed of resilient metal with the tops of the walls slightly turned in, and compact holders sprung past the top of the walls and secured in the body and cover by the resiliency of the walls.

8. In a vanity box, a body and a cover of like shape having walls formed of resilient metal with the tops of the walls slightly turned in, a two part framework having provision for holding toilet compacts, sprung past the top of the walls and secured in the body and cover by the resiliency of the walls, and a hinge uniting the parts of the framework.

9. In a vanity case, a body, a cover, a partition located between the body and cover, a catch device secured to the edge of the partition and comprising independently and oppositely swinging latch members, and cooperating means on the body and cover engaging the latch members.

10. In a vanity case, a body, a cover, a partition located between the body and cover, a catch device secured to the edge of the partition and comprising a pintle and a pair of latch members each having a hinge knuckle and disposed to swing on the pintle in opposite directions, and cooperating means on the body and cover engaging the latch members.

11. In a vanity case, the combination of a body, a fitment in the body having a walled recess, a compact in the recess, a second walled recess, a lip paste carrier in the latter recess disposed with the paste toward the bottom of the recess, means on the carrier for withdrawing it from the recess, and a cover associated with the body.

12. In a vanity case, similar body and cover members united on a hinge, a metal partition on the same hinge located between the body and the cover, hinge knuckles on the edge of the partition, a pintle passing through the knuckles, independently and oppositely swinging latch members pivoted on the partition, and cooperating means on the body and cover engaging the latch member.

13. In a vanity box, similar body and cover members having resilient walls the top of which are formed with holding flanges, a two part frame united by a hinge and sprung past the flanges of the body and cover and secured therein by the resiliency of the walls, and means holding the body and the cover in closed relation.

14. In a vanity box, similar body and cover members having resilient walls the tops of which are formed with holding flanges, and a two part frame united by a hinge and sprung past the flanges of the body and cover and secured therein by the resiliency of the walls, one part of said frame being capacitated to hold a cosmetic and the other part of the frame being capacitated to hold a plurality of spaced cosmetics.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

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