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TOILET CASE.

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Fig. 1.

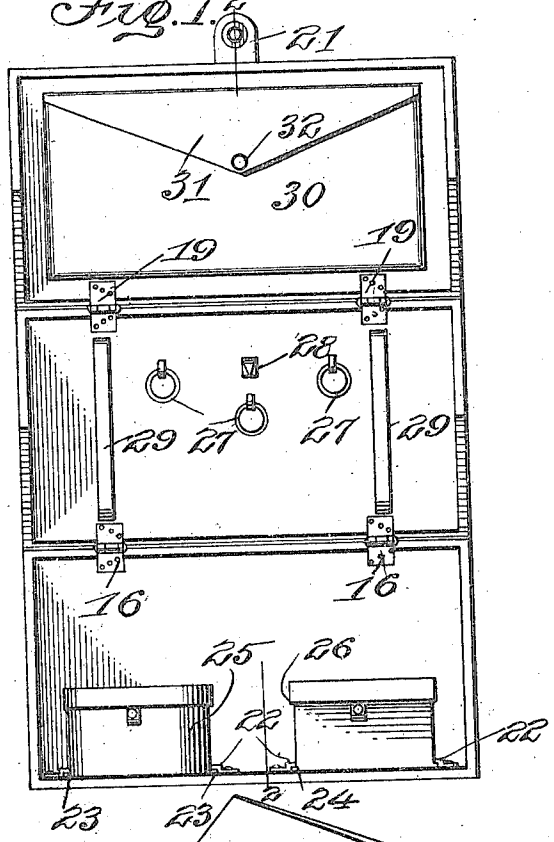


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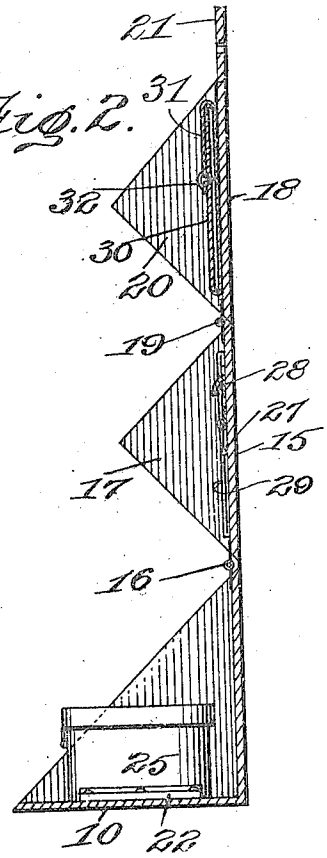
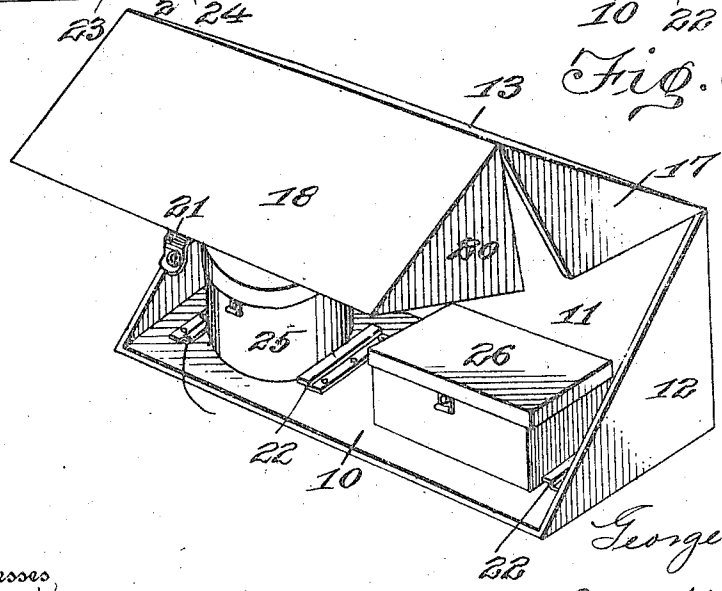


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. KEON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Verplanck, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toilet-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in toilet cases and racks and more particularly to an improved toilet case that may be quickly and easily unfolded whereby access may be had to the different articles and commodities held therein.

The main object thereof is to provide a device of this character, which, when in a closed position is extremely neat so that it may be conveniently carried or packed in a trunk, valise or the like; yet when in an open position will display the different articles held therein in order that they may be quickly removed or replaced by the operator.

Another object is to provide a toilet case, the front and top portions thereof when in a closed position, serving to complete the desired rack structure when in an open position, and wherein common means for holding the parts in a closed position may be utilized for supporting the rack structure in a vertical position after the case has been opened.

A further object is to provide a case of the above nature that may be used for supporting and conveniently holding articles for children's usage, and wherein sanitary receptacles are provided for receiving such articles as a wash towel, powder, and soap.

My invention further contemplates the provision of improved means for conveniently retaining certain receptacles in order that they may be easily and quickly removed for purpose of cleansing, etc.

The above and other objects which will become apparent are accomplished by such means as are shown in their preferred form in the accompanying drawings, described in the following specification, and more specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings wherein is illustrated the preferred form of my invention and like characters designate like parts throughout the several views;

Figure 1 is a front elevation thereof showing the case in an open position.

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the top and front portion of the case in a partly open position.

In constructing my improved toilet case, a bottom portion 10 is provided to which is rigidly connected a back portion 11. To each end of the members 10 and 11 are secured suitable permanent side portions 12, the latter being preferably constructed of the same material, and fixed in place by any suitable means.

A suitable top portion 13 is hingedly connected to the upper edge of the back portion 11 as at 16. Side forming elements 17 are secured to the respective ends of the top portion 13 in any desired manner, these side forming elements serving to protect the articles held on the top portion when the case is in an open position, and designed to complete the respective ends of the case when the latter is in a closed position.

In order to complete the case structure, a front member 18 is provided, which is hingedly connected to the top portion as at 19, in order that it may be easily and quickly operated in the manner that will presently appear. Suitable side forming portions 20 similar to the elements 17 are secured to the respective ends of the front member 18 and designed to coöperate with the other side forming elements as presently described.

A fastening member 21 is arranged adjacent the free edge of the front member 18 and designed to coöperate with other fastening means on the under side of the bottom portion 10, in order to hold the respective front and top portions in a rigid position, when the case is closed, and at the same time serve to support the rack structure formed by the case when it is in an open position. However, it is pointed out that this fastening means may be varied in accordance with the existing conditions without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

In consistence with the foregoing, I have arranged suitable spaced apart guide plates 22 to the upper face of the bottom 10, which are designed to coöperate with suitable lug members 23 and 24 which are carried on the respective receptacles 25 and 26. In view of the specific arrangement of the guide plates, it will be recognized that the receptacles, while being normally held in a secure position, may be easily and quickly removed for purposes of cleansing, etc. It will also be appreciated that the receptacles 25 and 26 can be utilized for holding different toilet arti-

cles and commodities such for instance as various kinds of powders and soaps, etc.

On the inner face of the top portion 15 is positioned a plurality of ring members 27 which are designed to receive safety pins and the like articles for supporting the same in a convenient position. A safety pin opening device 28 is also positioned adjacent the ring members as shown. Suitable elastic securing elements 29 are arranged in proximity to the ring members and may be utilized for the purpose of supporting a comb and brush or other articles of a like nature. It is to be recognized that these articles may be interchanged and others substituted therefor if it is desired.

A sanitary rubber pocket 30 is secured to the inner face of the front member 18 the same having an opening flap 31 normally held in a closed position through the medium of a fastening member 32. The pocket 30 is provided for the purpose of receiving a wash towel or a similar article with the view of preserving the same in a sanitary condition.

From the foregoing it will be appreciated that the improved case which I have provided consists of but a few simple parts, which when in a closed position may be conveniently carried or packed in a valise, etc., and when in an open position may be arranged to form a suitable rack structure which will display the numerous articles held therein and support the same in a convenient position.

It will also be recognized that the receptacles 25 and 26 are at all times held in a correct vertical position, thus obviating the danger of the contents thereof shifting, or being spilled into the interior of the case and that these receptacles may be quickly and easily removed from their normal position for purpose of cleansing, etc.

In reducing my invention to practice, I find that the form referred to herein as the most practical and preferred embodiment, is the most efficient; yet realizing that certain conditions will necessarily vary in concurrence with the adoption of my device, I desire to emphasize the fact that various minor changes in details of construction and proportions of parts may be resorted to when required without sacrificing any of the advantages of my invention as defined in the appended claims.

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

1. A foldable casing constructed of rigid material and consisting of three sections, one of said sections comprising the bottom and back wall of the casing rigidly connected together, the second section consisting of the top wall of the casing having one edge hingedly connected to the top edge of the back wall, the third section consisting of the front wall of the casing having one edge hingedly connected to the opposite edge of the top wall, said back, top and front walls being adapted to extend in alinement when the casing is opened, side walls for closing the ends of the casing, each side wall comprising three sections, one secured to each section of the foldable casing and adapted to coöperate with each other when the box is folded to close the ends of the box.

2. A foldable box constructed of rigid material and comprising three sections, one section consisting of the bottom and back walls of the box rigidly connected together, the second section comprising the top wall of the box hingedly connected to the upper edge of the back wall, the third section comprising the front wall of the box hingedly connected to the opposite end of the top wall, side walls for closing the ends of the box each composed of three triangular sections one secured to each of said first mentioned sections of the box and adapted to lie edge to edge to complete the end walls when the box is folded.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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