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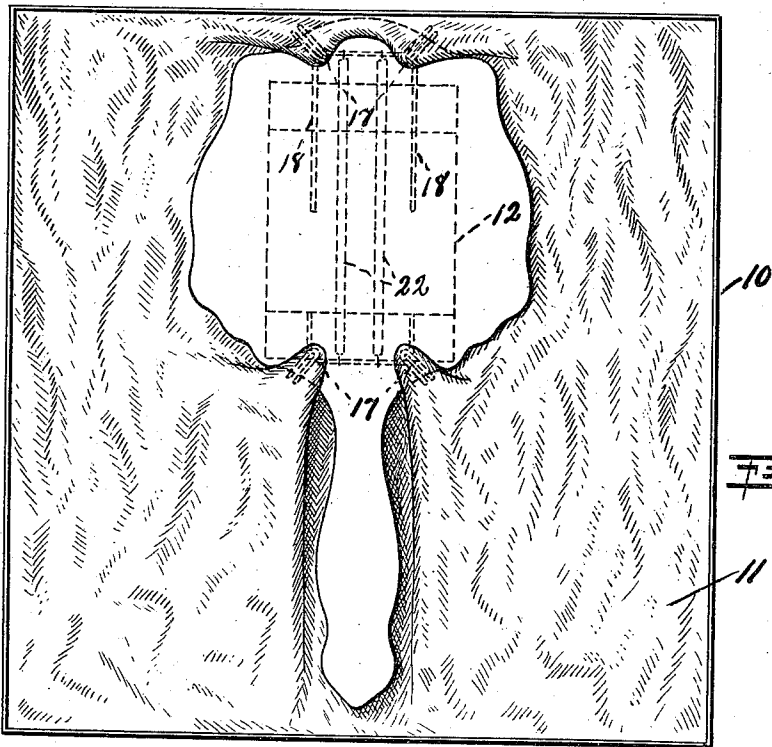
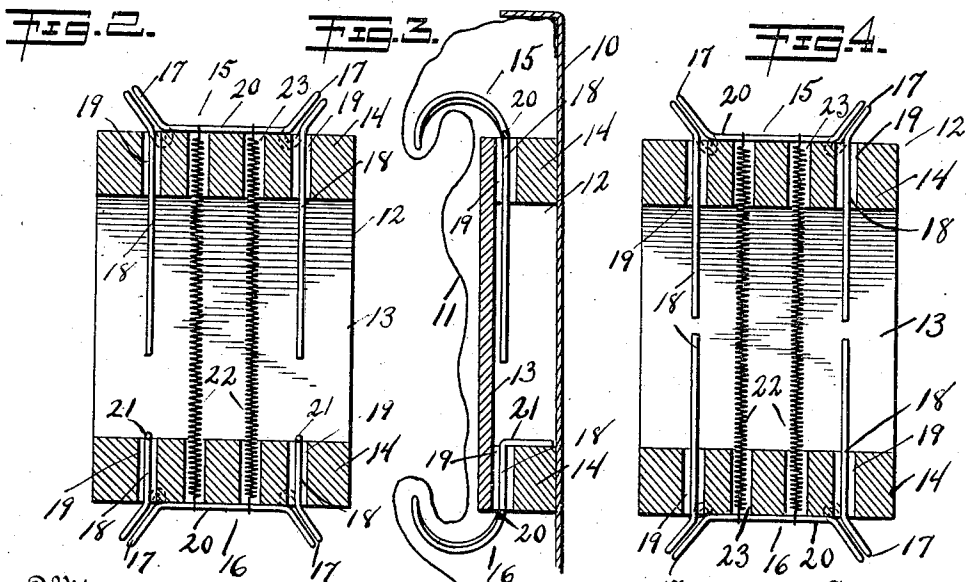


FIG. I.

FIG. 2.

FIG. 3.

FIG. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HUGHES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holding Devices for Toilet-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to toilet cases or to display boxes for holding toilet sets.

More particularly, it relates to means for holding the hand mirrors of such sets. Much trouble has been experienced in the breaking of these mirrors because of their movability in the boxes.

It is the object of this invention to overcome this defect by the provision of an effective device, which is of extremely simple and cheap construction.

The invention will now be briefly described, and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Reference will be had to the accompanying drawings, illustrating the invention by means of the preferred embodiment thereof, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the interior of the box or case, showing the holder beneath the lining by dotted lines, and a mirror held by the hooks; Fig. 2 is a sectional bottom plan of the device, with one movable and one fixed hook member; Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same; and Fig. 4 is a view corresponding to Fig. 2, but showing both hook members movable.

In these views the numeral 10 indicates the body, or it may be the top, of a case or box for holding a toilet set. As is customary, the bottom is covered with a loose satin lining or the like 11. The mirror holder is concealed beneath this lining. The holder has a base 12, suitably held in place by being secured to the bottom of the box. The construction of this base may be varied, but in the simple and preferred construction illustrated it consists of a raised platform or floor 13 supported by transverse end strips 14 secured to the floor. This construction of the base with its end supporting strips enables me to mount and guide the hook members 15 and 16 in a very simple manner. Each hook member consists of spaced hooks, 17, preferably two in number, adapted to grasp over the edge of the mirror, spaced, parallel legs 18 extended inward and received in openings 19 in the strips 14,

and a cross-piece 20 connecting these parts. Preferably, each hook member is bent from wire to form these parts. In the particular construction illustrated, the wire is extended outward and upward from the legs 18 and then back upon itself to form the hooks, and across between the hooks to form the cross-piece. The hook members are relatively movable; and to this end one may be fixed and the other movable, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, or both may be movable, as shown in Fig. 4. When the member is movable, the legs 18 are straight so as to guide the member in its movement. The fixed member has its legs bent up against the inner side of the adjacent end strip, as shown at 21 in Figs. 2 and 3. The cross-pieces 20 constitute stops cooperating with the ends of the base 12. A spring or springs are provided for urging the hook members toward each other, so as to grasp the mirror firmly. In the preferred construction illustrated the tension springs 22 are stretched beneath the platform 13 and are secured at their ends to the cross-pieces 20, being passed through openings 23 in the end pieces.

It will be seen that I provide two opposed, relatively-movable, sets of hooks, one set comprising a pair of spaced hooks arranged to grasp the body of the mirror at opposite sides of the handle, and the other comprising spaced hooks arranged to grasp the top of the mirror body at opposite sides of the center thereof.

In use, the mirror is readily inserted between and into the grasp of the hooks, the movable member or members yielding for the purpose. To disengage the mirror it is necessary only to push or pull endwise so as to retract the movable hooks to a distance permitting the opposite side of the mirror to be freed from the hooks engaging therewith; the mirror can then be moved endwise out of the yieldable hooks.

While I have described my invention more particularly with reference to its utility for holding mirrors, it will be obvious that it may be used as well to hold brushes and other articles.

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

1. An article holder for toilet cases, comprising a base, opposed hook members mounted thereon in position to grasp opposite portions of the article, one of said hook

members being movable relatively to the other and being a skeleton structure comprising spaced parallel legs, spaced upward-extending hooks and a cross-piece connecting said spaced legs and spaced hooks, said
5 base having separate horizontal openings in which said legs are received and guided, and a spring connected to said hook member and arranged to urge it toward the other
10 one.

2. An article holder for toilet cases, comprising a base provided with parallel openings, relatively movable hook members mounted on the base in position to grasp opposite portions of the article, each of said
15 hook members being formed of wire and

presenting a horizontal cross-piece constituting a stop cooperating with the end of the base, spaced parallel legs extending laterally from the cross-piece and entering
20 the openings in the base, and spaced hooks extending upward from the cross-piece, and tension springs connecting the cross-pieces of the two hook members.

In witness whereof I have signed my
25 name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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