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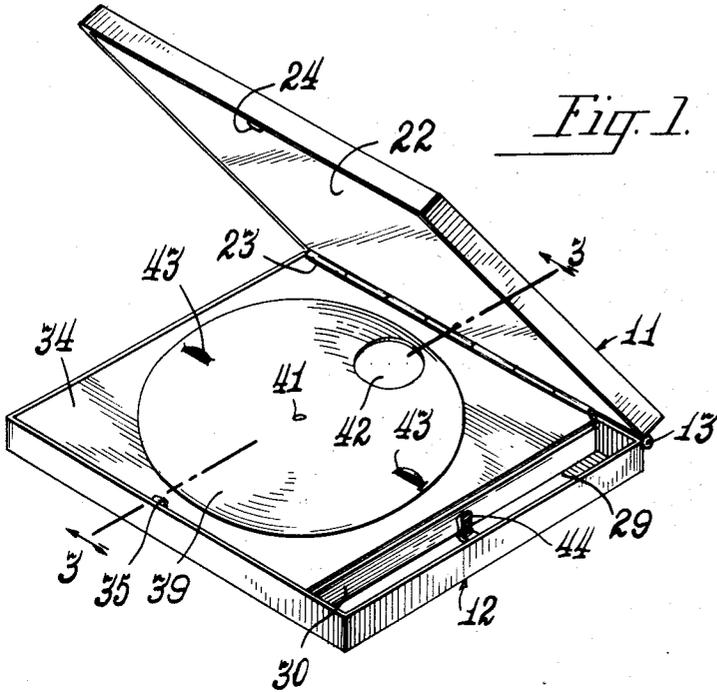


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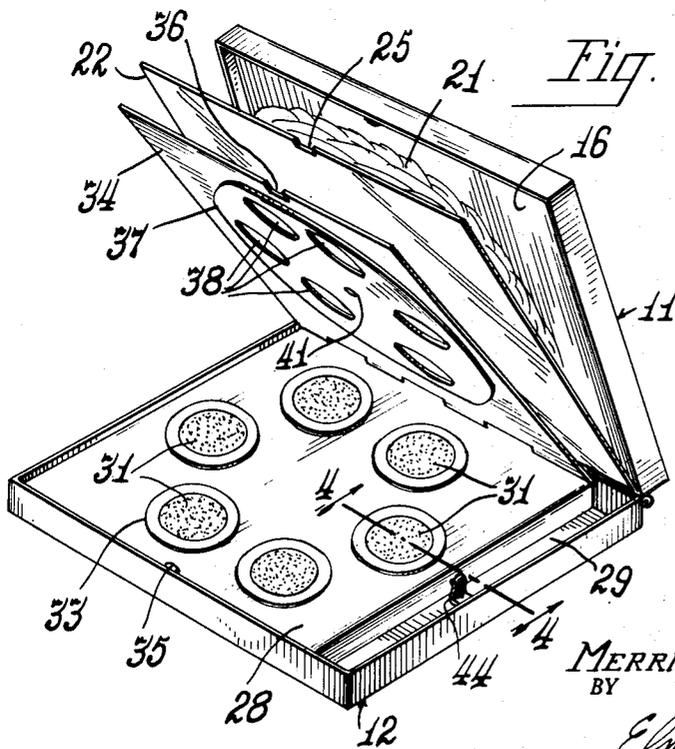


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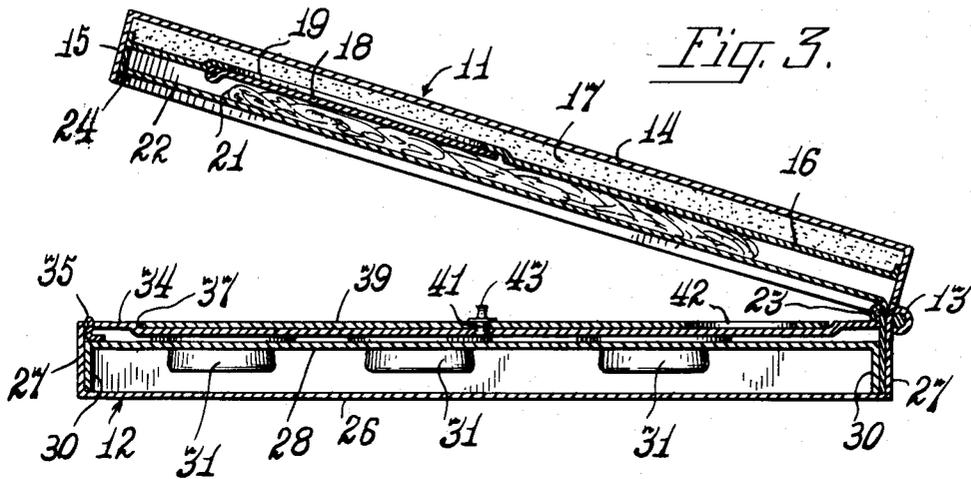
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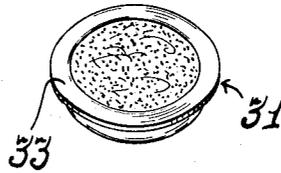
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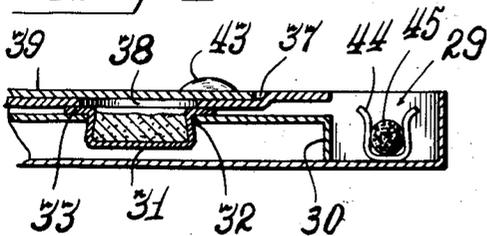
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*Fig. 5.*



*Fig. 4.*



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The invention relates to improvements in a vanity, and is more particularly concerned with a vanity incorporating novel features of construction and so arranged as to accommodate a plurality of selectively accessible, easily replace-  
able cosmetic containers.

The vanity embodying the features of the present invention is of a convenient size and is fitted with powder and powder puff compartments, a plurality of containers of cosmetics, such as eye shadow, paste rouge and lipstick, and means to normally conceal such cosmetics for selective access. The vanity also includes a compartment to receive an applicator brush. It is, therefore, an object of the invention to provide a vanity embodying the features noted hereinabove.

Another object of the invention is to provide a vanity of the character described with cosmetic containers which can be inserted and removed easily and quickly so as to facilitate replenishing of the supply of cosmetics therein.

Another object of the invention is to provide an attractive vanity of the character described which is not expensive to construct, but is easy to assemble and is very practical and satisfactory to use.

Other objects of the invention will appear from the following description and accompanying drawings, and will be pointed out in the annexed claims.

In the accompanying drawings there has been disclosed a structure designed to carry out the various objects of the invention, but it is to be understood that the invention is not confined to the exact features shown as various changes may be made within the scope of the claims which follow.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the vanity embodying the features of the present invention, showing the vanity in a partially opened position.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the vanity, showing parts thereof in positions of adjustment.

Fig. 3 is a vertical central sectional view, taken substantially on line 3-3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary transverse sectional view, taken substantially on line 4-4 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the cosmetic containers.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, the improved vanity illustrated includes a flat housing consisting of a top casing portion 11 and a bottom casing portion 12. The housing may be substantially square as shown for purposes of illustration or it may embody any other suitable

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or conventional contour. The two casing portions 11 and 12 are hingedly connected together, as at 13, along complementary edges so as to be movable relative to each other into open and closed positions. The casing portion 11 includes a top wall 14 and surrounding side walls 15. A plate 16 is permanently secured within the casing portion 11, parallel to the top wall 14, so as to define a powder compartment 17 between said walls. A hingedly mounted door 18 normally closes an opening 19 in the plate 16 so as to prevent inadvertent spilling of powder retained thereby. Upon referring to Fig. 3, it will be observed that the plate 16 is set inwardly of the free edges of the walls 15. This provides space within the confines of the walls 15 to receive a powder puff 21.

The powder puff 21 is retained in the space provided therefor by a metallic plate 22 which preferably is mirrored on both of its faces and is hingedly mounted, as at 23, along one edge adjacent the hinge connection between the two casing portions 11 and 12.

A spring latch 24 is carried by one wall of the casing portion 11 to yieldably engage in a notch 25 provided on the free edge of the mirror plate 22 so as to retain the mirror plate normally within the plane of the casing portion 11. In order to gain access to the powder puff, the mirror plate 22 is disengaged from the latch 24 and moved relative to the casing portion 11 about its hinge mounting 23.

The other casing portion 12 includes a bottom wall 26 and surrounding side walls 27 extending upwardly perpendicularly therefrom to define a substantially rectangular shallow receptacle. A platform 28 is mounted within the casing portion 12. This platform has a surface area corresponding substantially to, but slightly less than, the surface area of the bottom wall 26 so as to leave a marginal area 29 of the receptacle uncovered. The platform 28 may be supported within the casing portion 12 in any suitable manner such as, for example, by providing depending flanges 30 on its perimeter of such height as to support the platform a predetermined distance above the bottom 26. The platform may be retained in place frictionally or it may be secured by any conventional means, such as by soldering or the like.

Upon referring particularly to Fig. 2, it will be observed that the platform 28 supports a plurality of cosmetic containers 31. These containers are arranged in a circle, as shown, and are frictionally retained in holes 32. (Fig. 4) pro-

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vided therefor in the platform 28. Each container 31 is substantially cup-shaped and may have its side walls flared outwardly downwardly slightly so as to insure frictional retention of the container within its respective opening 32. The insertion of the containers into the openings 32 is limited by an external circumferential flange 33 provided on the upper edge of each of the containers. As illustrated, the flange rests upon the portion of the platform 28 surrounding the opening in which the container is inserted.

It should be quite evident that the cosmetic containers 31 may be easily, quickly and inexpensively mounted in and removed from the platform 28. This feature of simplicity in the insertion and removal of the containers constitutes one of the features of the present invention. The provision of such cosmetic containers makes it feasible to stock and merchandise pre-filled containers which may be placed in the completed vanity easily and quickly, either by the manufacturer or by a consumer. In the present disclosure six cosmetic containers 31 are shown, it having been determined that this number is the most practical from the standpoint of widespread acceptance of the vanity. For example, two of the containers may each contain a different shade of lipstick, while another container may have therein a paste rouge. A fourth container may have therein a paste perfume, while the two remaining containers may each have a different shade of eye shadow. Other combinations may be substituted to adapt the vanity to the needs or desires of the user.

Obviously, it is advantageous to cover the various containers. To this end, a panel 34 having a perimeter corresponding substantially to the perimeter of the platform 28 is hingedly mounted, also at 23, for movement from the open position illustrated in Fig. 2 downwardly over and against the platform 28. A spring latch 35 carried by the casing portion 12 is provided to coact with a notch 36, or other suitable means, to frictionally hold the panel in the latter position.

The panel 34 is formed with a circular depression 37, preferably of a diameter slightly greater than the largest diameter of the circle of cosmetic containers 31, and has a circle of openings 38, one in registering alignment with a cosmetic container disposed therebeneath. It might be noted at this time that the openings 38 have diameters which are less than the diameters of the cosmetic container supporting flanges 33 to thereby prevent inadvertent movement upwardly of the cosmetic containers through said openings.

A circular plate or disc 39, having a diameter corresponding substantially to the inside diameter of the depressed portion 37 of the panel 34, is arranged in said depressed portion, as best shown in Fig. 3, and is mounted for free rotation thereon about an axial rivet 41 or the like. The plate 39 has a single opening 42 therein positioned for selective registration with any one of the openings 38 therebeneath so as to permit access to be had to the cosmetic contained in the container thus exposed. In order to facilitate easy and quick rotation manually of the circular plate 39, said plate may be provided with a pair of diametrically opposed lugs 43 on its upper face, either one or both of which may be engaged easily and conveniently by the user.

The uncovered margin 29 of the casing portion 12 is intended to provide a receptacle for a cosmetic applicator brush. Accordingly, a yieldable clip 44 may be mounted in said receptacle to em-

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brace the applicator brush 45 (Fig. 4) when the latter is placed in said receptacle.

It should be obvious that, although a specific construction of the vanity has been described in the foregoing specification and shown in the accompanying drawings, the invention may embody other details of construction without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a vanity, the combination of a housing having a platform therein provided with a plurality of openings spaced in a circle, a cosmetic cup seated in each opening, a panel overlying said platform and provided with openings one in register with each cosmetic cup, and a plate mounted for rotation on said panel, said plate having a single opening therein adapted to uncover selectively the various cosmetic cups.

2. In a vanity of the character described in claim 1, in which the plate is circular and is seated in a circular recess on the panel.

3. In a vanity of the character described in claim 1, in which the cosmetic cups are removable.

4. In a vanity of the character described in claim 1, in which the panel is hingedly mounted so as to be movable from a position overlying the platform into a position to permit access to be had to the cosmetic cups for removal or replacement.

5. In a vanity, the combination of a housing having a platform therein provided with a plurality of openings spaced in a circle, a cosmetic cup seated in each opening, a flange on each cup limiting its insertion into said opening, a panel overlying said platform and provided with openings one in register with each cosmetic cup, said panel openings having smaller perimeters than the perimeters of the cosmetic cup flanges, and a plate mounted for rotation on said panel, said plate having a single opening therein adapted to uncover selectively the various cosmetic cups.

6. In a vanity, the combination of a housing consisting of two like halves hingedly connected along complementary edges, a receptacle for powder in one of said halves, a platform overlying the other of said halves with the exception of a marginal area thereof, said platform having spaced openings arranged in a circle, a cosmetic cup frictionally retained in each opening, a panel to overlie the platform having openings one in register with each cup, hinge means mounting the panel in place, and a plate mounted for rotation on said panel, said plate having a single opening therein adapted to register selectively with the openings in the panel.

7. In a vanity of the character described in claim 6, in which a mirror is hingedly mounted for positioning over either of the halves.

8. In a vanity having a plurality of cosmetic containers arranged in a circle, a plate hingedly mounted on one edge for movement into a position overlying the containers, said plate having a circle of spaced openings one in register with each container, and a rotatable disc overlying all of the plate openings, said disc having an opening therein registerable with a selected one of said openings.

9. In a vanity, the combination of, a shallow case portion, a top overlying the open face of said case portion, said top having a series of openings arranged in a circle, a container for cosmetics seated in each opening, a panel overlying said top, said panel having a circular depression therein

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the diameter of which is greater than the largest diameter of the circle of containers, openings in said depressed panel portion to register with the containers, and a disc rotatable in said circular depression, said disc having an opening selectively registerable with a depression opening.

10. A vanity comprising, a top and a shallow bottom hingedly connected along complementary edges, a platform overlying the open face of the bottom, said platform having one margin extending at right angles thereto downwardly inwardly of one wall of said bottom to leave an elongated brush receiving receptacle and having a series of openings arranged in a circle in its top surface, a cosmetic cup seated in each opening, a panel to overlie said platform, said panel having a circular depression therein coincident with and of a diameter greater than the largest diameter of the circle of cups, said depressed portion having a circle of openings, one registering with each cup,

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said openings being smaller than the largest diameter of the cups so as to prevent withdrawal of the cups through the openings, and a circular plate arranged in said depression rotatable in the plane of the panel, said plate having an opening therein positionable in register with a selected depression opening so that access may be had to the contents of a selected cup.

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