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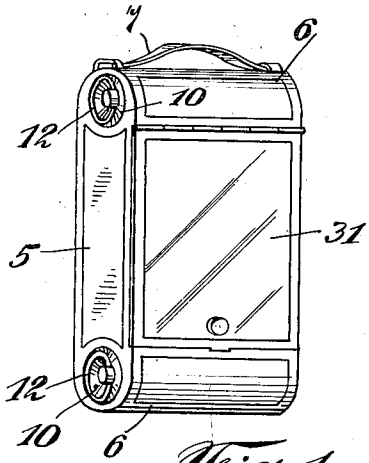


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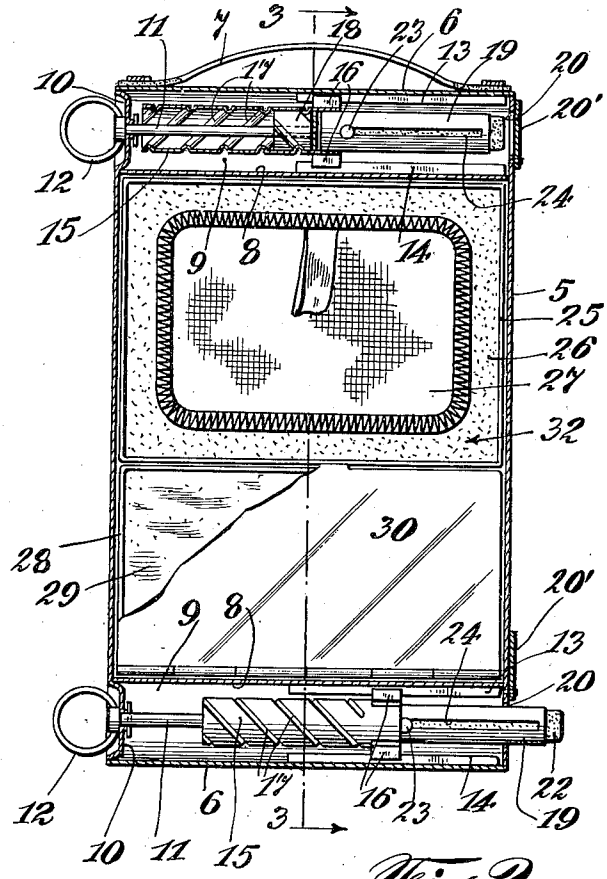


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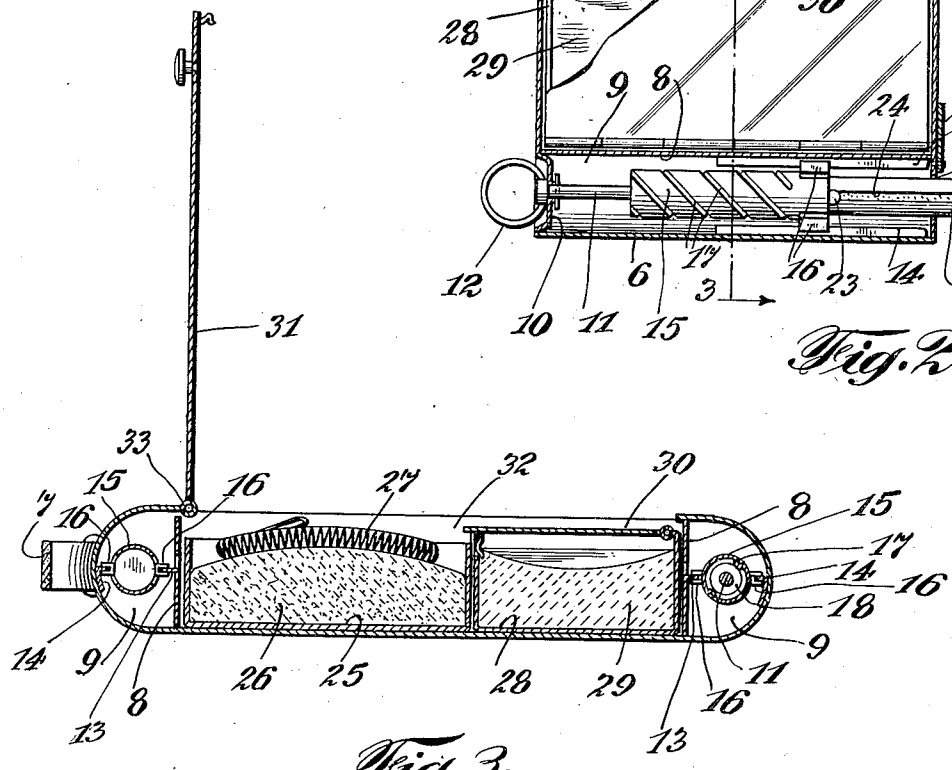


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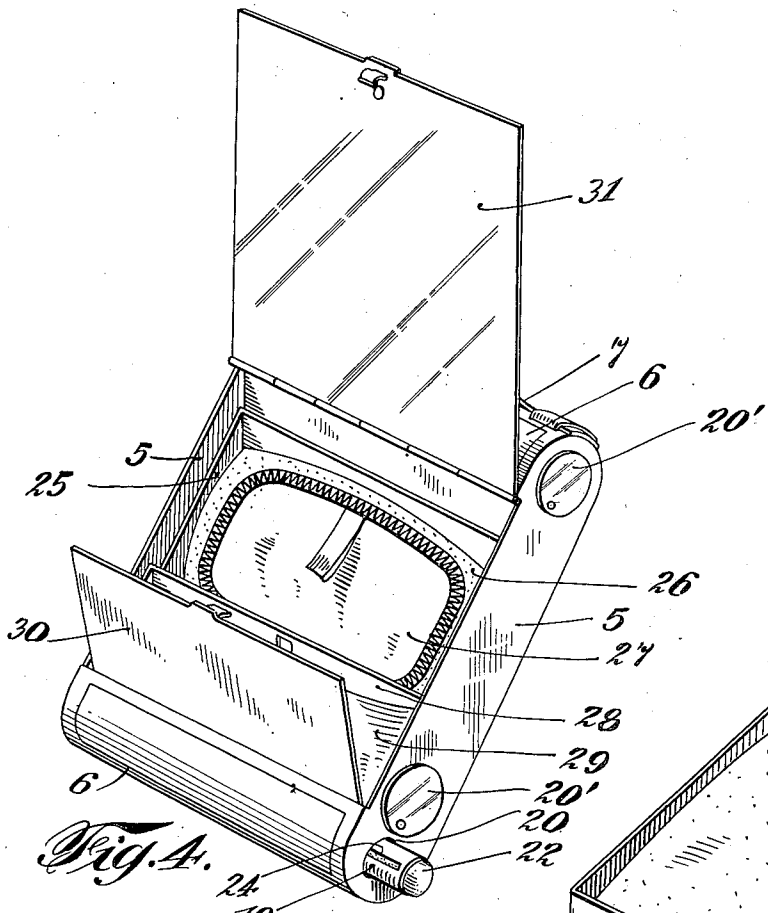


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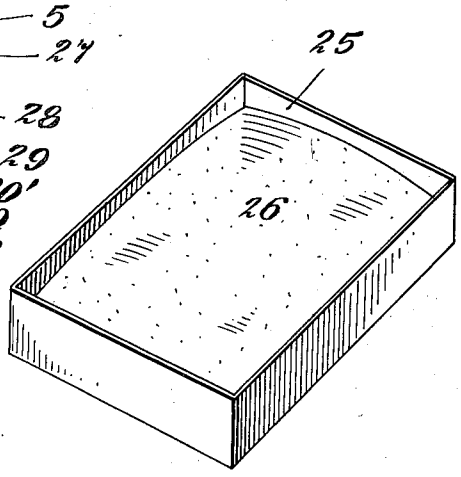


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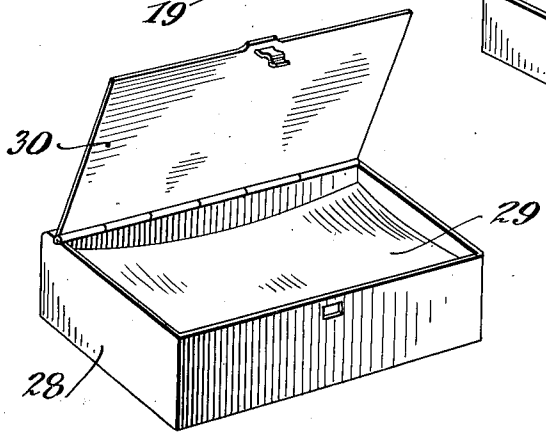


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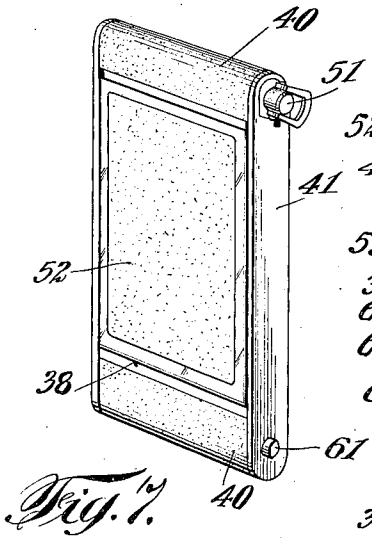


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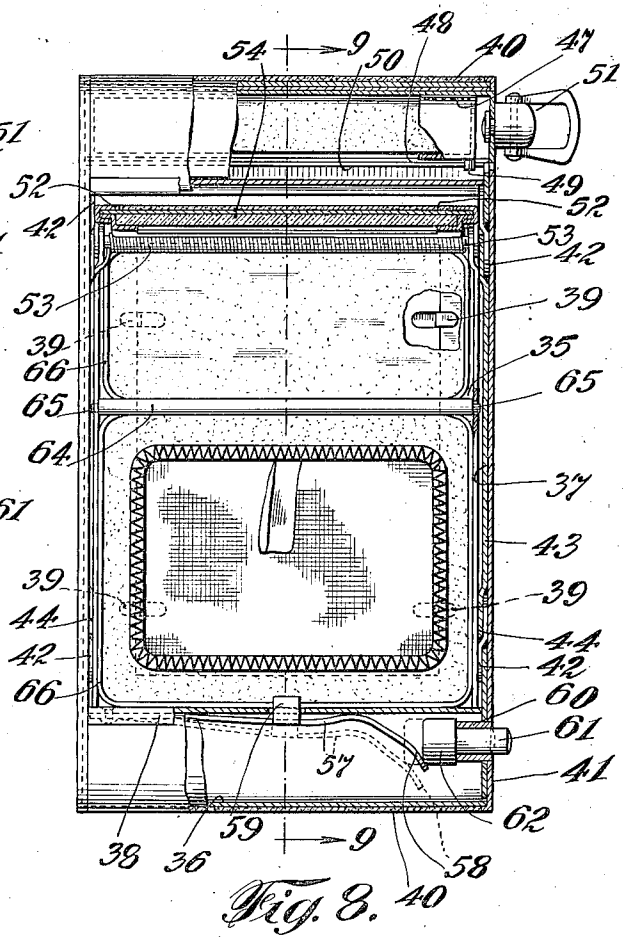


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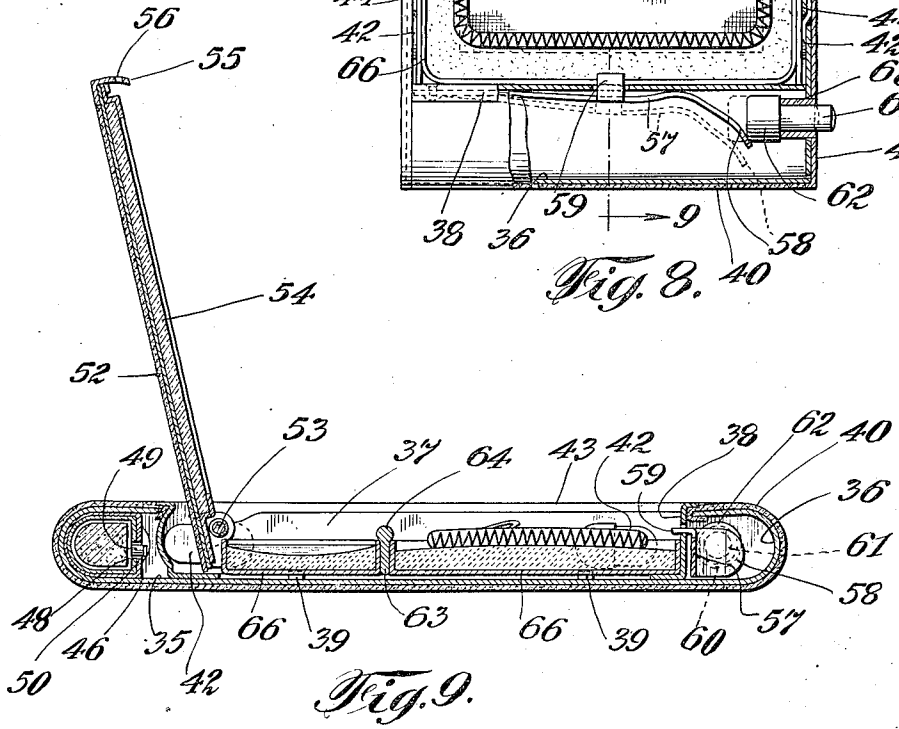


Fig. 9.

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This invention relates to vanity cases, and has for its general object and purpose to provide a device of this character which is novel and attractive in form and appearance and also of great convenience and serviceability in practical use.

In one preferable embodiment of the invention, I provide the case body in the form of a miniature camera of the kodak type having rotatable parts mounted in its opposite ends with actuating means extending exteriorly of the case and representing the usual film reel actuating members. It is one of the important objects of the invention to provide an approved mounting and arrangement of adjustable cosmetic holders in the opposite ends of the case together with means whereby these holders may be actuated by the operation of said rotatable parts to project the cosmetic in the form of an eyebrow or lipstick pencil beyond one side of the case to a position for convenient use.

It is also another object of the invention to provide in addition to the above-mentioned feature, compartments of relatively large capacity within the case for receiving rouge, face powder, or other cosmetics.

It is also an additional object of the invention to provide a device of the above description which can be inexpensively produced from simple sheet metal stampings.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the improved vanity case, and in the form, construction and relative arrangement of its several parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and subsequently incorporated in the subjoined claims.

In the drawings, wherein I have shown one simple and practical embodiment of the invention, and in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the preferred external form or shape of my improved vanity case;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view therethrough on an enlarged scale;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, the door or cover of the case being shown in open position;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged perspective view of the case with the door or cover open and showing one of the cosmetic sticks or pencils in projected position;

Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the compact holder;

Fig. 6 is a detail perspective view of the rouge box or holder;

Fig. 7 is a perspective view similar to Fig. 1, illustrating an alternative form of the device;

Fig. 8 is a longitudinal sectional view of the latter construction, and

Fig. 9 is a sectional view taken on the line 9—9 of Fig. 8, the cover being shown in its open position.

Referring in detail to the drawings, 5 designates the body of the case which is of flat elongated form having rounded ends 6 and in general form or contour, simulates in miniature, the conventional camera case of the collapsible or folding kodak type. To further carry out this simulation of a camera case, to one of the rounded ends 6 of the case the hand strap 7 may be attached.

In spaced relation to each of the curved or rounded end walls 6, the case is provided with the internal transversely extending partitions 8 thereby providing the end compartments or chambers 9 of substantially semi-circular form in cross section and separating said compartments from the remainder of the interior of the case.

One of the lateral walls of the case body 5 at one end of each compartment 9 is indented or inwardly pressed as indicated at 10 and in suitable bearing means provided thereon, the outer end of a rod or shaft 11 is journalled. Exteriorly of the compartment 9, a ring or other suitable finger piece indicated at 12 is swiveled to the end of the rod 11 and when not in use lies within the indentation 10 of the case wall, in the manner of the film reel operating element of a camera.

Each transverse partition 8 and the opposed end wall 6 of the case is provided with the longitudinally extending guide flanges 13 and 14 respectively, said flanges being en-

gaged within grooves of the supporting lugs 16 on the tube 15. This tube is provided with a coarse screw thread 17 which engages a complementary thread on the head 18 fixed to the inner end of the rod 11 which is rotatably positioned within said tube.

To the inner end of the tube 15 and extending in longitudinally projecting relation therefrom, one end of a cylindrical tubular holder 19 for a lipstick or eyebrow pencil is suitably secured. This holder is positioned in alignment with the opening 20 in the end of the other lateral wall of the case 5. If desired, a thin sheet metal closure plate 20′ for each of these openings may be pivotally mounted on the outer side of the case wall. The lipstick 21 and the eyebrow pencil 22 have a sliding fit within the respective holders 19 and may be readily adjusted as the material is consumed by means of a suitable slide indicated at 23, a finger-engaging part of which projects outwardly through a longitudinal slot 24 in the wall of the tube 19.

As will be readily apparent from a consideration of Fig. 2 of the drawings in connection with the foregoing description, when it is desired to use either the lipstick or eyebrow pencil, it is only necessary to rotate the proper rod or shaft 11 by means of the finger piece 12 in a direction whereby, the threaded connection between the fixed head 18 on the inner end of said rod and the wall of the tube 15 will cause a sliding movement of the holder 19 relative to the guides 13 and 14 and project said holder with the lipstick or pencil laterally through the opening 20 in the case wall. By then using the body of the case as a holder, the end of the lipstick or eyebrow pencil can be properly applied or used. After use, by reversing the direction of rotation of the rod 11, the lipstick or pencil may be returned to its normal position wherein it is wholly contained and housed within the end compartment 9 of the case, as seen at the top of Fig. 2 of the drawings.

The space within the case body between the transverse partitions 8 admits of holders or receptacles of large capacity being positioned therein. In the present instance, I have illustrated a holder 25 for the powder compact 26 and pad 27 and a receptacle or holder 28 for rouge indicated at 29 arranged within the case. The rouge holder 28 is preferably provided with a suitable hinged cover 30.

One side of the case body is provided with a door 31 extending over the main compartment 32 thereof in which the compact and rouge holders 25 and 28 respectively, are contained. This door is hinged at one of its ends as at 33 to the body wall of the case and at its other end is provided with suitable latch means for retaining the same in its closed position. Preferably, this door is formed from a plate of sheet steel or other metal having a highly polished inner surface so that it may conveniently subserve the purpose and function of a mirror.

In Figs. 7, 8 and 9 I have shown an alternative embodiment of my invention wherein the general outline shape of the case as shown in Fig. 1 is retained, but said case is relatively flat or comparatively shallow. In this construction the body of the case indicated at 35 is formed from a sheet metal stamping having a base or bottom wall, the rounded end walls 36 and longitudinally extending side flanges 37. Between the inwardly turned ends 36 of the body wall of the case a rectangular metal frame 38 preferably of sheet brass is arranged, the walls of said frame being of angular cross section and the base flanges thereof secured to the bottom wall of the case by any preferred means, as for instance, the tongues 39 struck from the bottom wall of the case and clinched upon the frame flanges. The external surfaces of the bottom and end walls of the case are preferably covered by a sheet of ornamental material indicated at 40, such as imitation leather or the like. This leather sheet is held against lateral shifting movement on the case walls by inturned flanges formed on the edges of the side plates 41 which may be of brass or other ornamental metal. The side flanges 37 of the case body have tongues 42 struck therefrom, said tongues having interlocking engagement with similar tongues 44 formed on the opposite ends of the metal strips 43 secured to the inner faces of the side plates 41.

Within one end of the case between the curved wall 36 thereof and one end of the frame 38 a transversely positioned guide tube and housing 46 is secured between the side plates 41 and is adapted to receive the lipstick holder 47, said holder consisting of the usual tube having a slot 48 in one side wall for the outwardly projecting pin 49 on the end cap of the lipstick whereby the lipstick may be adjusted and projected beyond the open end of the holder. One side wall of the housing 46 is also provided with a similar slot 50 to receive the pin 49 and the lipstick holder is inserted within said housing and one end of the holder is provided with a swiveled finger piece 51.

Between the opposite side walls 37 of the case body within one end of the frame 38 a door or cover 52 is mounted on the spring hinge 53. The outer surface of the door plate is also faced with imitation leather or other ornamental material and to the inner side of said door or cover the mirror 54 is suitably attached. At its free end the door plate is provided with an angularly projected curved flange 55 adapted to fit within the opposite end of the frame 38, said flange having a latch member receiving opening 56 therein.

Between the latter end of the frame 38 and the other curved end wall 36 of the case the resilient latch member 57 is arranged and

riveted or otherwise suitably fixed at one of its ends to the end of the frame 38. The free end of this latch member is angularly bent or curved as shown at 58 and one edge thereof is provided with an angularly projecting lug or finger 59 extending through a suitable opening provided in the end wall of the frame 38.

In a suitable guide 60 projecting inwardly from one end of one of the side plates 41 a pin or button 61 is slidably mounted, the inner end of said button having a head 62 bearing on the end 58 of the latch member 57.

Within the frame 38 intermediate of its ends a transverse bar 63 is arranged, the outer edge of said bar being rounded or cylindrically formed as at 64 and terminating in suitable pivot studs 65 which are loosely mounted on the opposite sides of the case body. Between this bar and the opposite ends of the frame 38 the rouge and powder trays or receptacles indicated at 66 are adapted to be arranged. The pivoted bar 63 admits of one of these trays being readily positioned between said bar and the spring hinge 53 of the door cover 52. In order to position the other tray or holder 66 between said bar and the opposite end of the frame 38, it is necessary to push the pin or button 61 inwardly, thereby withdrawing the latch finger 59 through the opening in the end wall of the frame so that one end wall of the holder 66 may be positioned beneath the enlarged cylindrical edge 64 of the bar 63. Upon then releasing the pressure on the pin 61, the latch finger 59 turns to its normal position over the opposite end wall of said holder, as shown in Fig. 9 of the drawings. Thus, the two trays or holders 66 will be securely retained within the case when the door or cover 52 is open.

When the door 52 is moved to its closed position, the curved flange 55 thereof forces the latch finger 59 outwardly with respect to the end wall of the frame 38 until the opening 56 in said flange is in line with the latch finger, whereupon the spring member 57 projects the latch finger into said opening to thus securely retain the door in its closed position against the action of the spring hinge 53.

It will be seen that in the last described construction, I have provided a vanity case of comparatively large capacity, but in which the several parts are so constructed and arranged that the depth or thickness of the case is reduced to a minimum so that it will occupy but little space in the pocket or handbag in which such articles are usually carried. In this construction, the lipstick holder is completely removable or separable from the case and may be readily withdrawn from or inserted into the housing 46. The holder and the housing 46 are accurately formed of the same cross sectional shape so that the close frictional coaction between the walls of the holder and the housing will effectively resist any accidental outward movement or displacement of the holder from the housing due to shock or jar. It will further be evident that a device of this construction owing to its simplicity may be produced at minimum manufacturing cost.

From the foregoing description considered in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, and advantages of my present improvements will be clearly and fully understood. It will be seen that I have produced a vanity case of very novel and attractive form, and in which ample capacity is provided with a very compact arrangement of the several parts. The various cosmetics are conveniently accessible for ready application and use in a single case or carrier, and when not in use, are completely housed and protected against accumulations of dust or dirt. The body of the case and the several other parts are in the form of very simple stampings which can be readily produced at low manufacturing cost, while at the same time great strength and durability is attained in the structure described.

It will, of course, be apparent that the case may be produced in various sizes and that the main compartment 27 thereof may, if desired, be divided up by a suitable arrangement of partitions into a number of separate smaller compartments.

Accordingly, while I have herein shown and described a very practical and serviceable form of the several novel features of my new vanity case, it is nevertheless to be understood that the same may also be embodied in various other alternative mechanical structures, and I therefore, reserve the privilege of restorting to all such legitimate changes in the form, proportion and relative arrangement of the various parts as may be fairly incorporated within the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim:

1. A vanity case simulating the form of a kodak and provided at its opposite ends with members rotatably mounted in one of the lateral walls thereof and having exterior operating means in simulation of the film reel operating means of a camera, the opposite lateral wall of the case at each end being provided with an opening, a holder for a cosmetic composition material in stick form slidably mounted in each end of the case for lateral movement, and means operatively connecting each of said holders with one of said rotatable parts to project the holder and the stick of composition material through one of said openings on rotation of said part.

2. A vanity case simulating the form of a kodak and provided at its opposite ends with members rotatably mounted in one of the lateral walls thereof and having exterior operating means in simulation of the film reel op-

erating means of a camera, the opposite lateral wall of the case at each end being provided with an opening, a holder for a cosmetic composition material in stick form slidably mounted in each end of the case for lateral movement, and co-acting threaded members carried by said rotatable part and the stick holder whereby upon the rotation of said part, said holder and the cosmetic stick are projected through one of the openings in the case wall.

3. A vanity case simulating the form of a kodak and provided at its opposite ends with members rotatably mounted in one of the lateral walls thereof and having exterior operating means in simulation of the film reel operating means of a camera, the opposite lateral wall of the case at each end being provided with an opening, a holder for a cosmetic composition material in stick form slidably mounted in each end of the case for lateral movement, means operatively connecting each of said holders with one of said rotatable parts to project the holder and the stick of composition material through one of said openings on rotation of said part, transverse partitions separating the ends of the case containing said stick holders from the remainder of the interior of the case, and a door or closure for the latter part of the case hingedly connected at one of its ends to one side of the case body and provided with a reflecting inner surface.

4. An article of the character described comprising an elongated casing having a main compartment and partition walls between each end of said main compartment and the opposite ends of the casing, a door or closure for one side of said main compartment hingedly connected to the body wall of the casing, one of the lateral walls of the casing having an opening therethrough and located between one end of said casing and one of said partition walls, guide means fixed within said end of the casing and extending across the entire width of the casing, and a cosmetic holder removably engaged with said guide means, and said holder having an end wall occupying said opening and disposed in the plane of the lateral wall of the casing.

5. An article of the character described comprising an elongated casing having a main compartment and a separate compartment at one end of said main compartment extending across the entire width of the casing, a door or closure for the main compartment hinged upon the body wall of the casing, and one of the lateral walls of the casing being provided with an opening communicating with said separate end compartment, and the walls of said latter compartment being provided with means to slidably guide a lipstick holder therein while preventing rotation thereof in the movement of said holder into and out of said compartment through the opening in the lateral wall of the casing.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name hereto.

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