

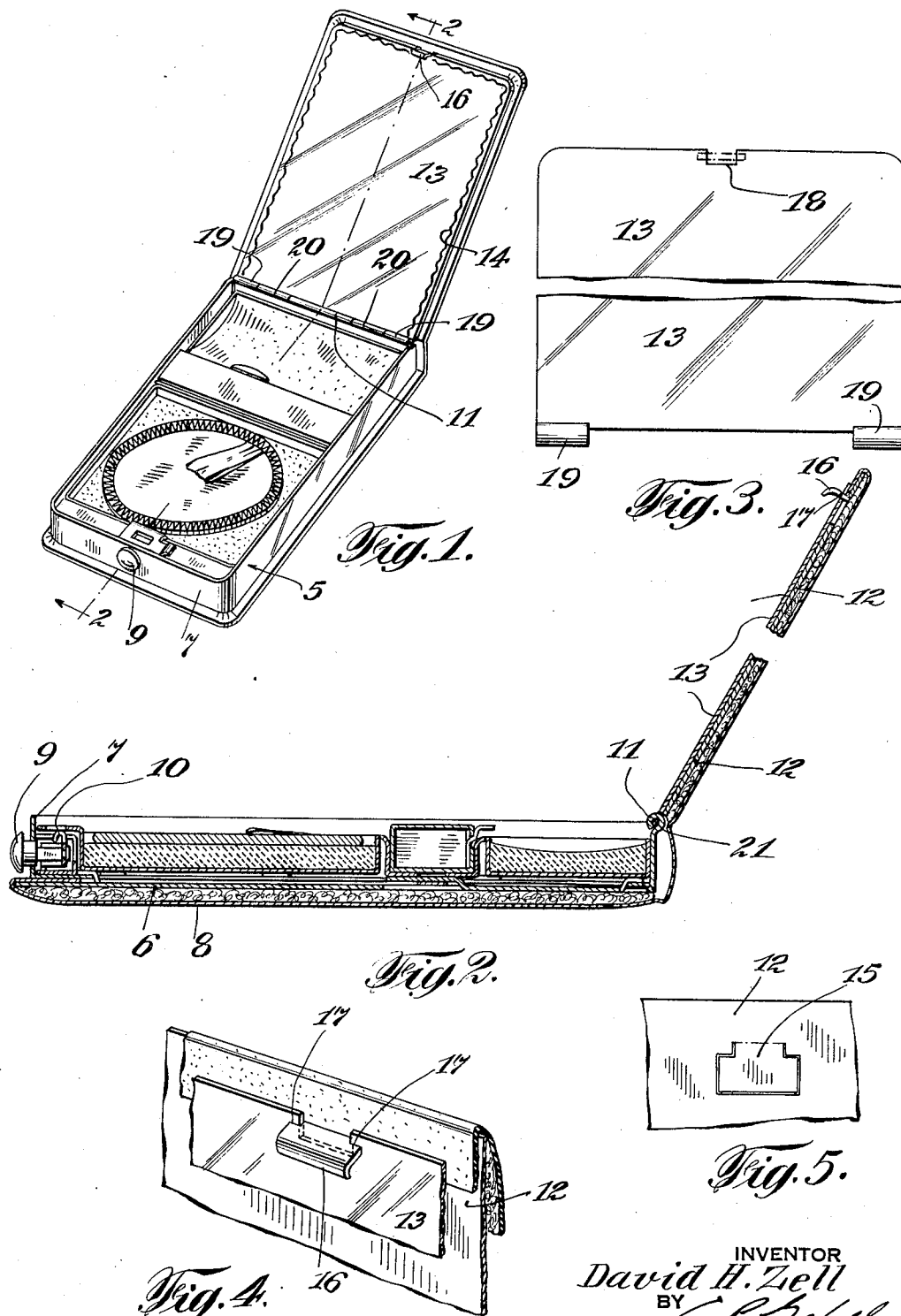
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This invention relates to vanity cases, and has for its principal object and purpose to provide in a case of the type having a body section to contain the cosmetics and a top or cover therefor, improved means for applying or attaching an image reflecting plate to the cover and hingedly connecting said cover with one wall of the body section.

More particularly, in one practical embodiment of the invention, I propose to provide a cover for the case having a plate faced with leather or other suitable ornamental covering material, together with a reflecting mirror plate superimposed on said cover plate and upon the inwardly turned edges of the ornamental material covering one side of said plate, and means for securely fastening the mirror plate including a projecting tongue struck from the cover plate and constituting an element of the latching means whereby the cover is secured in its closed position. Said attaching means for the mirror plate also preferably includes spaced knuckles formed on one end of said plate and connected with a similar knuckle on one end wall of the body section of the case by means of a suitable pintle forming the hinge connection between the cover and the case body.

It is a further general object of the invention to simplify and improve the construction of vanity cases in the manner above characterized whereby the several parts thereof can be easily and quickly assembled and quantity production of such articles materially expedited.

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 the several parts thereof 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 illustrated 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, the cover of the case being shown in open position;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a detail fragmentary elevation of the mirror plate detached from the cover;

Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view on an enlarged scale illustrating one part of the means for attaching the mirror plate to the cover, and

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary elevation of the cover plate illustrating a step in the process of manufacture.

Referring in detail to the drawing, 5 designates the body section of the case which may be of any suitable dimensions and in its essentials includes a side plate or wall 6 and an angular frame 7 suitably secured to one side of said plate with its several walls disposed in inwardly spaced relation from the opposite sides and one end edge of the plate 6. Preferably, the outer surface of the plate 6 is covered by a sheet of imitation leather or other suitable flexible material indicated at 8, the edges of which are turned inwardly around the plate 6 and are interposed between the opposite face of said plate and the inwardly projecting flanges of the frame 5 which is of angular form in cross section. The particular means for rigidly securing the frame 7 in attached relation to the frame 6 is not an essential feature of this application, and it will suffice to state that this means securely holds said frame in clamping engagement upon the in-turned edges of the covering material 8. Within the space bounded by the walls of the frame 7, suitable receptacles for rouge, powder and a lip stick, or other cosmetics are adapted to be contained.

In one end wall of the case 7 a push button indicated at 9 is suitably mounted for the operation of a resiliently yieldable latch element 10. The opposite end wall of the frame 7 is provided upon its upper edge and centrally thereof with a hinge knuckle indicated at 11.

The covering material 8 is extended around the latter end wall of the case body externally thereof and over the outer face of a cover plate 12. To the inner side of this cover plate a mirror plate 13 is securely attached and superimposed upon the edges of the ornamen-

tal covering material which are turned inwardly around the edges of the plate 12. This mirror plate is preferably of metal and has a chromium plated surface of high reflecting quality. The edge portions of this plate may, if desired, be suitably ornamented, as for instance, by engraving or impressing therein the waved line indicated at 14 in Fig. 1 of the drawing.

In stamping out the cover plate 12, a T-shaped part is centrally cut from the plate adjacent one end thereof as shown at 15 in Fig. 5 of the drawings, the narrower portion of said part 15 remaining integrally connected with the body of said plate. This tongue is then struck or punched laterally from the plane of the plate and formed to provide a latch tongue 16. The spaced shoulders 17 at the juncture of the wide and narrow portions of this tongue are thus spaced laterally from the face of the plate 12.

One end edge of the mirror plate 13 is centrally provided with a rectangular notch or recess 18. At its opposite end edge and contiguous to each side edge thereof, the plate 13 is formed with the hinge knuckles 19.

In applying and attaching the plate 13 to the plate 12, after the edges of the covering material 8 have been turned inwardly around the edges of the latter plate, the mirror plate 13 is then placed in position, the narrow neck portion of the latch tongue 15 being received in the notch or recess 18, and said mirror plate at the opposite edges of said recess being interlocked with the plate 12, between the latter and the shoulders 17 on said latch tongue. The hinge knuckles 19 are then positioned in alignment with the central hinge knuckle 11 and the body wall of the case and suitable spacing sleeves 20 are interposed between the knuckles 11 and 19. The hinge pintle or rod 21 is then inserted through these aligned hinge knuckles and sleeve whereby the cover is hingedly connected with the end wall of the case body. In this manner, it will be seen that the mirror plate may be quickly and securely attached to the cover of the case without necessitating the use of rivets, welded connections or other additional fastening or attaching means. The edges of the covering material 8 are thus also clampingly held and securely fixed between the two plates without the use of additional securing means.

When the case cover is moved to its closed position over the open side of the case body and in parallel relation therewith, the free end of the tongue 16 cooperates with the resilient latch element 10 whereby said cover is securely retained in the closed position until released by pressure on the button 9.

From the foregoing description considered in connection with the accompanying drawing, the construction and several advantages of my improved vanity case as above de-

scribed will be clearly and fully understood. It will be seen that in view of the fact that the reflecting mirror consists merely of a metal plate which is held in its attached relation to the cover plate by the hinge pintle and the projecting latch tongue on the latter plate, the manufacturing cost of articles of this character may be appreciably lowered and production thereof on a large scale greatly expedited. Also the device is of greater durability, since the mirror plate 13 will not be broken by dropping the case or rough handling thereof, while at the same time it will retain its highly reflecting surface indefinitely. Of course, it is apparent that a case of this novel construction might be made in many other sizes and shapes than that which I have selected for purposes of illustration. Accordingly, it will be understood that in these respects as well as in the other structural details above referred to the device might be produced in various other alternative structural forms, and I therefore, reserve the privilege of resorting to all such legitimate changes therein as may be fairly embodied within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a case or container, a body section and a cover hingedly connected with one end of said body section including a cover plate, a mirror plate superimposed on one side of said cover plate, an ornamental covering material extending over the opposite side of said cover plate and having its edges inwardly turned and interposed between said cover plate and the mirror plate, and said plates having integral coacting parts to clampingly secure the covering material therebetween and retain said plates in attached relation to each other.

2. In a case or container, a body section having an end wall provided with a hinge knuckle, a cover for said body section including a cover plate, a continuous sheet of flexible material covering one side of the body section and extending over one side of said cover plate and having its edge portions inwardly turned upon the opposite side of said cover plate, a mirror plate superimposed upon the latter side of the cover plate and upon the inwardly turned edges of said covering material, said mirror plate having spaced hinge knuckles on one end thereof, a hinge pintle connecting said knuckles with the hinge knuckle on the body wall of the case, said cover plate having a latch tongue struck therefrom at the opposite end of said mirror plate and the mirror plate being provided with means for the co-operative engagement of said latch tongue therewith whereby said plates are securely held in attached relation to each other and for hinging movement as a unit with respect to the case body.

3. In a case or container, a body section

having cover latching means, a cover hing-
edly connected with one wall of said body sec-
tion and including the cover plate, a mirror
plate on the inner side of said cover plate,
means carried by the cover plate and engag-
5 ing the mirror plate to secure said plates in
permanently assembled relation to each other,
and said securing means including a part
adapted to coact with said cover latching
means to retain the cover in its closed posi-
10 tion on the case body.

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