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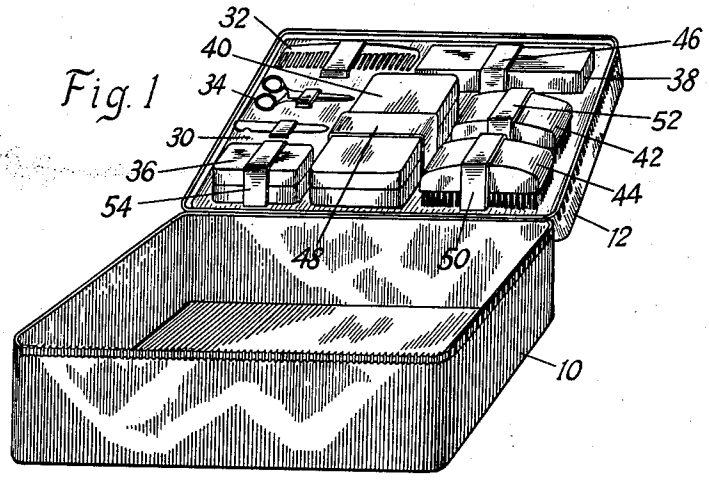
Fig. 1



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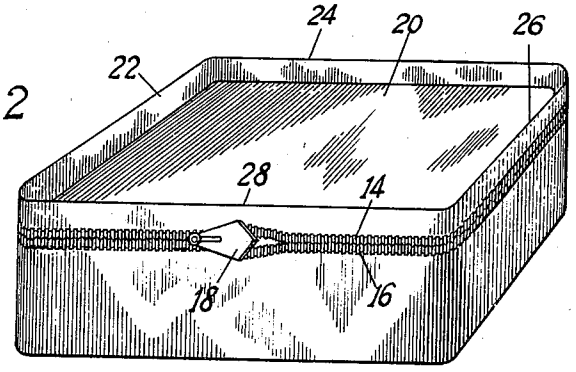

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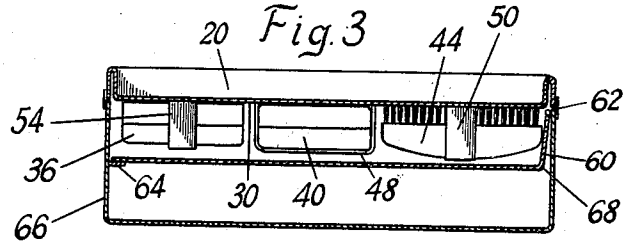

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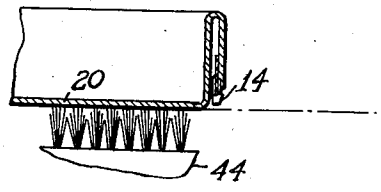

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This invention relates to improvements in kits such as used by travelers. It is exemplified by a shaving kit which consists of a case, two parts of which are held together by a "Zipper" so that they may be readily detachable. Within the case various travel or toilet appurtenances are compactly arranged.

Kits of the type mentioned have had adjoining sections secured together along three edges by a quickly detachable fastener known as a "Zipper." The metal teeth of the "Zipper" are secured to fabric strips or ribbons which usually project beyond the plane of the surface along which the various travel appurtenances are secured. Furthermore these appurtenances are held in their compactly arranged positions by elastic bands in the form of loops having their ends anchored along the surface. In order to remove any one of these appurtenances for use it has been necessary to tilt it in order that it may be moved up over the projecting marginal wall formed by the "Zipper" strip and the "Zipper" teeth. This not only stretches the elastic bands unduly and causes them eventually to lose their elasticity but it also causes the appurtenances or articles to be scraped along the metallic "Zipper" teeth and thus be scratched or otherwise injured. It is an object of this invention to provide a travel kit which eliminates these objections.

Other objects of the invention will appear as the following description of the invention proceeds.

The invention will be described with reference to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a view in the nature of a perspective view showing the travel kit open and in such position that the travel appurtenances may be readily removed.

Fig. 2 is a view in the nature of a perspective view showing the travel kit closed, indicating the downwardly recessed top which may be closed by a hinged cover held in place by a snap fastener.

Fig. 3 is a vertical section through the travel kit with the toilet appurtenances secured in position.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view showing a part of the illustrative structure on an enlarged scale.

The drawing shows a kit consisting of a box-like base section 10 and a hinged section 12. These two sections are normally tightly secured together by a "Zipper" fastener having upper and lower rows of "Zipper" teeth 14 and 16 respectively. The "Zipper" extends around three sides of the kit as shown, and is caused to close and open the kit by means of the operation of the closing device 18. The upper and lower rows of "Zipper" teeth 14 and 16 may be secured to fabric bands, the edges of which opposite the "Zipper" teeth are secured to the kit sections.

The hinged section 14 is so constructed that an upwardly opening recess or pocket 20 is presented when the kit is closed. Around the edges of this pocket there are upwardly extending flanges 22, 24, 26 and 28. The upper edge of the "Zipper" strip 28, having the "Zipper" teeth 14 thereon, is stitched or otherwise secured to the upper edges of the flanges, and these parts are so arranged and proportioned that the foremost edges of the "Zipper" teeth, when the kit is open, as indicated in Fig. 1, are below the plane of the surface 30 along which the travel appurtenances 32–44, inclusive, are secured. Thus these articles or appurtenances may be slipped out of their respective retaining bands 46–54, inclusive, by moving them along lines parallel to the plane of the surface 30. They do not come in contact with the metallic "Zipper" teeth, and they need not be tilted so that the elastic loops or bands 46–54, inclusive, are unduly stretched during the removal and replacement of these articles.

When the kit is closed the travel appurtenances are held in the positions indicated in Fig. 3, the elastic loops 46, 50 and 54 retaining their elasticity because they have not been unduly stretched during the use of the kit. The loops will, therefore, continue to effectively hold the toilet articles tightly against the surface 30 of the hinged section. Beneath the travel appurtenances as they are indicated in Fig. 3, there is a supplementary support 60 which may be hinged at 62 along one edge of the base section 10. Its opposite edge rests upon a ledge 64 secured to the side 66 of the base section and the horizontal and downwardly extending parts of this support may be hinged at 68 to permit the movement of the support 60 to open position after the hinged section is moved to the open position indicated in Fig. 1.

Travel appurtenances similar to those indicated in Fig. 3 may be secured to the downwardly presented surface of the support 60 and may be held against that surface by such elastic bands as those described. This increases the capacity of the kit to hold a large number of articles in compact relationship and to so maintain them that they may be readily available for use. They all may also be removed from their downward

positions without stretching the elastic loops and without injuring the surface of the articles by contact with the sharp edges of the "Zipper" teeth.

It is also within the purview of the invention that the pocket or recess formed by the hinged section 14 may be used as a receptacle for miscellaneous small articles by the provision of a hinged cover 70, hinged at 72 and having at the opposite side a downwardly extending loop 76 secured to a wall of the hinged section 12 by a snap fastener 78.

While the invention has been described with reference to the particular embodiment shown in the drawing, it is to be appreciated that it is not limited to all the details thereof. It is rather of such a scope that these details may be used singly or in combination with different arrangements of other elements.

The invention has been described in accordance with the requirements of the Federal statutes, particularly section 4888 R. S., and in further compliance with the requirement of that statute the invention is particularly pointed out in the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. In a kit, a base section, a hinged section, separate articles detachably secured against an interior flat surface of one of said sections by loops anchored along said surface, slidable fastener strips secured along the section sides at the meeting edges of the sections and presenting fastener teeth, the fastener strip on the article carrying section being set back from the plane of said surface in a direction opposite from the articles engaging said surfaces, the teeth of the set back strip being disposed exteriorly of the path of removal of said articles from said surface.

2. A case or container comprising, in combination component container parts separately attached along meeting edge portions by a slidable fastener, said fastener including complementary teeth along the meeting edge portions of said parts, said case including a portion presenting an article supporting surface, means releasably retaining articles against said surface in such a manner that they have translatory motion over and parallel to said surface and past at least a part of one of said toothed edge portions to temporarily release the articles for use, the fastener teeth on the container part including the article carrying surface being secured to a strip set back from the plane of said surface in a direction opposite from the articles engaging the surface, the teeth of the set back strip being disposed exteriorly of the path of said translatory motion of the articles.

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