

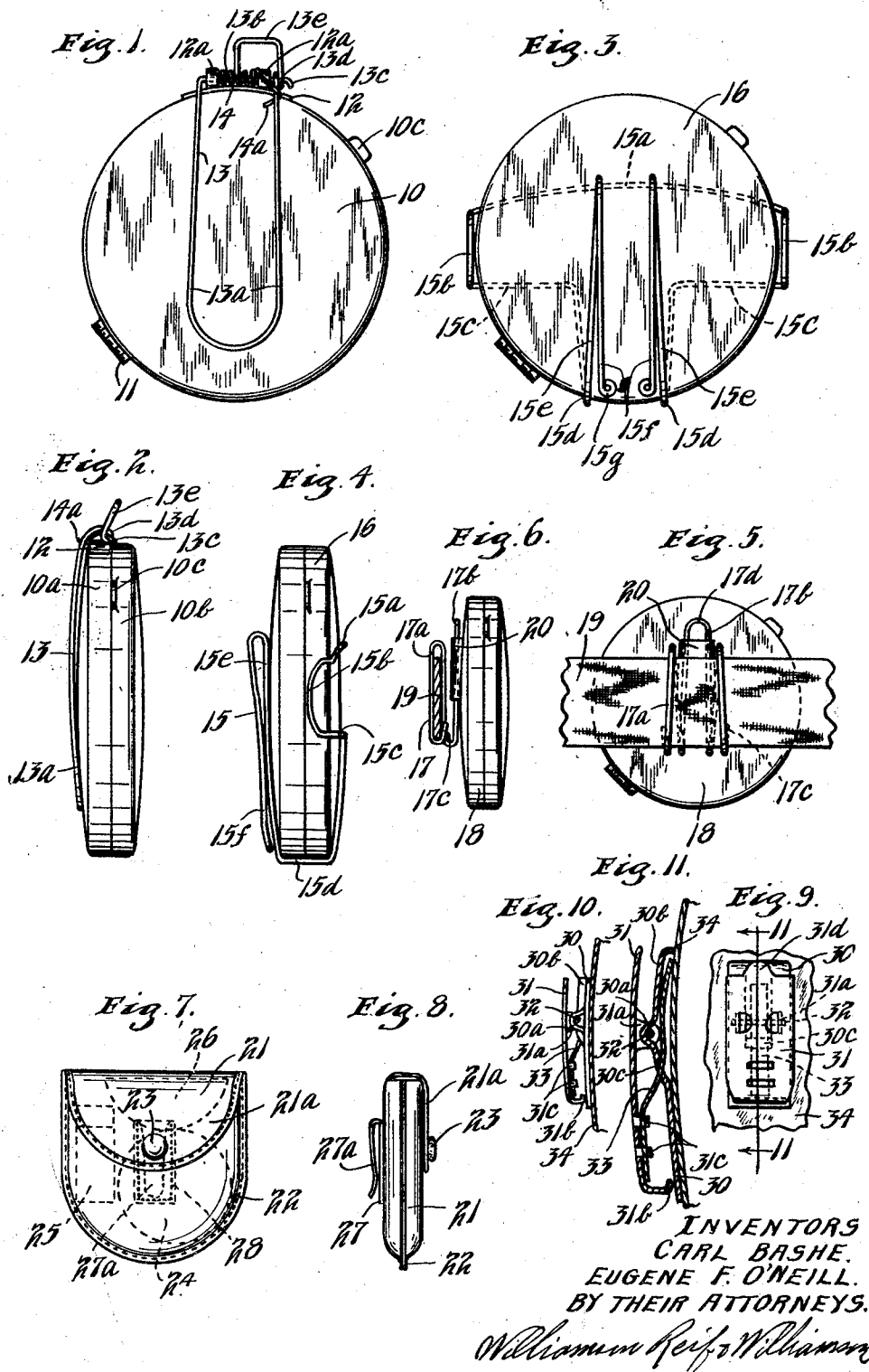
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This invention relates to a container such as a compact, compact holder or similar container now commonly used and sometimes referred to as "vanities". Such containers have heretofore commonly been carried in purses or hand bags and in the pocket of the user. It is desirable at times to have such a container readily accessible when the user is not provided with a pocket, purse or hand bag.

It is an object of this invention, therefore, to provide such a container with means which are substantially flat and extending substantially parallel to one side of the container for securing the container to a strip of material such as a garter, belt or lingerie strap.

It is a further object of the invention to provide such a container having resilient attaching means carried thereon by which it can be readily attached to and detached from a garter or strip of material, preferably with one hand.

It is specifically an object of the invention to provide such a container having a holding means either secured to the container or in which the container is carried, which holding means comprises a resilient member extending substantially parallel to the side of the container and adapted to embrace a strip of material such as a garter, belt or lingerie strap whereby the container can be readily attached to and removed from said strap.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will be fully set forth in the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which like reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views, and in which:—

Fig. 1 is a view in front elevation of a compact having one form of holding means secured thereto;

Fig. 2 is an edge view of the device shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a view in front elevation of a modified form of holding means for the compact or container shown.

Fig. 4 is an edge view of the device shown in Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a front view of a compact and holding means showing the same attached to

a portion of a garter or other strip of material;

Fig. 6 is an edge view of the device shown in Fig. 5;

Fig. 7 is a view in front elevation of a compact holder or case having a holding means;

Fig. 8 is an edge view of the device shown in Fig. 7;

Fig. 9 is a plan view of a further modification;

Fig. 10 is a view in side elevation of the device shown in Fig. 9, and

Fig. 11 is a vertical section taken on line 11—11 of Fig. 9 as indicated by the arrows and shown in enlarged scale.

Referring to the drawings, in Figs. 1 and 2, a container 10 is shown such as constitutes a common form of compact, which container comprises separable portions 10^a and 10^b, hinged together at one edge by the hinge 11 and held together by a suitable clasp, the operating means for which is shown as 10^c. A thin plate 12 is secured at one edge of section 10^a having small upstanding apertured lugs 12^a thereon. A wire or rod 13 is provided, which will be quite small in cross section and the same is intermediately bent to form a substantially U shaped portion 13^a which portion is disposed at one side of the container 10 and substantially in contact with said side of said container, same also extending substantially centrally or symmetrically with said side. The wire or rod 13 has an end portion 13^b bent substantially at a right angle and extending through the apertures in lugs 12^a so as to be journaled therein, said end extending some distance beyond one lug 12^a and having a slightly turned or bent terminal 13^c. The other end of the wire or rod 13 is bent around the projecting end 13^b as shown at 13^d and is then bent into a substantially closed section 13^e extending outwardly from plate 12, said section being shown as rectangular in form and the terminal end of said portion 13^e being disposed substantially in line with the end portion 13^b. A small torsion spring 14 is disposed about the end portion 13^b between the lugs 12^a, the same having one end 14^a bent about one side of the

U shaped portion of 13^a and having its other end secured in one of the lugs 12^a.

With the described construction, the U shaped portion 13^a is resiliently held against the side of the compact by the spring 14 and the same can readily be swung away from the side of the compact by pressing on portion 13^e, which constitutes a small hand or finger operative portion, said portion being pushed toward the side of the compact opposite that on which U shaped portion is disposed. When the portion 13^e is released, the spring 14 again moves the portion 13^a against the side of the compact. When it is desired to use the compact or container shown in Fig. 1, the operator will hold the same in one hand and press the portion 13^e with one finger, such as the fore finger. Portion 13^a will then be moved away from the side of the container and the compact can be quickly attached to a garter, a belt or lingerie strap worn by the operator by positioning the container with the strap between the portion 13^a and the container. When portion 13^e is released the container will thus be firmly held on the said strip of material. The container can be quickly positioned on the belt, garter or lingerie strap by using only one hand and the same can readily be removed when it is desired to use the compact. The compact is thus conveniently disposed on the person of the user and in a position where it is always readily accessible. The compact being small and flat causes no discomfort to the wearer.

In Figs. 3 and 4, a holder 15 is shown in which the compact may be carried, said holder being adapted to be attached to a strip of material, such as a belt, garter or lingerie strap. While the holder might be variously made, in the embodiment of the invention illustrated, the same is shown as being made of a wire or rod having a portion 15^a of slightly curved form extending across one side of the compact or container 10 already described. The portion 15^a has extending from its ends looped portions 15^b disposed in planes substantially at right angles to that of 15^a in which are disposed at opposite edges of container 16 and at either side of a diameter thereof. Portions 15^c extend from the other ends of the loops 15^b at the same side of the container as portion 15^a and are bent at right angles to extend in slightly converging relation around one edge of the container at the portions designated 15^d. The portions 15^d are connected to portions 15^e at the opposite side of the container from portions 15^a and 15^c, which extend across the container in slightly converging relation and substantially in contact therewith. The portions 15^e extend across the greater part of the container at one side thereof and then sharply and reversely bent to form portions 15^f, the same being substantially in the same plane as intermediate parts of portions 15^e at their

central portions but slightly spaced therefrom at both ends. Portions 15^f are provided with circular curved terminals 15^g. It will be noted that the holder is disposed with its parts symmetrically about the axis of the container, which extends midway between parts 15^f, 15^e and 15^c, as well as parts 15^b, which axis substantially bisects portion 15^a.

In operation the holder 15 will be engaged with a strip of material, such as a garter, belt or lingerie strap by disposing the holder with the portions 15^f and 15^e at opposite sides of said strip. The holder will thus be firmly clamped on the strip and the compact 16 can be pushed into the holder between portions 15^e and the parts at the opposite side of the container, it being understood that the parts of the holder 15 are made of resilient material. The compact is thus firmly and resiliently held in the holder which itself is firmly and resiliently held on the strip of material. When it is desired to use the compact, the operator merely reaches to the position where it is disposed and withdraws it from holder 15, which withdrawal can readily be made with one hand. When the operator is finished using the container it can again be quickly returned to the holder. The compact or other container is thus easily, conveniently and comfortably carried on the person of the operator and is always readily accessible for use.

In Figs. 5 and 6 a holder 17 is shown adapted to be secured to a strip of material on which a container 18 is conveniently carried. The holder comprises a wire or rod having portions 17^a and 17^b disposed at opposite sides of the strip of material 19 and resiliently clamping the same. Portions 17^b are illustrated as having short terminal portions 17^c. The portions 17^b are reversely bent to form the U shaped portions 17^d extending substantially parallel to portions 17^b. The container 18 has secured to one side a strip 20 of bowed shape thus forming a channel between the same and the side of the said container. The sides of the strip 20 converge toward one side of the container so that the channel extending therethrough is of tapered form. The member 20 is engaged over the portion 17^d and will firmly secure the container to the portion 17^d, the sides of which are resiliently movable toward each other.

In operation the holder 17 will be engaged on a strip of material, such as a garter, belt or lingerie strap, the strip being movable between portions 17^a and 17^b from the side adjacent the terminal 17^c. With the holder engaged on the strip the compact can readily be pressed on the holder by merely pushing the portion 20 over the portion 17^a and can also be readily removed.

It may be desired to have a container in which other material as well as a compact may be carried and in Figs. 7 and 8 a con-

tainer or casing 21 is illustrated which may be made of leather or similar material and comprises side pieces stitched together at their adjacent sides by stitching 22, said side pieces being of semicircular shape at one end and rectangular at the other. One of the side pieces is continued to form a semicircular flap 21^a provided with a snap button fastener 23 having a complementary part on the side which it overlaps. The casing can thus be opened by disengaging the snap 23 and lifting the flap 21^a. The casing is constructed and arranged to receive a compact 24, a lip stick 25, and powder puff 26 or such similar articles as desired. A plate 27 is provided having a rectangular portion provided with a series of perforations about the edge by which it may be attached to one side of casing by stitching such as shown in 28. The other end of plate 27 is formed as a narrow bill 27^a having a rod end and reversely bent toward the rectangular portion of the plate and then slightly away from the plate at its terminal to form a resilient clasp. The casing 21 having thereon the resilient clasp or holder 27 can be readily attached to a strip of material by merely engaging the bill 27^a over said strip and the casing can thus readily be attached to and detached from a belt, garter or lingerie strap. The casing contents can thus be easily, conveniently and comfortably carried by the user and the same will always be readily accessible and easily removed for use and as easily replaced.

In Figs. 9 to 11 a further modification is shown comprising a device adapted to be readily attached to a compact, purse or other container. This device can be attached by soldering, welding or by sewing where the container is made of leather or fabric material. The device comprises a plate 30 of general rectangular form having a substantially semi-cylindrical transversely extending portion 30^a adjacent its upper edge and having a longitudinally extending raised or bulged portion 30^b extending from the portion 30^a to the upper edge of said plate. The portion 30^a has at each side of a longitudinally central line of the plate and spaced equally therefrom a pair of slots which receive the downwardly turned substantially semi-cylindrical lugs 31^a of a clasp plate 31. A pivot pin 32 extends through the lugs 31^a within the portion 30^a thus hinging plates 30 and 31 together. The plate 31 has its lower edge bent substantially at a right angle and its terminal edge further bent inwardly substantially at a right angle to form a rounded or beaded terminal 31^b. Said plate also has a pair of loops 31^c struck inwardly therefrom and spaced lengthwise of said plate, which loops are adapted to slidably receive one end of a rear spring 33. The spring 33 extends through an opening 30^c in plate 30 beneath the pivot pin 32 and has its upper end dis-

posed within the bulged portion 30^b. Plate 31 has a substantially semi-circular projection 31^d at its upper end forming a finger piece. In practice the plate 30 will be connected to a layer of material 34 which may be one side of a metallic compact, in which case said plate will be soldered or welded in place, its inner surface engaging the surface of the member 34 except at the portions 30^a and 30^b. If the material 34 should be leather or a fabric material, the plate 30 will be provided with holes and sewed onto such material. When the device is thus attached it forms a clasp adapted to attach the container to a strip of fabric or other material and the compact or container could be attached to a garter, belt, lingerie strap or other part of the clothing. The portion 31^d would be depressed and this would raise the terminal edge 31^b of the plate 31, spring 33 normally tending to urge terminal portion 31^b against plate 30. The strip of material or other portion of material to which the container was to be attached would then be placed between the edge 31^b and plate 30 and portion 31^d released. The material would thus be firmly engaged between terminal edge 31^b and plate 30 due to the tension in spring 33 and the container held firmly in place. The plate 30 and attached parts thus forms a simple and convenient attachment which could be applied to practically all compacts, compact holders, purses, or similar containers.

From the above description it is seen that applicant has provided a very simple, efficient and highly useful device for carrying a compact or other container on the clothing in a position where it is at all times accessible. As stated, the container is arranged to be carried upon a belt, garter, lingerie strap, or in fact upon any part of a garment which can be clasped between flat holders. The containers are usually of small thickness and comparatively flat so that no discomfort or objectionable appearance is caused by the same being worn on the clothing. The device has been amply demonstrated in actual practice and found to be very successful and efficient.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, proportions and arrangement of the parts, without departing from the scope of applicant's invention, which, generally stated, consists in a device capable of carrying out the objects above set forth, in the novel parts and combinations of parts disclosed and defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. A compact structure having in combination, a comparatively flat container, a wire or rod bent into U shape and extending substantially parallel to one side of said container, one end of said wire or rod being bent substantially at a right angle, means on said container in which said end is journaled to

form a pivot for said U shaped portion as it swings toward and from said container, the other end of said wire or rod being bent to form a handle means for swinging said U shaped portion and a spring disposed about said first mentioned end portion for holding said U shaped portion against the side of said container.

2. A compact structure having in combination, a substantially cylindrical container having substantially flat sides, a substantially U shaped member extending across one side of said container substantially centrally of said side, resilient means holding said member against the side of said container and substantially in contact therewith and means for moving said member away from the side of said container whereby said container may be attached to and carried on a strap or strip of material.

3. A compact structure having in combination, a comparatively flat container, a wire or rod having a U shaped portion disposed at one side of said container and extending substantially in contact therewith, said wire or rod having one end bent substantially at a right angle, spaced means secured to the edge of said container in which said end is journaled, the other end of said wire or rod being bent to extend about said first mentioned end portion and being bent to form a closed figure extending oppositely to said U shaped portion and constituting a handle for moving said U shaped portion away from said container and a torsion spring disposed about said first mentioned end portion holding said U shaped portion against said container.

4. A holding means for a compact having in combination, a member adapted to be attached to said compact or compact holder, a member adapted to extend substantially parallel to the surface of said compact and being pivoted to said first mentioned compact, resilient means urging said last mentioned member toward and into contact with said compact and a finger operated means for moving said last mentioned member away from compact to engage the same with a piece of material for supporting said compact thereon.

5. A compact comprising a cylindrical casing having substantially flat parallel faces, a holder secured to said compact and having means comprising spaced wires connected by a bight extending across one side of said compact centrally thereof, means secured to the periphery of said compact urging said means into engagement with said face, and a finger piece projecting from said periphery for moving said means away from said face.

6. A compact structure having in combination, a container having substantially flat and substantially parallel sides, a member extending transversely of one side of said container centrally of said side and substantially

parallel with said side, said member extending a substantial distance across said side, resilient means urging said member toward and into contact with said side and a finger operated means for moving said member away from said container so that a strip of material may be disposed between said side and said member, and said member allowed to press the same against said side.

7. A compact having in combination, a container having substantially flat and substantially parallel sides, said container being of comparatively small thickness and comprising hinged sections divided along a plane extending between said sides and adapted to be opened, a member extending transversely of one side of said container centrally of said side and substantially parallel with said side, said member extending a substantial distance across said side and being resiliently urged toward and into contact with said side so that a strip of material disposed between said side and said member will be gripped between said side and member and said compact will be supported on said strip.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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