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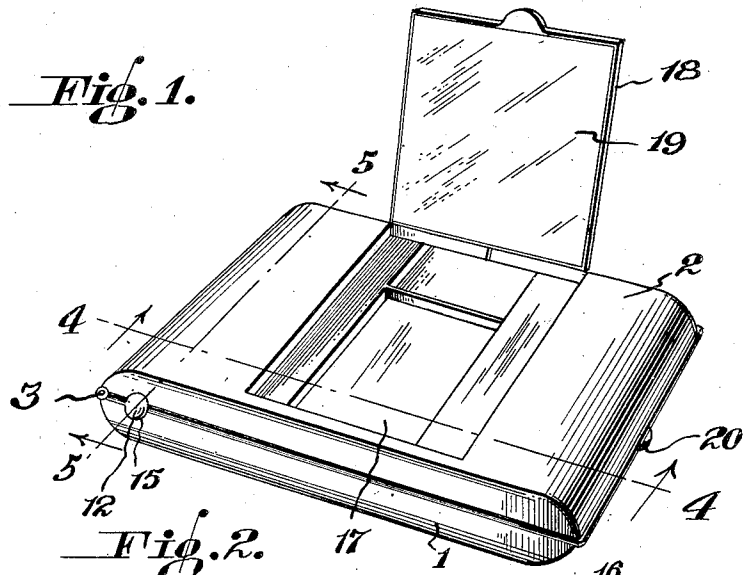


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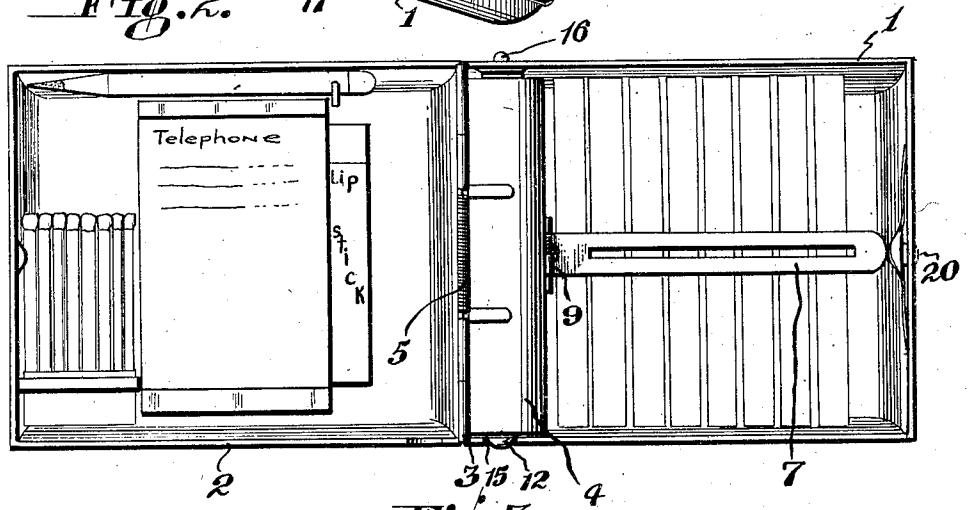
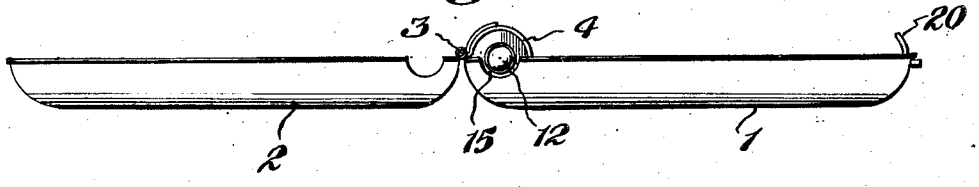


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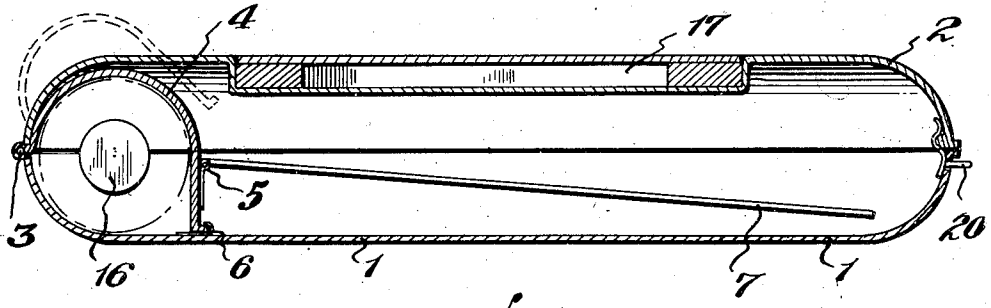


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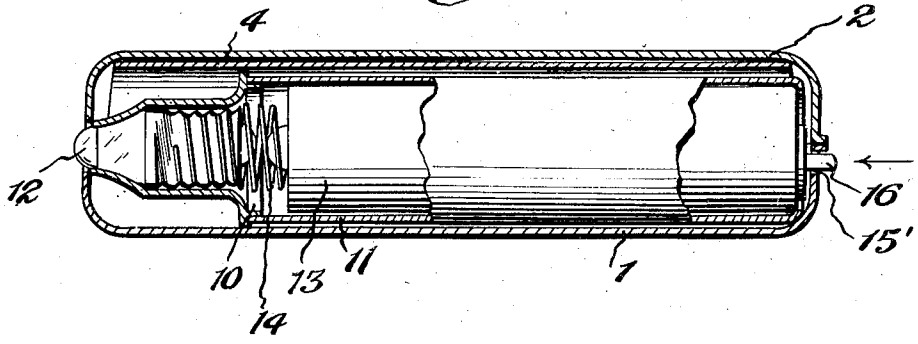


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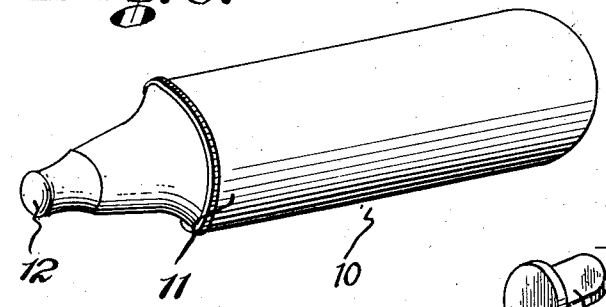


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This invention relates to a combined cigarette and vanity case.

An object of this invention is to provide a case of convenient form and size comprising a mirror, a cigarette compartment, a compact receptacle and carrying an independent flash-light, so related as to afford a maximum of utility and convenience.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a case having means for containing and operating the flash-light without unduly enlarging the size of the case.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a case having means for holding in proper relative position for use, a removable flash-light which in itself is independent of the structure of the casing.

Other objects of the invention will appear from the complete specification and claim.

The invention is fully described in connection with the accompanying drawings in which:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the case, with the mirror in position for use,

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the case and contents, when open,

Fig. 3 is a side elevation, showing the flash-light in position,

Fig. 4 is a vertical section on line 4—4 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 5 is a part sectional view on line 5—5 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the flash-light, and

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the operating button for the flash-light.

The case comprises a cup-shaped or flanged bottom piece 1 and a similar top piece 2 hinged thereto at 3. These may be made of any suitable material, such as thin sheet metal.

The bottom piece 1 forms a cigarette compartment in which the cigarettes lie parallel to the hinge, and the top is, on the interior, furnished with ridges, partitions, straps or the like, for retaining in position any desirable small articles, such as cigarette lighting means, paper sheets, pencils, etc.

Rotatably mounted on the hinge 3 is a clasp 4, biased toward the bottom by a coil spring 5. The clasp 4 when closed preferably rests against the bottom and may be held by a catch 6. The clasp 4 thus forms a compartment into which a flash-light such as hereinafter described, may be inserted and retained in position adjacent and parallel to the hinge and to the cigarettes when the latter are placed in the case.

A retaining arm 7 for the cigarettes is hinged to the clasp and extends perpendicularly to the case hinge. The arm 7 is biased toward the bottom by a spring 9 in the same manner as the clasp is biased.

The flash-light to be used in the case is no part of this invention and may be bought on the market. It will therefore only be described as far as is necessary to show the relation of the flash-light to the case.

The flash-light is denoted as a whole by the numeral 10 and comprises a shell 11, an electric bulb 12, a battery 13, axially movable in said shell and a spring 14 between said shell and said bulb to hold the contacts apart under normal conditions.

A substantially circular opening 15 is formed in one of the sides of the case by registering semi-circular notches in the flanges of the top and bottom parts of the case. When the flash-light is in place, one extremity of the shell 11 projects into the opening 15, but not outside the case and rests against the flanges. Thus when the lamp is active practically all of the light rays pass outward through this opening. A second circular opening 15′ in the opposite side of the bottom piece, which is substantially in line with the first, contains a button 16, held therein by a broad base and projecting outside the case. When the flash-light is in place, the base of the button lies against the bottom of the battery cell and by pressing the button, the battery cell is pushed to compress the spring 14, and close the contacts. The top piece 2 is formed with a central depression 17 forming a receptacle for a compact. A cover 18 is hinged at that side of the depression which extends at right angles to the case hinge and is farthest away from the aperture in which the bulb of the flash-light rests when the latter is inserted in the case.

A mirror 19 is fitted to the interior of the cover 18. Thus, when the cover 18 is raised, the light from the bulb falls directly on the face of one holding the case in a position to look into the mirror. At the same time the depression 17 is open to expose for use any cosmetics or the like placed in the receptacle formed by the depression.

The case is, of course, furnished with a catch at the end opposite the hinge such, for example, as that shown at 20.

It is to be noted that the flash-light is an entirely independent item, bought on the market and placed in the case. It can therefore be removed for repairs or renewal and the case still used as a cigarette and vanity case. The flash-

light moreover, lies in a compartment the long axis of which lies parallel to the cigarettes and thus does not unduly enlarge the case.

The case when closed may be used as a flash-light since the means for operating the light projects to the exterior of the case.

While the invention is shown and described above in detail it is to be understood that it is not limited to the details disclosed and modifications may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention but within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus set forth and disclosed the nature of my invention, what I claim as new is:—

A combined cigarette and vanity case comprising a cigarette receptacle adapted to hold a row of cigarettes parallel to one end of said receptacle, a cover hinged to an end of said receptacle, a flash-light comprising a casing, a bulb and a movable battery in said casing, means for retaining said casing in said receptacle adjacent the hinge of said cover and receptacle and parallel thereto, each side of the case having an aperture, one encircling the bulb of said flash-light, a press button in the other of said apertures, the base of said press button contacting with the bottom of the battery and the stem extending to the exterior.

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