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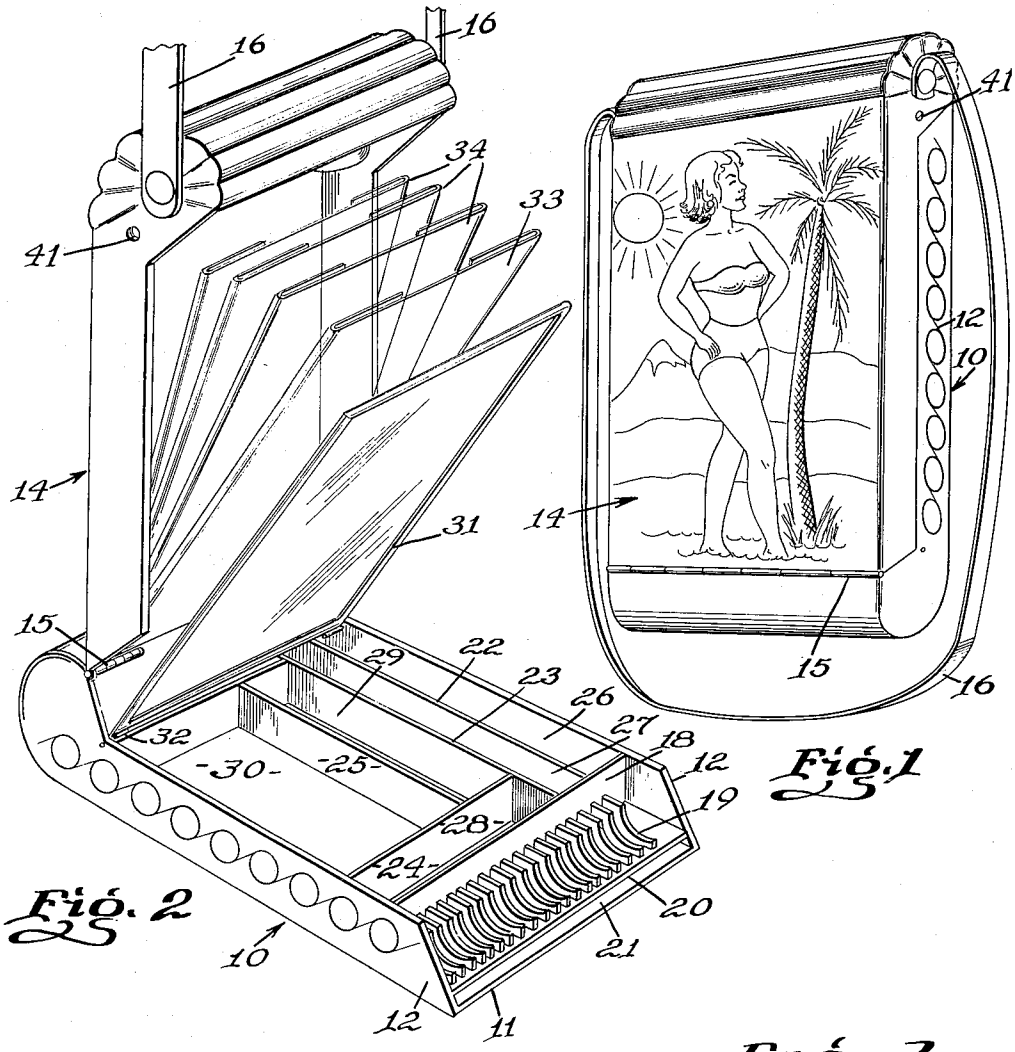


Fig. 1

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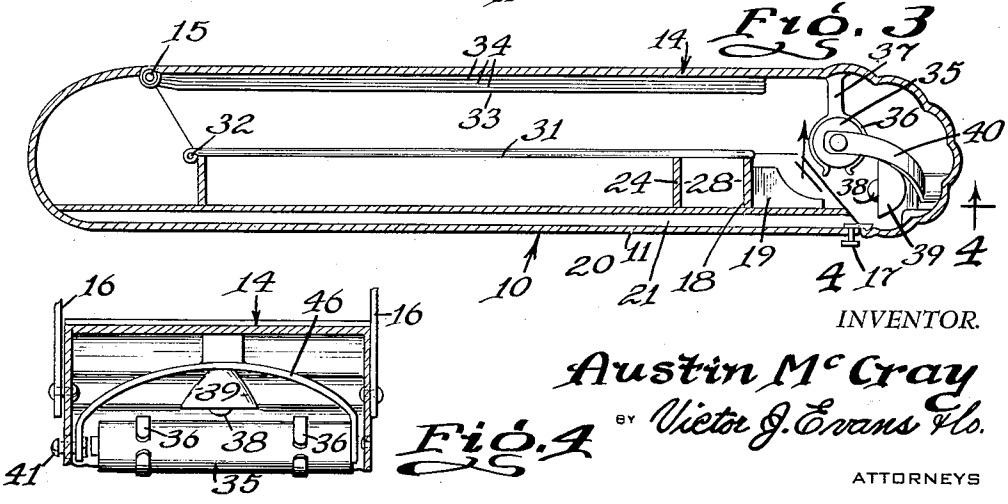


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This invention relates to a carrying case, and more particularly to a lady's carrying case for holding and carrying a plurality of different articles.

The object of the invention is to provide a lady's carrying case which includes an illumination means so that the interior of the case can be readily observed even at night.

Another object of the invention is to provide a carrying case which permits a plurality of different articles to be carried in a compact manner, the case including a carrying strap, a clasp for maintaining the cover connected to the base, albums movably mounted in the case, and compartments for holding cosmetics, coins, pencils and other useful articles.

A further object of the invention is to provide a lady's carrying case which is extremely simple and inexpensive to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this application, and in which like numerals are used to designate like parts throughout the same:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the carrying case showing the cover in closed position.

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing the cover open.

Figure 3 is a longitudinal sectional view taken through the carrying case.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the numeral **10** designates a base which can be made of any suitable material, and the base **10** includes a bottom wall **11** and spaced parallel side walls **12**. Hingedly connected to the base **10** by means of a hinge **15** is a cover **14**. A carrying strap **16** which may be made of leather or the like is connected to the cover **14** and the strap **16** facilitates the carrying of the case or bag by the woman or other user. The outside of the case may be decorated with suitable decorations such as the picture of a girl as shown in Figure 1. A clasp or latch **17** is provided for preventing accidental opening of the cover **14**.

Positioned in the base **10** and extending between the side walls **12** and secured thereto is a partition **18** which defines a compartment. Positioned in this compartment is a plurality of support members **19** which are arranged in spaced parallel relation with respect to each other. The support members **19** are adapted to support therebetween coins of various denominations so that these coins are readily accessible. A plate **20** is positioned below the support members **19** and the plate **20** coacts with the bottom wall **11** to define a space **21** for holding folded bills or money.

Also arranged in the base **10** are partitions or wall members **22**, **23**, **24**, and **25**. These partitions define additional compartments **26**, **27**, **28**, **29** and **30** which are adapted to hold various articles, cosmetics, and the like therein.

A hinge **32** connects a lid **31** to the base **10**, and the lid **31** is adapted to close the previously named compartments when desired. A mirror **33** and albums **34** may be positioned in the case and may be hingedly mounted on the hinge **15**.

An illumination means is provided for illuminating the carrying case when desired so that the interior of the case can be readily observed even at night. This illumination means comprises a battery **35** which is supported by clips **36** which are secured to the cover **14** by means of braces **37**. A light bulb **38** has a reflector **39** arranged thereabout, and a connecting member **40** has one end connected to the battery **35** while the other end of the connecting member **40** is arranged in engagement with a push button switch **41**. Thus, by manually depressing the switch **41**, an electrical circuit will be completed to the bulb **38** to cause electrical energy to flow from the battery **35** to the bulb to thereby energize the bulb so that the interior of the case can be readily observed.

From the foregoing it is apparent that there has been provided an illuminated carrying case for use by ladies and the like. In use the case can be carried by means of the flexible strap **16** and the clasp **17** will maintain the cover **14** closed on the base **10**, until the user desires to open the cover to the position shown in Figure 2. Coins may be supported between the support members **19**, and folded bills can be supported in the space **21**. The mirror **33** can be used conveniently when applying makeup or cosmetics, and by manually depressing the button **41** the light bulb **38** will be actuated to illuminate the interior of the case.

A compartment can be used for carrying cigarettes, and the compartment **30** can be used for holding face powder or the like. Buttons, pins and similar articles can be carried in the compartment **29** and a toothbrush, fountain pen or eyebrow pencil can be carried in the compartment **27**. A comb or fingernail file can be supported in the compartment **26** and suitable ridges or grooves may be provided to keep out dust or moisture from the interior of the case. The outside of the case may be etched or provided with suitable decorations so as to enhance the attractiveness of the device.

I claim:

1. A lady's carrying case comprising a base including a bottom wall and spaced parallel side walls extending from said bottom wall and secured thereto, a cover hingedly connected to said base, a carrying strap connected to said cover, a latch for preventing accidental opening of said cover, a plurality of clips secured to said cover, a battery supported by said clips, a light bulb mounted in said cover and connected to said battery, a first partition extending transversely between said side walls and defining a compartment, a plurality of spaced parallel support members positioned in said compartment for holding coins therebetween, a plurality of wall members positioned in said base and defining compartments therebetween, a lid hingedly connected to said base and mounted for movement into and out of closing relation with respect to said compartments, a mirror hingedly connected to said cover, and a plurality of albums hingedly mounted in said cover.

2. A lady's carrying case comprising a base including a bottom wall and side walls extending from said bottom wall and secured thereto, a cover hingedly connected to said base, a carrying strap connected to said cover, a plurality of clips secured to said cover, a battery supported by said clips, a light bulb mounted in said cover and connected to said battery, a first partition extending between said side walls and defining a compartment, a plurality of support members positioned in said compartment for holding coins therebetween, a plurality of wall members positioned in said base and defining compart-

ments therebetween, a lid hingedly connected to said base and mounted for movement into and out of closing relation with respect to said compartments, a mirror hingedly connected to said cover, and a plurality of albums hingedly mounted in said cover.

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