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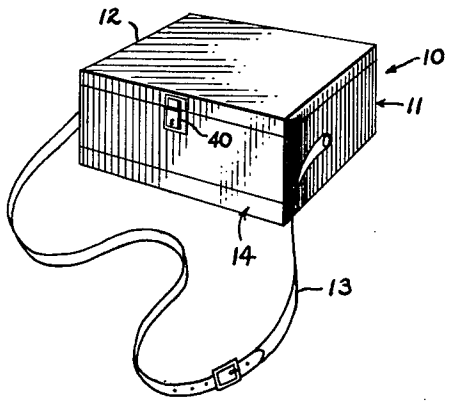


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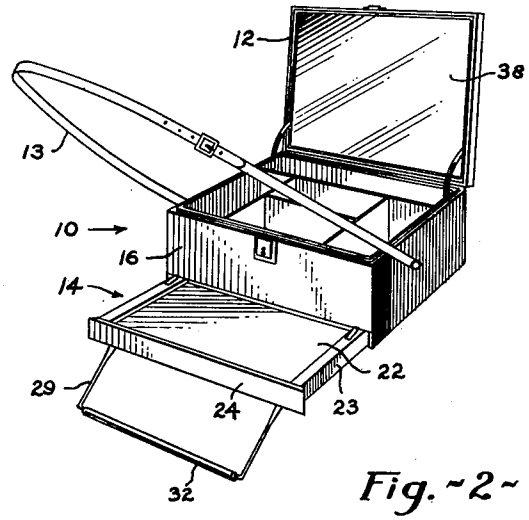


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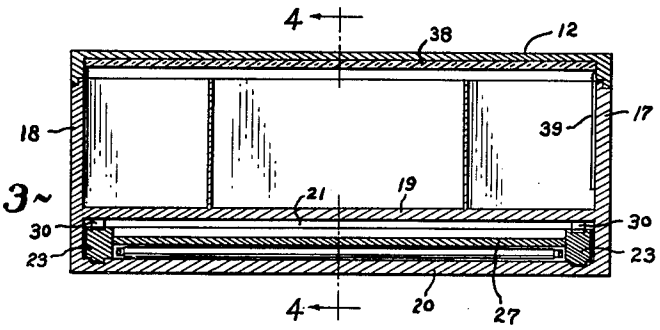


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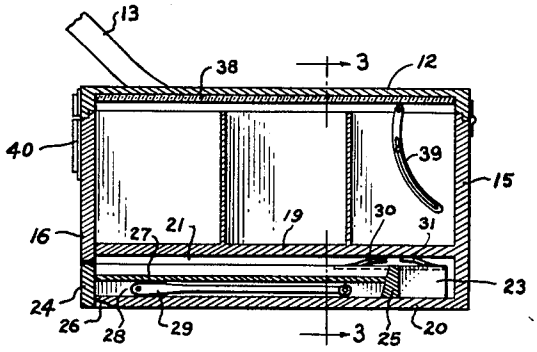


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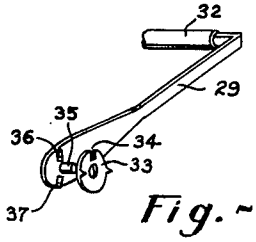


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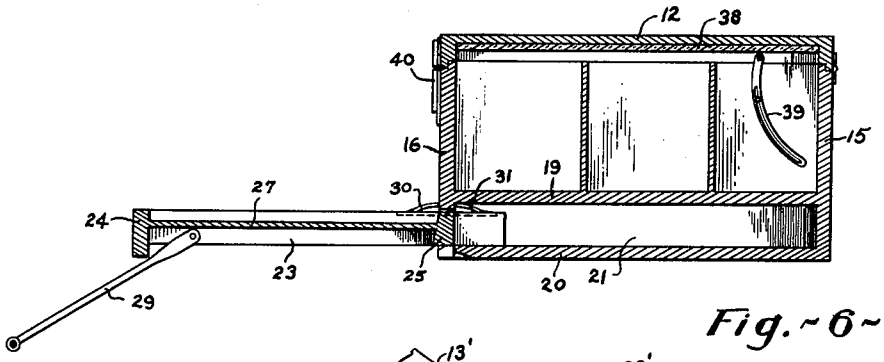


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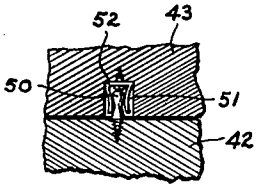


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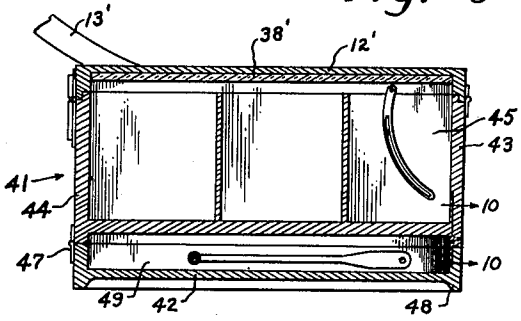


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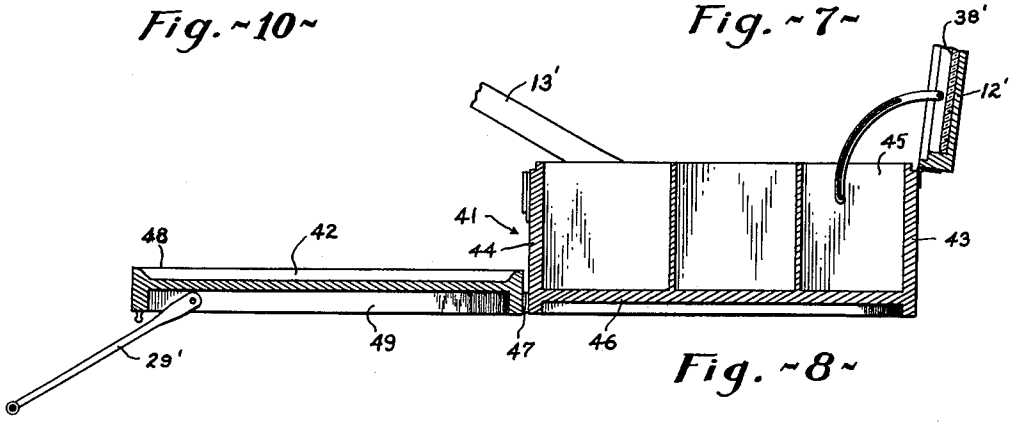


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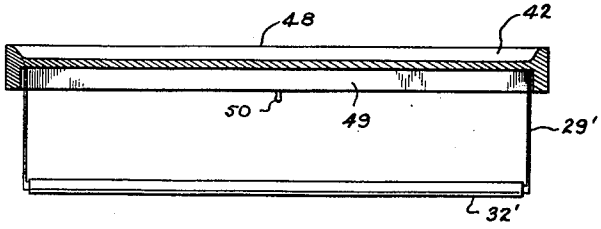


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This invention relates to vanity or make-up cases for carrying cosmetics and more particularly to combined make-up cases and supports therefor which facilitate the application of cosmetics.

Ladies often find it difficult to apply cosmetics when they are traveling on foot or in conveyances or are otherwise without access to vanity tables or other stable means of supporting the several articles used for make-up purposes. When such facilities are lacking, it is difficult to hold a mirror in a proper position and at the same time to support the various cosmetics so that they are conveniently accessible and still keep a hand or hands free to apply the cosmetics.

Accordingly, an object of the present invention is to provide a make-up device supported from the user's body which supports the cosmetics in a position accessible to her hands and holds a mirror in a proper position for observance of the make-up operation so as to free the user's hands for applying the cosmetics.

Another object of the present invention is to provide an easily portable vanity or make-up case for carrying cosmetics which may be supported from the user's body in a position for use and includes an accessible shelf member, upon which the cosmetics may be placed, and a mirror for reflecting the user's countenance so that her hands are free to apply the cosmetics.

Another object is to provide an easily portable make-up case for carrying cosmetics which includes a supporting strap to extend around the user's neck for supporting the case in front of the user's bosom, a device extensible from the case to space the latter forwardly from the user's bosom in a position for use and defining an accessible supporting surface for the cosmetics in use, and a mirrored cover for the case opening to a position suitable for observance of the make-up operation when the case is in the use position.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a vanity or make-up case of the character indicated which is simply constructed and presents a compact assembly having the various parts superposed or nested when not in position for use, so that the case serves also as an attractive shoulder bag for carrying make-up articles.

The foregoing and other objects, features and advantages hereof will become apparent from the following detailed description of illustrative embodiments, while the new features of construction and operation which we claim as our invention will be set forth more particularly in the

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appended claims. The detailed description refers to the accompanying drawings which form a part hereof and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an illustrative embodiment of the invention shown in condition for carrying cosmetics or make-up articles;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the embodiment of Fig. 1, but shown with the various parts thereof extended to their positions for use;

Fig. 3 is a vertical, longitudinal, sectional view, on an enlarged scale, of the embodiment, in the condition illustrated in Fig. 1, and taken along the line 3—3 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 4 is a vertical, transverse, sectional view taken along the line 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is an exploded perspective view, on a greatly enlarged scale, of elements included in the embodiment of Figs. 1 and 2;

Fig. 6 is a vertical, transverse, sectional view, similar to that of Fig. 4, but with certain of the members in their extended position;

Fig. 7 is a vertical, transverse, sectional view, similar to that of Fig. 4, of another illustrative embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 8 is a sectional view similar to Fig. 7, but showing the parts in their extended positions;

Fig. 9 is a longitudinal, vertical, sectional view taken along the line 9—9 of Fig. 8; and

Fig. 10 is a sectional view, on an enlarged scale, taken along the line 10—10 of Fig. 7.

Referring to the drawings, and initially to Figs. 1 through 6 thereof, a vanity or make-up case embodying the present invention is there shown, and is generally indicated by the reference numeral 10. As appears from the drawings, the case 10 includes, as its major elements, a container 11 for receiving the cosmetics and other make-up articles, a cover 12 for the container which opens to a position at the front of the latter (Fig. 2), a strap 13 secured to the container 11 for supporting the latter from the user's body in a manner hereinafter described, and a device 14 carried by the container 11 to extend rearwardly from the latter for providing a supporting shelf for the cosmetics when they are in use and for spacing the container forwardly from the user's body so that a mirror carried by cover 12 is positioned for observance therein of a make-up operation.

The container 11 is preferably box-like in form and includes a front wall 15, a rear wall 16 and opposite side walls 17 and 18. Container 11 further includes spaced double bottom walls 19 and 20 (Figs. 3, 4 and 6) to provide a housing 21 for receiving the specific device 14 of this em-

bodiment of the invention, and suitable partitions extending upwardly from bottom wall 19 to divide the container into compartments for receiving the jars, bottles or other packages and articles of make-up. As seen in Figs. 4 and 6, rear wall 16 terminates at its lower edge just below bottom wall 19 so that the housing 21, defined by the bottom walls and by the lower portions of the front and side walls, opens rearwardly.

The device 14, fitting into housing 21 when in its stored position (Figs. 1, 3 and 4), includes a shelf member 22 slidable in the housing and capable of being extended therefrom to an active position (Figs. 2 and 6) to provide a supporting surface for holding the cosmetics while the latter are in use. The shelf member is preferably provided with a marginal upstanding rim, imparting a tray-like character thereto, so that the make-up articles are retained on the supporting surface.

In the illustrated embodiment, shelf member 22 is specifically constructed in the form of a drawer having side rails or members 23 which are joined together at their outer ends by a drawer front 24 and adjacent their inner ends by a cross-piece 25. The drawer front 24 forms a continuation of rear wall 16 when the drawer is stored within housing 21 (Figs. 1 and 4) and may overhang the rear edge of bottom wall 20 (Fig. 4) so that a recess 26 formed in the latter permits easy gripping of the lower edge of drawer front 24 for withdrawing the shelf 22 from the housing. A bottom 27 is secured in the frame provided by the drawer front, side rails and cross-piece and is spaced downwardly from the top edges of the frame so that the latter forms the upstanding marginal rim heretofore mentioned. The drawer bottom 27 is also spaced upwardly from the lower edges of the drawer front, side rails and cross-piece so that the drawer is provided with a recess 28 in its lower surface within which a spacing member 29, hereinafter described in detail, may be nested. As seen in Figs. 4 and 6, cross-piece 25 of the drawer structure is spaced from the inner ends of side rails 23 so that portions of the latter remain in housing 21 to support the drawer when it is withdrawn or extended (Fig. 6) to expose the entire drawer bottom.

The shelf or drawer 22 is preferably provided with devices for limiting the withdrawal thereof from the housing and for holding it in the extended position of Figs. 2 and 6. In the illustrated embodiment, these devices consist of oppositely directed cantilever spring members 30 and 31, extending from the top of each of the side rails 23, and bearing against the lower surface of bottom wall 19 when the drawer is in a stored position within the housing (Fig. 4) to frictionally hold the drawer within housing 21 and to take up the looseness of the fit of the drawer in the housing. As seen in Fig. 6, spring members 30 abut against the outer surface of rear wall 16, when the drawer is in its extended position, to resist movement of the drawer into housing 21. Spring members 30 are released by depressing them into recesses formed in the top surface of the side rails to clear the lower edge of rear wall 16. The spring members 31 move against the rear surface of rear wall 16 when the drawer is in its extended position (Fig. 6) and prevent further withdrawal thereof.

The supporting strap 13 is preferably of two-piece construction, with the sections connected by a suitable buckle to permit adjustment of the

effective length of the strap, and is connected at its opposite ends to the side walls of container 11. When the container is in the condition shown in Fig. 1, strap 13 may be extended over the user's shoulder and the case then serves as an attractive shoulder bag for carrying make-up articles. In using the make-up case to assist in performing make-up operations, the strap 13 is extended around the user's neck to support the container at the front of the user's body and the drawer 22 is withdrawn from the housing 21 to extend from the container toward the user's body for providing a supporting shelf for the articles in use.

In order to space the drawer 22 forwardly from the user's body to prevent soiling of her wearing apparel by the cosmetics disposed thereon and to dispose the drawer and container in a position for use which is accessible to the user's hands, the spacing member 29, preferably formed of a U-shaped bail, is pivoted at its ends on the drawer 22 to swing between a stored position (Fig. 4) nested in the recess 28 and an active or extended position (Figs. 2 and 6) projecting rearwardly beyond the drawer front to bear against the user's body.

The cross-member of the bail may be cushioned by a rubber tube 32 extending thereabout, and suitable means are provided for selectively retaining the bail in either the stored or extended position thereof. In Fig. 5 the structural details of such suitable retaining means are illustrated and are shown to include an apertured disc 33 which is fixed to the inner side of each of the side rails 23 and is formed with a radial notch 34. The bail forming the spacing member is provided with an outwardly extending pivot pin 35, fixed to a flattened end portion, which is urged by the resilience of the bail into the aperture of the related disc 33. The flattened end portion is also provided with angularly spaced apart lugs or detents 36 and 37 which selectively engage in the notch 34 of the disc to hold the bail in either its stored or extended position, respectively.

A mirror 38 is fixed within the cover member 12 for the container, and cover member 12 is pivoted or hinged on front wall 15 of the container to move to an open position at the front of the latter (Fig. 2). With the cover in such open position and the container supported in the position for use at the front of, and spaced from the user's body, mirror 38 in the cover is in position for observance of a make-up operation.

The movement of cover member 12 in the opening direction may be limited by conventional arcuate, slotted links 39 pivoted at one end to the cover and receiving pins fixed to the insides of the side walls of the container.

Finally, a suitable conventional lock 40 has its separable parts carried by the rear wall 16 and the cover 12 for holding the latter in the closed position (Fig. 1).

In Figs. 7 through 10 another embodiment of the invention is illustrated wherein the member forming the supporting shelf or tray for the cosmetics or other make-up articles in use is hinged or pivoted on the bottom of the container to swing to its rearwardly extending active position, rather than being in the form of a drawer received in a housing at the bottom of the container, as in the embodiment previously described.

In this second embodiment, the vanity or make-up case includes a container 41 for the

cosmetics having a cover member 12' fitting the open top thereof and provided with a mirror 38' fixed therein to swing to an open position at the front of the container (Fig. 8) as in the first embodiment, a supporting strap 13' secured to the sides of the container for supporting the latter from the user's body at the front thereof, a shelf member 42 hinged to the bottom of container 41 at the rear of the latter to swing between a stored position against the bottom of the container and an active position extending rearwardly therefrom, and a spacing member 29', similar to the spacing member 29 previously described, pivoted on shelf member 42 for swinging from a position nested within the latter to a position extending rearwardly therefrom to bear against the user's body and dispose the assembly in its use position.

As seen in Figs. 7 and 8, container 41 is formed by a front wall 43, a rear wall 44, side walls 45 and a bottom 46 which may be spaced upwardly from the bottom edges of the walls to provide a shallow recess. Suitable partitions divide the container into the desired compartments.

The shelf member 42 is shaped to fit against the bottom of container 41 (Fig. 7) to thereby form a continuation of the latter when in its stored position and is mounted at its rear edge on the container by hinges 47. The shelf member 42 is formed with a marginal rim 48, extending downwardly as viewed in Fig. 7, and with a recess 49, in its top as viewed in Fig. 7, to receive the spacing member 29'. When shelf member 42 is pivoted to its active, rearwardly extending position (Fig. 8) rim 48 imparts a tray-like configuration to the upper surface to retain the articles placed thereon.

Spacing member 29' is pivoted at its ends on the sides of the recess 49 and is selectively held in its nested position (Fig. 7) or extended position (Fig. 8) by suitable mechanism, such as the arrangement described in connection with the first embodiment (Fig. 5). When spacing member 29' is extended (Fig. 8) to bear against the user's body it displaces the container and shelf member forwardly to the position for use so that the user may observe a make-up operation in the mirror in the open cover and so that the tray is easily accessible to her hands.

The shelf member 42 may be held in its closed or stored position (Fig. 7) by any suitable latch or similar device, but it is desired to use the simple arrangement detailed in Fig. 10. This arrangement includes a pin 50 carried by the shelf member to extend into a recess 51 formed in the lower edge of front wall 43 and formed with a ball on its end to be resiliently gripped between the arms of a spring clip 52 secured in the recess. The engagement of the spacing member carried by the shelf member with the user's body holds the shelf member in its substantially horizontal, extended position (Fig. 8) and no additional device need be provided for that purpose.

From the above, it is apparent that a vanity or make-up case embodying the present invention affords an attractive and compact case which serves as a shoulder bag for carrying make-up articles, when in the condition illustrated in Fig. 1, and which, when supported in the position for use in front of, and spaced from the user's body, provides a surface accessible to the user's hands upon which the cosmetics or other articles in use may conveniently be placed and a mirror held in a position for observance of a make-up operation thus completely freeing the user's hands to attend to the application of the make-up or cosmetics.

It will be further apparent that the new features, combinations and arrangements of parts herein set forth are not restricted to the details of the illustrated embodiments but may be embodied in other forms of construction within the scope of the appended claims.

We claim:

1. A make-up case comprising a normally closed box having an openable cover and forming a container for make-up articles, means extending from said box for supporting the latter from an upper part of a user's body and further means extensible from the box to engage a lower part of the user's body and thus space the box in front thereof in a position making the contents of the container accessible to the user's hands when the cover is open, and a mirror carried by said box positionable by the open cover so that the user can observe a make-up operation when the box is in said position.

2. A make-up case comprising a container for make-up articles, a supporting strap extending from said container and engageable around the user's neck to support said container at the front of the user's body, a device for spacing said container forwardly from the user's body to a position for use including a shelf member carried by said container to extend rearwardly from the latter, and a mirror mounted on said container positionable so that the user can observe a make-up operation when the container is in said position.

3. A make-up case comprising a container for make-up articles, a supporting member extending from said container and engageable about an upper part of the user's body to support said container at the front of the user's body, a shelf member carried by said container to extend rearwardly from the latter, means extensible from said shelf member to bear against the user's body for spacing said shelf member and said container forwardly to a position for use, and a mirror mounted on said container positionable so that the user can observe a make-up operation when the container is in said position.

4. A make-up case comprising a container for make-up articles, a supporting member on said container to extend about an upper part of the user's body for supporting the container at the front of the user's body, a device for spacing the container forwardly from the user's body in a position for use so that contents of said container are accessible to the user's hands including a tray member carried by said container to extend rearwardly from the latter for supporting the make-up articles during their use and a spacing member carried by said tray member to extend against the user's body, and a mirrored cover for said container movable to an open position at the front of the latter so that the user may observe a make-up operation when the container is in said position for use.

5. A make-up case comprising a container for make-up articles; a supporting member on said container to extend about an upper part of the user's body for supporting the container at the front of the user's body; a device for spacing the container forwardly from the user's body in a position for use so that contents of said container are accessible to the user's hands including a tray member movably carried by said container for displacement from a stored position within the vertical projection of the container to an ex-

tended position at the rear of the latter to provide a supporting surface for the make-up articles during their use, and a spacing member pivoted on said tray member to nest within the latter in one pivoted position and to extend rearwardly from the tray member in another pivoted position for contact with the user's body to space the shelf member forwardly and dispose said container in said position for use; and a mirrored cover hinged on said container and movable to an open position at the front of the latter so that the user can observe a make-up operation when the container is in said position for use.

6. A make-up case according to claim 5, including means for retaining said tray member in said stored position.

7. A make-up case according to claim 5, including releasable means for retaining said tray member in said extended position.

8. A make-up case according to claim 5, including yieldable means for selectively retaining said spacing member in its nested position and in said other pivoted position.

9. A make-up case comprising a container for make-up articles, a supporting strap on said container to extend around the user's neck for supporting the container at the front of the user's body, a drawer slidable in said container and extensible rearwardly from the latter to provide a supporting surface for the make-up articles during their use, a spacing member pivoted on said drawer to nest in the bottom of the latter in one pivoted position and to extend rearwardly from the drawer in another pivoted position for contact with the user's body for spacing the drawer and container forwardly in a position for use so that contents of said container and articles placed on said supporting surface are accessible to the user's hands, and a mirrored cover hinged on said container movable to an open position at the

front of the latter so that the user can observe a make-up operation when the container is in said use position.

10. A make-up case comprising a container for make-up articles, a supporting strap on said container to extend around the user's neck for supporting the container at the front of the user's body, a tray member pivoted on said container to swing from a stored position against the bottom of said container to an active position extending rearwardly from the container for providing a supporting surface for make-up articles during their use, a spacing member pivoted on said tray member to nest in the latter when in said stored position and to extend rearwardly from said tray member when the latter is in said active position for spacing the tray member and container forwardly from the user's body in a position for use so that contents of said container and articles on said supporting surface are accessible to the user's hands, and a mirrored cover hinged on said container and movable to an open position at the front of the latter so that the user can observe a make-up operation when said container is in said use position.

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