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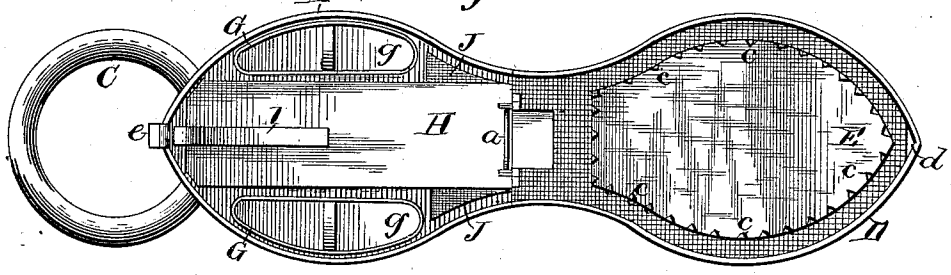
Fig. 1.



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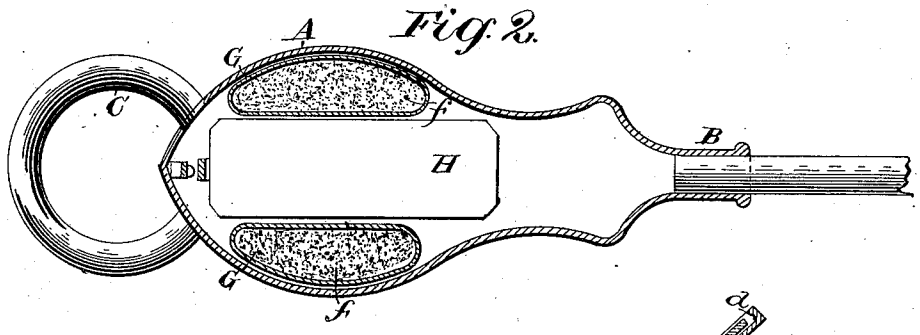

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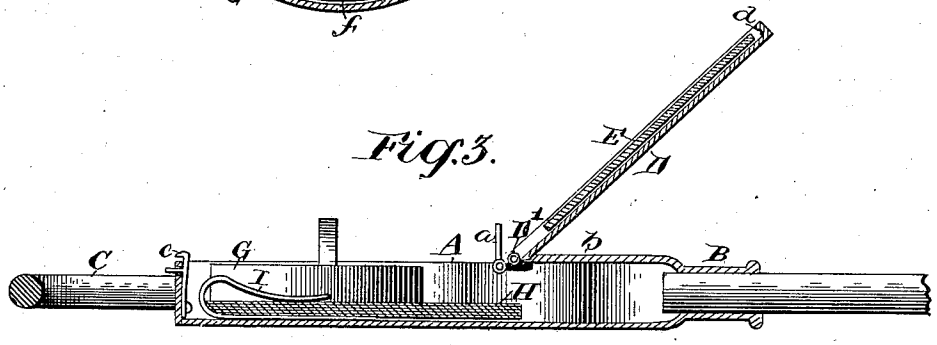

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COMBINED HANDLE AND TOILET-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IDA LOUISE MYERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sherman, in the county of Grayson and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Handle and Toilet-Case; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in a combined handle and toilet-case; and it consists in an ornamental and artistic-shaped receptacle provided with partitions and a spring-lid, within which may be held various toilet articles and a mirror, the object of my invention being to provide a neat and ornamental hollow handle and toilet-case for parasols, umbrellas, and fans, which will contain small quantities of face-powder, visiting-cards, a mirror, and other articles. I attain this object by means of the peculiar construction and arrangement of the various parts, which will be more fully pointed out and described in the specification and claims, reference being had to the drawings accompanying this application and forming part of the same, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my invention with the cover thrown back. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view, and Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of Fig. 1.

Similar letters refer to like parts throughout the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the handle or case, which may be made of any suitable material—papier-maché, fibrous pulp, metal, or celluloid—the purpose being to form a light, artistic, and ornamental handle, hollow within, one end of case A being formed with a hollow socket, B, for the reception of the free end of a parasol or umbrella stick or handle. I do not confine myself to this precise construction for attachment, as any other suitable means may be used without departing from the spirit of my invention. The opposite end of case A is provided with a ring, C, whereby the parasol or umbrella may be suspended from a bracket or nail when not in use.

The case A is formed with a cover, D, which is hinged at D' a short distance from the socket end, and the inner end of the cover works against the tension of a coiled spring, *a*, that is secured to the under surface of the adjoining top part, *b*.

The inner face of cover D is provided with a mirror, E, that is held in place by V-shaped metal clamps *c*, and is bordered with ornamental cloth, and the outer end of the same is formed with an inward-projecting lip, *d*, that comes in contact with the projecting lip of spring *e*, and is thereby held when the lid or cover is closed. Spring *e* is secured to the end of case A within the ring C, which is likewise secured and projects outward. A small bracket-extension is formed on the outer face of spring *e*, by which it is pressed inward by finger-touch releasing the cover D, which is immediately thrown upward and backward by the action of spring *a*.

Curved partitions G extend inward from the side walls of case A, forming curved pockets *f* for the reception of face-powder or perfume, the upper portion of each pocket or compartment being filled by small pads *g* for using the powder or perfume, and the tops or edges of said pads are secured to lifting-ribbons and are covered with plush or any suitable material. A portion of the upper part on the inside beneath spring *a* may be divided by partitions for the reception of pins, needles, or small quantities of thread, as desired, the main central portion on the inside of case A being reserved for the reception of visiting-cards H, which are held in place by a curved metal spring-clasp, I, that is formed to slip over the ends of said cards and the end of the plush-covering J, which is removably fitted within the case A, and when in place the cards H are held beneath the covering J, and when desired for use they are together taken out of case A, a card taken from under the pressure of spring I, when the plush-mat and cards are replaced and the cover D closed, forming a complete ornamental parasol or umbrella handle.

I do not wish to be understood as confining myself to any particular design for my hollow parasol or umbrella handle, as this is a matter of taste which may develop in any style of ornamentation or size, and may be pressed, molded,

cast, carved, or formed in any way, so long as the spring-cover, pockets, and recesses within, and their contents are preserved; nor do I confine myself to any material for its construction, as metal of any kind—fibrous pulp, wood, ivory, or any suitable material which can be formed into a hollow handle and properly ornamented—may be used.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A combined handle and toilet-case, consisting of a hollow case having a spring-cover provided on its inner face with a mirror, the inside of the case having curved side partitions holding face-powder and pads, the central portion formed for the reception of visiting cards held to a mat by a curved spring, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A combined hollow parasol or umbrella handle and toilet-case, consisting of an ornamental hollow case having an end opening for the reception of a parasol or umbrella stick, its opposite end provided with a rigid extension-ring, a hinged cover provided with a mirror on its inner face and working against the tension of a coiled spring, and an end lip to said cover to contact with end spring secured to said case, the internal portion of said case divided to receive visiting-cards, face-powder, pads, a curved spring, and cloth-lining, substantially as shown and specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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