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FIG. 1.

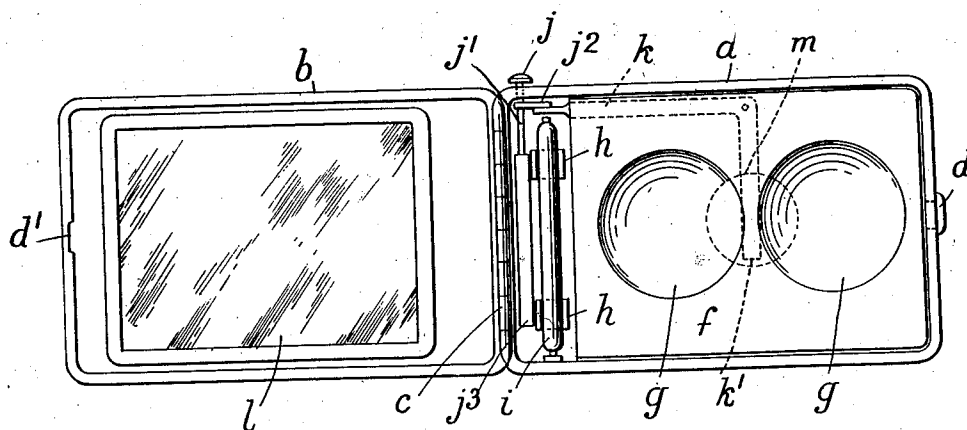
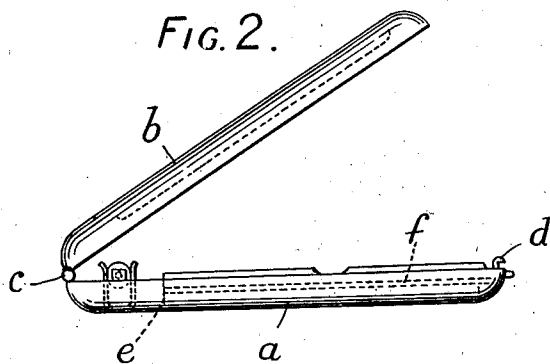


FIG. 2.



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This invention relates to ladies' vanity cases or like containers for toilet powder, or other cosmetics and has for its object to provide such cases with a convenient source of light whereby when necessary, as for example in darkened theatres or other places of entertainment, the face can be illuminated and clearly reflected by the mirror or reflector usually provided in the lid of the case.

According to this invention, the case which consists of upper and lower parts hinged together is fitted with an electric battery and lamp and with a switch for opening and closing the circuit, the battery and lamp being of small dimensions. The lower part of the case receives the battery, lamp bulb and the cosmetic receptacle, whilst the upper part forms the lid and has a reflector or mirror on the inside.

The lamp is of tubular form and is held in U-shaped clips secured to the case and is put in circuit with the battery by a spring plunger switch which presses a spring contact strip connected with one pole of the battery against one of the end contacts of the lamp, the other end contact of the lamp being held against a contact on the casing which is in electrical connection with the other pole of the battery. The battery is easily removable from the casing and can be as easily replaced when exhausted, all the necessary electrical connections being made automatically when the parts are assembled.

The invention will be better understood by reference to the accompanying drawing wherein:—

Fig. 1 is an under plan view of a preferred form of the improved vanity case in the open position.

Fig. 2 is a side view showing the case partly open.

In the construction shown the vanity case which may be composed of metal or other suitable material is of rectangular oblong shape and comprises lower and upper sections or body and lid sections *a* and *b* respectively, connected along one end by a hinge *c* and provided at the other end with spring catch or other suitable fastening means *d*, *d'*. Within the lower section or body *a* is arranged a flat

battery *e* shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2, which is retained in place by a detachable rectangular cover plate *f* of suitable insulating material having shallow depressions *g* for receiving toilet powder compact and like cosmetics. The body *a* is fitted with two U-shaped clips *h* for the reception of a tubular electric lamp *i* having contacts at opposite ends. The lamp is electrically connected with the battery *e* as and when required by pressing with the finger on a sliding or push switch *j* comprising a spring plunger *j'* arranged to slide in a tubular guide casing *j''* containing a spring not shown.

As shown, an arm *j''* on the plunger *j'* is arranged to act on a spring contact strip *k* shown in dotted lines Fig. 1 and force it against the adjacent lamp contact; the contact strip *k* is carried on the underside of the cover plate *f*, its inner end *k'* which is resilient, being pressed against the battery contact *m* when the plate *f* is inserted in position.

The upper section or lid *b* of the vanity case is fitted with a mirror *l* which can be held at any angle desired.

By the use of a battery and lamp of high efficiency and small dimensions I am able to accommodate the whole of the parts in a very shallow case, which although equipped with its own source of light will compare favourably in size and appearance with the vanity cases at present in use.

I claim:

1. A vanity case comprising upper and lower hinged shallow sections, a tubular lamp disposed transversely to the sections and at the hinged ends thereof and entirely enclosed between said sections when the sections are closed upon each other, a battery disposed within one of the sections, and a switch having operative connections to the battery and the lamp, one of the elements of the switch projecting at all times beyond said sections.

2. A vanity case comprising upper and lower hinged shallow sections, a tubular electric lamp disposed adjacent the hinged end of one of said sections and entirely enclosed within said sections when the sections are

closed, a battery disposed within one of said sections, said battery being less in depth than the depth of the section but having an area approximately the same as the interior area of said section, a switch having operative connection to the battery and to the lamp and including an operating head mounted in the section carrying the lamp and projecting at all times beyond said section, and a cosmetic carrying member extending over the battery and holding the battery in place.

3. A vanity case comprising upper and lower hinged shallow sections, a tubular electric lamp disposed in one of said sections and extending transversely thereof and disposed adjacent the hinged end thereof, a thin flat battery disposed in the same section less in depth than the depth of the section and having an area approximately that of the section, a plunger switch disposed in the hinged section and when closed operatively connecting the lamp to said battery, the plunger switch having a head disposed exteriorly of the section, and a cosmetic carrying member detachably disposed within the last named section and retaining the battery in place.

In testimony whereof she has affixed her signature.

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