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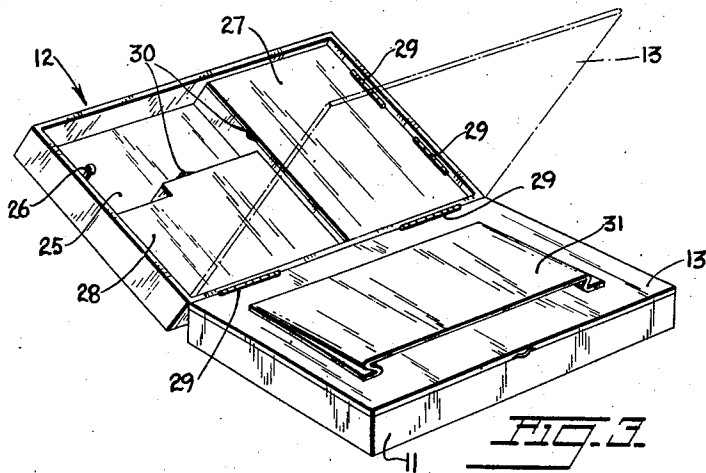
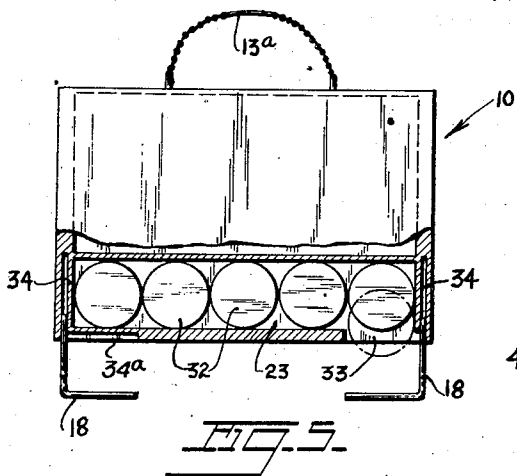
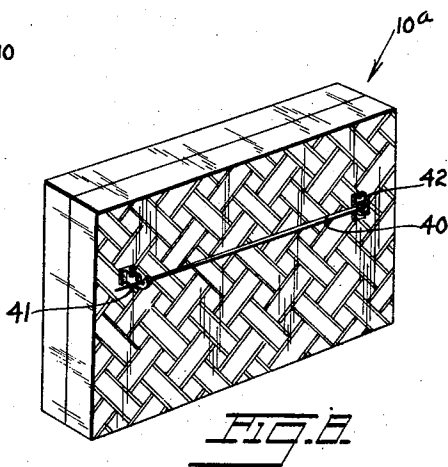
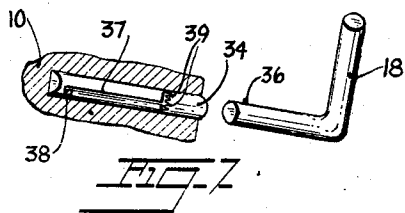
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This invention relates in general to a combination article and in particular to a combination purse.

This invention proposes a combination purse which is adapted to combine in a small and compact form a woman's handbag, compact, key-ring, change purse, and other articles commonly used. It is the purpose of this invention to provide a combination purse which is adapted to contain substantially all the articles which a woman normally carries on her person in a purse or the like.

It is a further object of this invention to provide a combination purse having in small and compact form, cosmetic supplies, a mirror, a change or money container and the like.

It is a still further object of this invention to provide in small and compact form, a miniature purse having a woman's cosmetic supplies, money carrying means, and the like adapted to be carried on the person.

Additional objects of this invention as well as its construction and use will in part be obvious and will in part become apparent from the following disclosure.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a combination article according to one form of this invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the article in Fig. 1 in the open condition.

Fig. 3 is a similar view of the article shown in the previous figures illustrating further features in its internal structure.

Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the article shown in the previous figures.

Fig. 5 is a similar view partially in section showing the position therein and the operation of a change carrying compartment.

Fig. 6 is a rear elevational view of the article shown in the previous figures.

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary enlarged view of a combination support member and change retaining member according to one form of the invention.

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of a combination article adapted to be securely fastened to the clothing of the user.

Referring to the figures in detail, there is shown a combination article generally designated

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10 comprising a relatively flat box-like container having a base 11 and a cover 12. A chain or strap is optionally secured to the container whereby it may readily be carried about.

The combination article 10 is adapted to be opened to at least two positions, one of which is shown in Fig. 2 and another is shown in Fig. 3. In the position shown in Fig. 2, the combination article comprises a complete woman's compact having a chain handle 13a, mirror 13, a powder box 14, rouge box 15, lipstick 16 and comb 17, with or without additional cosmetic preparations or articles as desired.

A pair of slidable supports 18 which will be described further hereinafter are adapted to support the mirror at a convenient angle.

A base or body 11 of the combination article 10 is optionally divided into compartments by means of an inner wall 19. One of these compartments is designed to contain comb 17 or a similar relatively long article. In the other compartment there are mounted a powder box 14, rouge box 15, lipstick 16 either in a fixed position or alternatively by means of elastic members 20 or the like whereby the articles may be removed or replaced at will. The comb 17 is positioned in compartment 21 which is shallower than compartment 21a in which the other articles are positioned. This compartment 21 has a floor 22 which is raised above the bottom of base 11 to provide a space or chamber 23 (see Fig. 6) therebelow. In this space or chamber there may be placed coins or the like as will be hereinafter described. In at least one position on floor 22, there is a small opening or hole 24 through which the inside of space 23 may be viewed, whereby it is readily determinable whether the space is empty and optionally through which the contents of the space may be counted and identified.

The cover 12 of the combination article 10 is constructed and adapted to contain articles of convenience such as keys, money, papers or the like. As shown in Fig. 3, the cover 12 is divided into an open compartment 25 having a hook 26 or the like for receiving a key ring or other similar object of similar nature. The cover 12 likewise has at least one closed compartment 27 adapted to receive paper money or papers of importance and optionally a second closed compartment 28 adapted to receive other articles such as, coins in addition to those in chamber 23, a handkerchief, pictures, address book and the like. The closed compartments have covers hingeably mounted thereby, for example by means of hinges 29 whereby they may be opened when desired. A

catch 30 may optionally be provided for locking the covers in the closed position.

The mirror 13 for the cosmetic portion of the article is mounted between the cover 12 and base 11 by means of hinges 29 or the like whereby it may be swung between the position shown in Fig. 2 and the position shown in Fig. 3. On the back of the mirror there is provided additionally a pocket 31 which likewise is adapted to contain articles in the nature of those placed in compartment 22, preferably articles of a slightly larger size.

It is readily apparent that when the combination article is opened as shown in Fig. 2, there is provided a convenient cosmetic compact. On the other hand, when the article is opened to the position shown in Fig. 3 there is provided a convenient small size purse having numerous compartments and devices adapted to receive a large number of articles conventionally carried in a handbag, wallet or the like. It is contemplated according to this invention that this combination article will substantially replace the use of a large handbag on occasions when compactness of size and lightness of weight are at a premium. For example, the combination article shown herein is an ideal evening bag, or alternatively is satisfactorily adapted to be used by women while traveling, engaged in outdoor sports, and on various formal occasions. Other uses will be obvious.

In Figs. 4 to 7 there are shown further details in connection with a coin carrying compartment in the combination article according to one form of the invention. As shown in these figures, chamber 23 is located beneath the floor 22 of compartment 21 and is adapted to receive in side-by-side position, a plurality of coins 32.

Toward one end of chamber 23 is an opening 33 to the outside of the article 10 whereby coins 32 may be removed from the article without opening cover 12. In this way small change such as carfare is readily obtainable without opening the entire article, whereby change may be obtained without danger of losing the contents of the entire article. It will be obvious of course that this is a great advantage to a woman who is on a shopping trip and cannot conveniently open her purse because of the numerous other articles she is carrying.

At each end of chamber 23 there is slidably mounted a support member 18. The support 18 comprises a rod like member having a substantially right angle bent therein and adapted to slide in a hole or slot 34 positioned adjacent the end of chamber 23. The support 18 is so mounted in slot 34 that it may be inserted into the slot with the right angle portion of the support 18 resting and being recessed in a recess 34^a in the back of the base 11. This support 18 is then adapted to be partially withdrawn from slot 34, rotated upwards so that the support 18 supports the cover 12 at substantially a 45° angle or other convenient angle with respect to the base 11. A suitable stop (see Fig. 7) is provided to prevent complete removal of support 18.

At the other end of chamber 23 there is a second support member 18 of similar shape and construction similarly mounted in a hole or slot 34. This second support member 18 is adapted to be inserted fully within the slot 34 in such a position that it rests within and closes off opening 33 through which coins 32 may be removed from chamber 23. Thus when this support 18 is fully inserted, the coin carrying chamber 23 is closed against accidental loss of the contents,

and when support 18 is withdrawn the coins 32 may readily be removed from chamber 23.

In Fig. 7 there is shown a method of controlling the position and angle of support 18 in hole 34. According to this method there is a small pin or plug 36 on the end of support 18 positioned within hole 34 and adapted to slide in a keyed slot 37. This slot 37 is cut into the side wall of hole 34 running substantially parallel with the center line of the hole and having a key or a keyed portion 38 at the inner end whereby the support may be locked into the closed position having a plurality of keyed portions 39 at the other or outer end of slot 37 whereby the support 18 may be locked in a plurality of angular positions. For example, in the closed position the support 18 will be locked in a horizontal position whereas in the open position the support 18 may in turn be locked in a horizontal position, a vertical position or intermediate positions.

It will be obvious, of course, that the resting angle of the cover 12 with respect to the base 11 will be adjusted by means of the angular position of support 18. In Fig. 8 there is shown a somewhat different form of the invention comprising a combination article of jewelry and container 10^a. The internal structure of this article is substantially similar to the internal structure described in connection with the previous figures whereby the article is adapted for use as a combination purse or the like. However, this form of the invention has an externally designed case which is adapted to function as a piece of jewelry or the like to be secured to the wearer's clothing. A pin 40 is adapted to operate with catch 41 and is mounted on a hinge 42 or the like whereby the combination article 10^a may be pinned to a dress, coat or the like.

In this modified form of the invention the owner's hands are completely free from the necessity of carrying the article and in addition, the article is part of the jewelry worn by the owner. It is apparent that the article according to this form is ideally adapted for the use of an evening bag or the like.

It will be understood that the internal arrangement and construction of the article described herein may be altered or modified without departing from the scope of this invention. For example, there may be provided compartments or cases for additional articles, or alternatively the location or the design of various articles may be changed. Numerous variations will be obvious to those skilled in the art.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. A combination article comprising a case and a cover for said case hingeably mounted together along one edge, a mirror hingeably mounted on said article along the same edge adapted to close, in turn, both the said cover and said case, a plurality of cosmetic articles removably mounted in said case, compartments in said cover for receiving and retaining small articles, a comb retaining compartment positioned in said case adjacent said hinged edge, and a chamber in said case positioned below said comb retaining

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compartment having an opening therein through the outside wall of said case whereby a plurality of coins may be inserted into and removed from said compartment.

2. A combination article comprising a case and a cover for said case hingeably mounted together along one edge, a mirror hingeably mounted on said article along the same edge adapted to close, in turn, both the said cover and said case, a plurality of cosmetic articles removably mounted in said case, compartments in said cover for receiving and retaining small articles, a comb retaining compartment positioned in said case adjacent said hinged edge, a chamber in said case positioned below said comb retaining compartment having an opening therein through the outside wall of said case whereby a plurality of coins may be inserted into and removed from said compartment, and at least one supporting member mounted in said case adapted to be moved between two positions in one of which positions it is adapted to support said cover at an angle with respect to said case and in the other of which positions it is adapted to close the opening into the coin receiving compartment.

3. A combination article comprising a case and a cover for said case hingeably mounted together along one edge, a mirror hingeably mounted on said article along the same edge adapted to close, in turn, both the said cover and said case, a plurality of cosmetic articles removably mounted in said case, compartments in said cover for receiving and retaining papers, money, keys, and other articles at the option of the user, a comb retaining compartment positioned in said case adjacent said hinged edge, a chamber in said case positioned below said comb retaining compartment having an opening therein through the outside wall of said case whereby a plurality of coins may be inserted into and removed from said compartment, and at least one supporting member mounted in said case adapted to be moved

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between two positions in one of which positions it is adapted to support said cover at an angle with respect to said case and in the other of which positions it is adapted to close the opening into the coin receiving compartment.

4. A combination article comprising a case and a cover for said case hingeably mounted together along one edge, a mirror hingeably mounted on said article along the same edge adapted to close, in turn, both the said cover and said case, a plurality of cosmetic articles removably mounted in said case, compartments in said cover for receiving and retaining papers, money, keys, and other articles at the option of the user, a comb retaining compartment positioned in said case adjacent said hinged edge, a chamber in said case positioned below said comb retaining compartment having an opening therein through the outside wall of said case whereby a plurality of coins may be inserted into and removed from said compartment, at least one supporting member mounted in said case adapted to be moved between two positions in one of which positions it is adapted to support said cover at an angle with respect to said case and in the other of which positions it is adapted to close the opening into the coin receiving compartment, and means for controlling the position of said supporting member in at least one intermediate position whereby the angle of said cover with respect to said case is adjustable.

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