

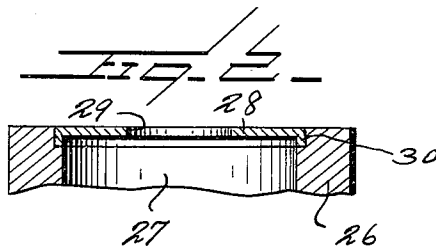
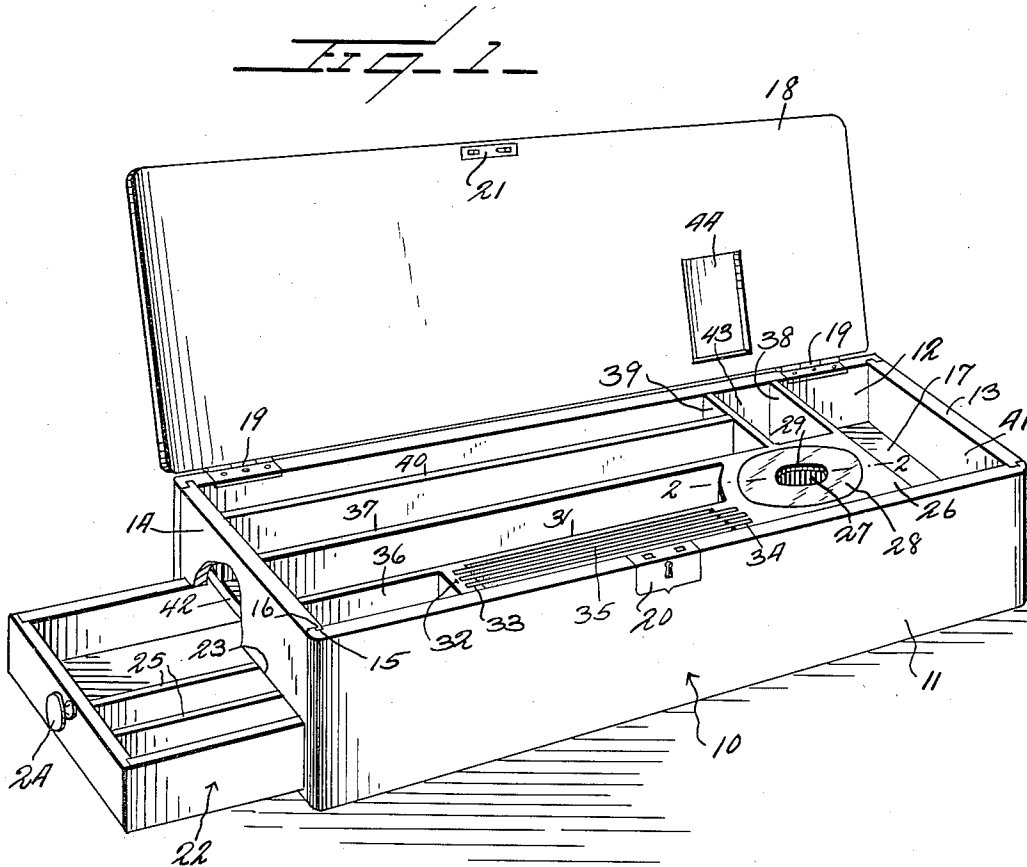
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This invention relates to compacts and more particularly to a compact for use by physicians or the like.

An object of this invention is to provide a compact which is so constructed as to hold articles for use by a physician, the different kinds of articles being positioned in separate compartments within the compact, and the articles being of a character to permit the physician to make the desired preliminary examination of the patient.

Another object of this invention is to provide a compact construction of this kind which is relatively small in size so that it can be conveniently carried by the physician in a pocket or the like and at the same time, the compact is of a construction to hold sufficient articles of different kinds so that the physician can make the desired preliminary examinations.

A further object of this invention is to provide a compact which can be manufactured out of desired material such as wood, metal or the like, which is of a relatively light weight and which will present a pleasing appearance.

The above and various other objects and advantages of this invention will in part be described and in part be understood from the following detailed description of the present preferred embodiment, the same being illustrated in the accompanying drawing wherein:—

Figure 1 is a detail perspective view of a cabinet constructed according to the preferred embodiment of this invention, showing the compact in open position.

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawing wherein like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the views, the numeral 10 designates generally a compact constructed in accordance with the preferred embodiment of this invention, which comprises side walls 11 and 12 and end walls 13 and 14. The side walls 11 and 12 are each provided adjacent the ends thereof with a groove 15 and the ends 13 and 14 are each provided at the opposite ends thereof with a tongue 16 engaging in the groove 15. The tongue 16 may be glued or otherwise secured within the groove 15. A bottom 17 is secured to the lower edges of the side walls 11 and 12 and the end walls 13 and 14.

A lid 18 is secured, as by hinges 19, to the rear side wall 12 and, in the present instance, this lid 18 is of a relatively solid construction, and is adapted to lie flat on top of the base or

box-like construction formed of the side and end walls.

A locking mechanism 20 is mounted in the front wall 11, and a locking structure 21 is carried by the lid 18 and is adapted to engage the mechanism 20 to hold the lid 18 in closed position. A drawer 22 is slidable through an opening 23 provided in the end wall 14, and this drawer 22 is slidable on the upper surface of the bottom 17. A knob 24 is secured to the front wall of the drawer 22 so that it may be pulled out of the receptacle or compact herein disclosed.

The drawer 22 is provided intermediate each side thereof with partitions 25 which, in the present instance, extend longitudinally of the drawer so that articles of different character may be positioned within the drawer 22 in a manner so that they will not contact one with another, and so that the various articles can be readily withdrawn from the drawer.

Disposed within the cabinet 10 is a block 26 positioned at a point spaced inwardly from the end wall 13, and this block 26 is provided with a recess or compartment 27. A cap or lid 28 is disposed on the top of the compartment 27 and is provided with an opening 29 so that when cotton or the like is placed in the compartment 27, it may be drawn out through the discharge opening 29. This closure or lid 28 is provided with a depending flange 30 extending downwardly into the compartment 27 so as to removably hold the closure 28 in position on the block 26.

A partition 31 is formed with the block 26 and extends in a direction parallel to the front wall 11, and is spaced inwardly a desired distance from this front wall so as to provide an article receiving compartment between the outer face of this partition 31 and the confronting face of the front wall 11.

A dividing wall 32 is secured to the partition 31 at a point intermediate the ends of this partition and this dividing wall 32 is provided with a plurality of vertically extending and inwardly opening grooves 33 and, in like manner, the confronting side of the block 26 is provided with a plurality of vertically extending grooves 34 for slidably receiving slide members 35 in the form of plates of glass or the like.

These plates of glass are adapted to receive specimens on one face thereof for analysis by the physician in his laboratory, and by spacing the grooves 33 and 34 apart, the specimen holders 35 will be maintained out of contact one with another.

The dividing wall 32 not only divides the front

compartment between the partition 31 and the front wall 11 into a glass receiving compartment, but also a relatively small compartment 36, which is adapted to receive small articles such as hypodermic needles or the like.

A second or inner partition 37 is secured at one end to the block 26 and is spaced inwardly from the front partition 31, and the opposite end of the partition 37 engages the end wall 14. A pair of rearwardly extending partitions 38 and 39 are secured at one end to the block 26 and the opposite ends of the lateral partitions 38 and 39 engage against the rear wall 12. A rear partition 40 is secured at one end to the partition 39 and the opposite end engages the end wall 14. The partition 38 is preferably in alinement with the adjacent edge of the block 26 so that an end compartment 41 is provided within which a container may be disposed for holding the hypodermic syringe or the like.

The compartments formed by the partitions 31, 32, 37 and 40, are adapted to receive various kinds of articles used by a physician in making a preliminary examination of the patient, and these partitions may be spaced apart the desired distance so as to hold the desired number of articles for making of the preliminary examination.

It will be obvious from the foregoing that any desired number of partitions may be disposed within the compact 10, and I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the particular number and size of compartments herein disclosed.

An inner or false bottom 42 is provided within the compact 10 above the drawer 22 so that the articles placed in the upper compartments will not drop into the drawer 22. Preferably, the depth of the bottle compartment 43 provided between the rearwardly extending partitions 38 and 39 is of a depth such that several bottles containing antiseptic fluids may be placed therein and the lid 18 is provided with a recess 44 of a depth to engage about the tops of the antiseptic bottles or containers within the compartment 43, so that the depth of the compact 10 can be reduced to the smallest size consistent with the size of the articles and number of articles which it is desired to place in this compact.

It is, of course, understood that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of

construction and design of the above specifically described embodiment of this invention without departing from the spirit thereof, such changes and modifications being restricted only by the scope of the following claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. A compact comprising a member having front, rear, end and bottom walls, a block in the member between the ends thereof and having a chamber therein, an apertured cover engaging the top of said chamber, a pair of rearwardly extending partitions extending in spaced relation to each other between the block and the rear wall, a pair of longitudinally extending and spaced apart partitions disposed between the block and an end wall and disposed in inwardly spaced relation to the front wall, an intermediate partition between the outermost of said longitudinal partitions and the front wall, said intermediate partition having a plurality of grooves in the side thereof confronting the block, and the block having a plurality of grooves confronting said first grooves, a plurality of plates removably engaging in said grooves of said intermediate partition and said block, and a hinged lid secured to one of the walls.

2. A compact, comprising a member having front, rear, end and bottom walls, a block in the member between the ends thereof and having a chamber therein, an apertured cover engaging the top of said chamber, a pair of rearwardly extending partitions extending in spaced relation to each other between the block and the rear wall, a pair of longitudinally extending and spaced apart partitions disposed between the block and an end wall and disposed in inwardly spaced relation to the front wall and an intermediate partition between the outermost of said longitudinal partitions and the front wall, said intermediate partition having a plurality of grooves in the side thereof confronting the block and the block having a plurality of grooves confronting said first grooves, a plurality of plates removably engaging in said grooves of said intermediate partition and said block, and a hinged lid secured to one of the walls and provided on its inner side with a recess overlying the space between the rearwardly extending partitions.

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