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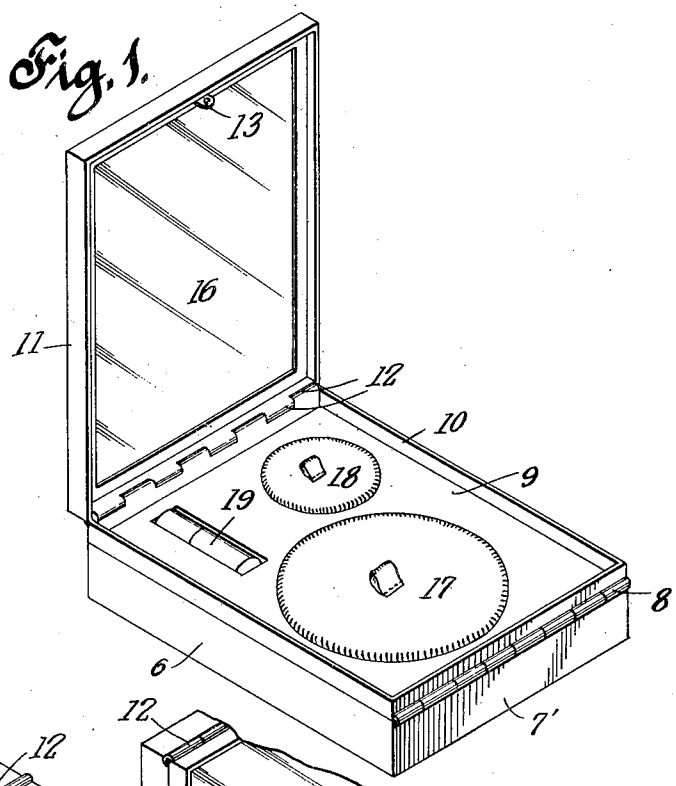



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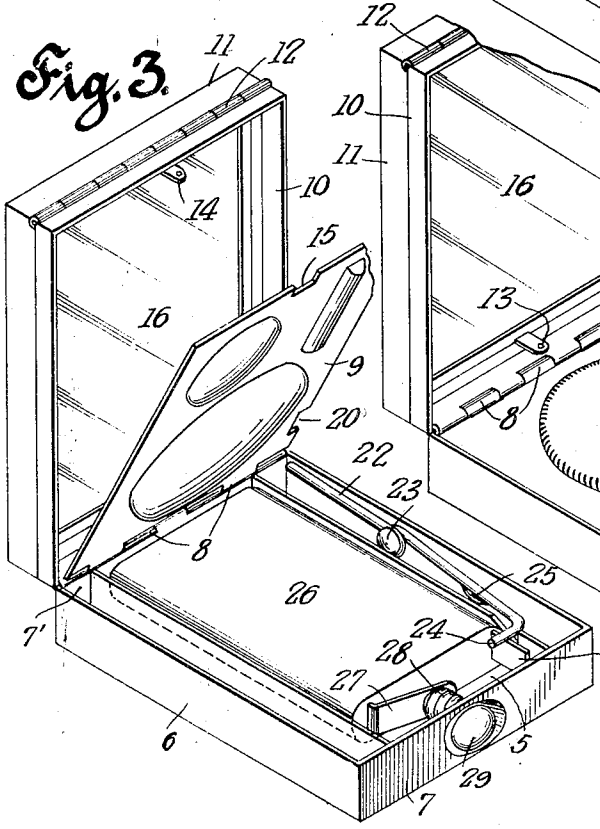
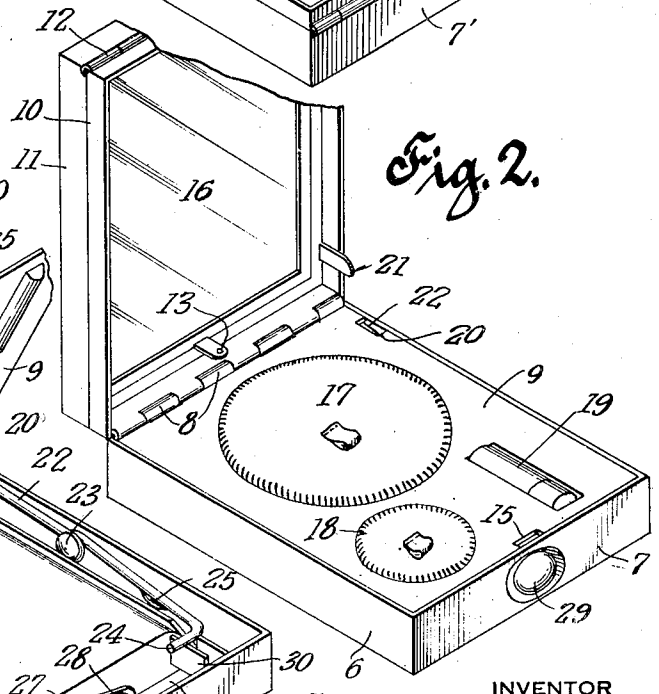



Fig. 2.




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This invention relates to containers and more particularly to types adapted for carrying useful articles for the toilets of women, sometimes called vanity cases.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a neat, compact sectional container provided with means for retaining the more common articles of toilet accessories in definite fixed positions attainable in a convenient manner when required for use.

A further feature is in the provision of a mirror by means of which the user is enabled to visualize the results of the applications.

Another aim is to provide a container of the foregoing type with a lighting means, normally concealed within its body and caused to glow automatically upon raising one of the compartments hinged therein, the light being arranged to extend its rays on the part to which application is being made so that the same may be clearly observed in the mirror.

These and other advantageous objects are attained by the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and shown in the accompanying drawing, forming a material part of this disclosure, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an embodiment of the invention with the mirror carrying cover raised and articles disposed in position for access.

Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same, the container being reversed with respect to its ends and the light control frame shown raised, indicating the illuminating feature is in operation.

Fig. 3 is another perspective view showing the light source in the body of the container, the compartment and partition being raised.

Stated in general terms the device consists of a box like structure, an oblong rectangle in shape, composed of a body having a bottom 5, raised sides 6 and ends 7—7'.

Attached by double hinges 8 to the rear end wall 7' is a plate 9 and also a thin rectangular frame 10 of the same dimensions as the body on which it normally rests.

A cover 11 is attached to the opposite end of the frame, on its upper side, by a hinge 12 and is provided with a spring clip 13 containing an indentation to engage an inreaching detent formed in the frame.

A similar clip 14 is carried by the opposite end of the frame to pass through a notch 15 in the plate 9 and engage a detent on the end 7 of the body.

Fixed on the inner side of the cover is a mirror 16, protected by the raised side and end walls of the cover, which conforms to the dimensions of the frame and body.

The plate 9, carried by the hinge 8, is fitted to swing freely within the frame and body, and is provided with recessed seats to receive such ordinary toilet articles as the container may be fitted within, as for instance a powder puff 17, rouge puff 18, lip stick 19, etc., etc.

In addition to the notch 15 in the plate 9 is a side notch 20 through which may pass a lug 21 rigidly carried by one side of the frame 10, the outer end of this lug, when the frame is closed upon the body, making contact with one end 22 of a lever pivoted on one of the side walls of the body on a stud 23, the other end of the lever being inbent, as at 24 and is tilted normally downward by a counterweight 25.

Disposed within the body of the container, on the bottom 5, is an electric battery 26 having one terminal 27 carrying a socket 28 in which may be received the plug of a lamp 29, set in an opening in the end wall 7 and grounded therein.

The other pole of the battery has a terminal 30 insulated from the casing and so positioned as to receive the lever arm 24 when tilted downwardly, as seen in Fig. 3.

Current from the battery passes through terminal 27, socket 28 to one pole of the lamp, returning from the other pole through end wall 7, side wall 6, stud 23, lever arm 24 and terminal 30 to battery.

Obviously, when the frame is in position on the body, the lug 21 rests on the lever arm 22, breaking the circuit between elements 24 and 30.

It will be apparent that rays from the lamp are directed outwardly when required and that the open frame 10 does not obstruct

the mirror when raised, while the plate 9 provides means for maintaining toilet articles in a convenient manner.

The foregoing disclosure is to be regarded as descriptive and illustrative only, and not as restrictive or limitative of the invention, of which obviously an embodiment may be constructed including many modifications without departing from the general scope herein indicated and denoted in the appended claims.

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

1. A cosmetic container comprising a body, a cover and an open frame hinged to the body, an electric battery in said body, a lamp bulb set in the walls of the body in circuit with said battery, a lever controlling the circuit and normally closing the same, and means carried by said frame to actuate said lever, said frame being separately hinged to the body and to the cover to permit raising the cover either with or without the frame and thus selectively completing the circuit to the lamp.

2. A cosmetic container comprising a body, a cover and an open frame, said frame being separately hinged to the body and to the cover to permit raising the cover either with or without the frame, an electric battery in said body, a lamp bulb set in the walls of the body in circuit with said battery, a weighted lever normally closing the circuit, said lever being pivoted in the interior of said body, a lug on said frame to tilt said lever breaking the circuit when the frame is folded over the body, and a cover plate hinged to said body below said frame.

Signed at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, this 12th day of June, 1930.

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