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SHOPPING AND TOILET CASE.

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FIG. 1.

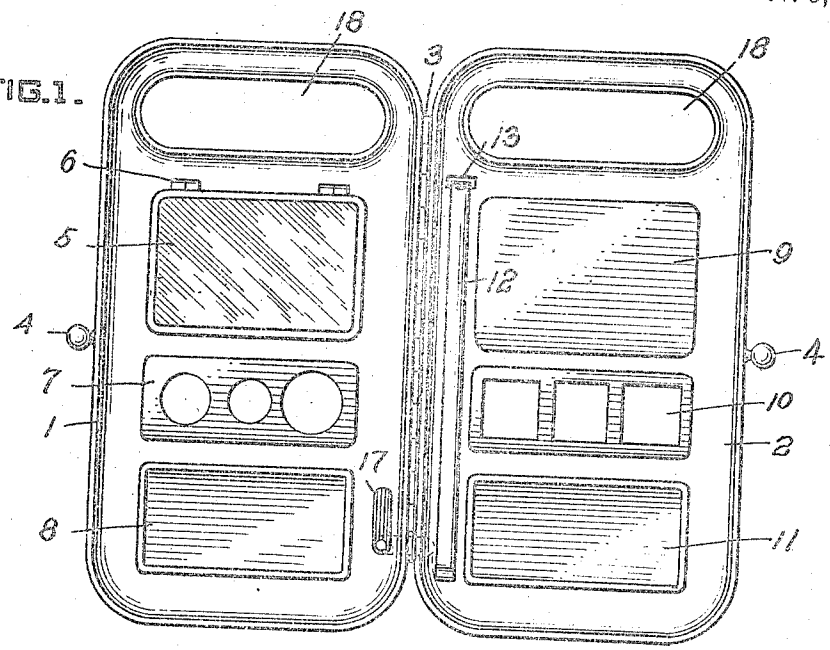


FIG. 4.

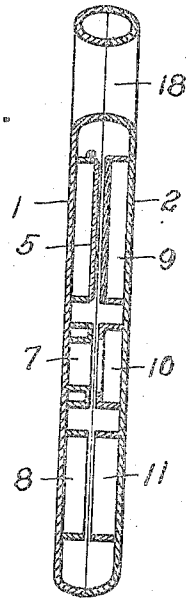


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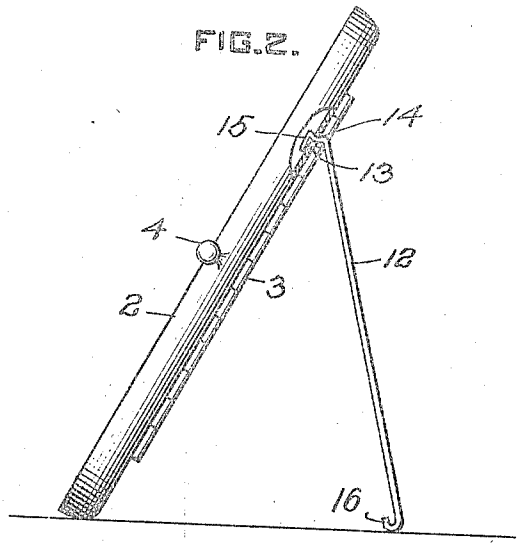
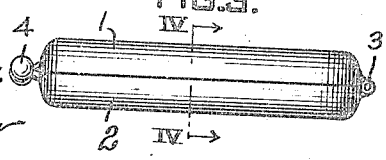


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD W. McCARROLL, residing at Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, a citizen of the United States, have invented or discovered certain new and useful Improvements in Shopping and Toilet Cases, of which improvements the following is a specification.

My invention relates to shopping and toilet cases such as are carried by ladies and which usually contain a mirror and pockets or compartments for coins, cards, rouges, toilet powder, etc. Such cases usually comprise two substantially flat members having adjacent edges hinged together so that the case may open or close like a suit case or similar article.

One object of my invention is to provide a shopping and toilet case of the character described, which, when opened, may be supported and held in a substantially upright position so that the mirror may, without holding the case by hand, be in a suitable position for convenient use. A further object is to so construct such cases that when carried by their handles they may not be accidentally opened, and further, so that they cannot be stolen by cutting the handles.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, which forms part of my specification, I have illustrated the preferred embodiment of my invention. Figure 1 is a face view of the interior of the case when opened; Fig. 2 a side view of the case when opened and supported in an upright position, a portion of the case being broken away to illustrate a detail of construction; Fig. 3 an end view of the case when closed; and Fig. 4 a sectional view taken on the line IV—IV, Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawings, the two case members 1 and 2, which may be of any desired shape but which are preferably substantially rectangular, are hinged together as at 3, and are provided with spring locking clasps 4. The interior of the case may be arranged in any suitable manner. In the illustrative embodiment of my invention the case member 1 is provided with a mirror 5 hinged as at 6 so that a chamois or rouge cloth may be placed back of it, a coin holder 7 of any well known or desired construction, and a note pocket 8; while the member 2 is provided with a card holder 9, a rouge and powder holder 10 and a note pocket 11.

When, in using such shopping and toilet cases as heretofore constructed, a lady desires to arrange her toilet, it is necessary for her to hold the case in such position that the mirror may be viewed, and this leaves but one hand free to perform the desired toilet. To the end that the case may, when open, be supported in upright position upon a table, mantle, etc., I provide a foot, which is normally concealed, but which may be moved to a position for thus holding the case. While such foot may be variously constructed and arranged, it preferably comprises a rigid strip 12 adapted to move longitudinally through a suitable opening 13 through one member of the case. As shown in Fig. 2, the upper end of the foot is provided with a groove 14 in which the upper edge of the opening 13 rests when the foot is withdrawn, and with a tongue 15 to prevent the foot from being entirely withdrawn from the case. The lower end is provided with an enlargement 16 to prevent the foot from being withdrawn in the opposite direction. Normally, the foot lies concealed within the case, as indicated in Fig. 1. When it is desired to support the case in upright position it is only necessary to slide the foot through the opening 13 and arrange it in the position indicated in Fig. 2.

That the case may not swing shut when supported in upright position, means are provided to hold it open. Although various means may be used for this purpose, I preferably provide a tongue 17 pivoted to one member of the case and adapted to be swung from its normal full line position, as indicated in Fig. 1, to its dotted line position for holding the case open.

It occasionally happens that shopping cases of the general character contemplated herein are stolen by thieves cutting the handles while the cases are being carried. To largely if not entirely eliminate the possibility of a case being thus stolen, I continue the rigid frame portion of the case members through the handles. In the construction shown herein the case members are preferably formed of pressed metal, which may, if desired, be covered with leather or other suitable material, and, in these rigid frame members, there are formed elongate slots 18, which, when the case is closed, register with each other and form a handle. Thus the case can not be cut from the handle without cutting the rigid frame of the case, which would be difficult to accomplish with-

out detection. Furthermore, when carried, the case is held closed independently of the spring clasps 4.

According to the provisions of the patent statutes, I have described the principle and operation of my invention together with the construction which I now consider to represent the best embodiment thereof. However, I desire to have it understood that my invention may be practised with other forms of construction than that particularly shown and described.

I claim as my invenion:

1. A shopping and toilet case comprising in combination a pair of rigid members hinged together, one of said members being provided with an opening, and a foot normally concealed within said case, but removable through such opening to a position for supporting the case in upright position.

2. A shopping and toilet case comprising in combination a pair of rigid members hinged together and provided interiorly with a mirror and toilet article holders, one of said members being provided with an opening adjacent to its hinged edge, and a foot normally concealed within said case but removable through such opening to a position for supporting the case in an upright position.

3. A shopping case comprising a pair of members hinged together at one edge and each including in its structure a rigid frame, each member being provided adjacent to an edge thereof with an elongate slot, which slots, when the case is closed, register with each other and form a handle for the case, said rigid frames being continuous throughout said handles.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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