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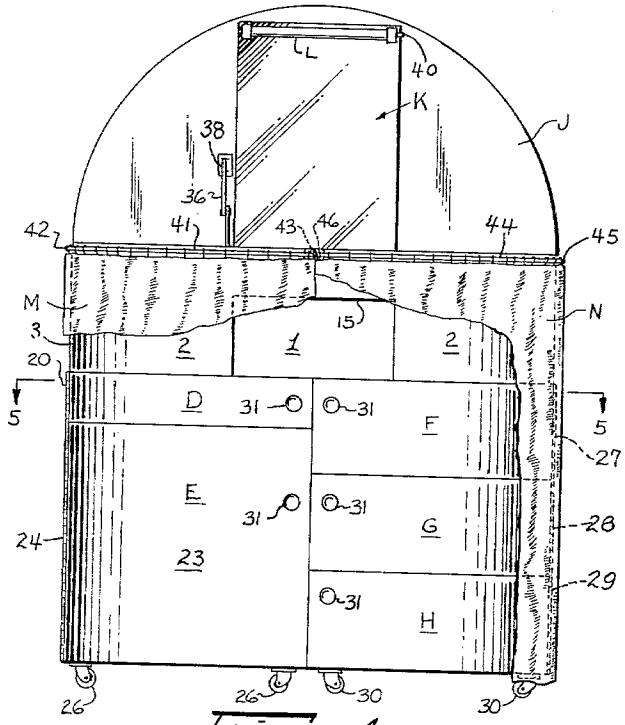


Fig. 1

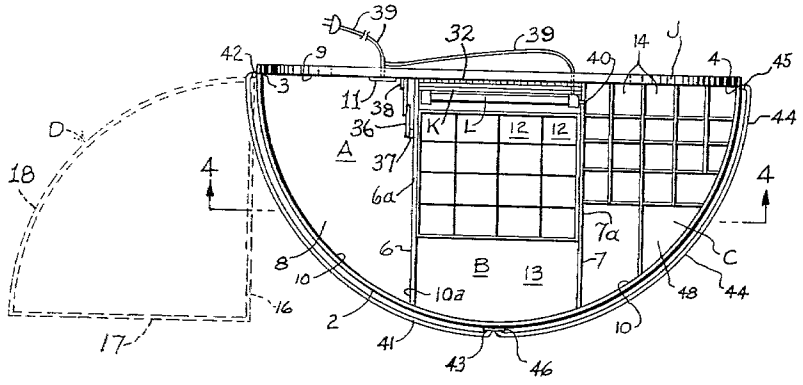


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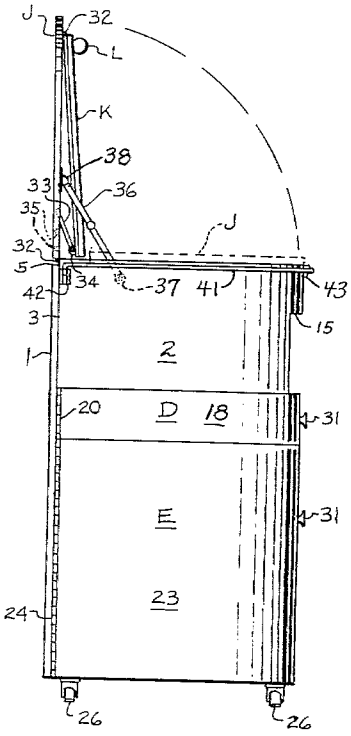


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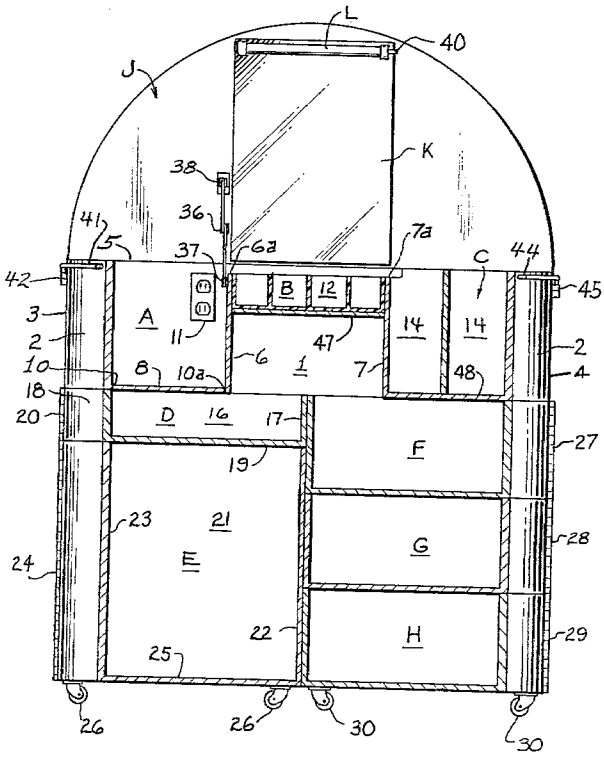


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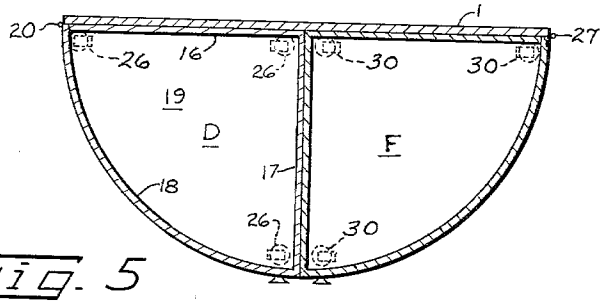


Fig. 5

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The present invention relates to improvements in a portable vanity cabinet for women, and it consists in the combination, construction and arrangement of parts as hereinafter described and claimed.

An object of my invention is to provide a portable vanity cabinet for women that has a flat rear wall and a semi-circular front wall. The flat rear wall permits the vanity to be placed adjacent to the wall of a room. The top area of the vanity bounded by the upper portion of the rear wall and the semi-circular front wall is divided into three compartments. The middle compartment is of less depth than the two end compartments and the semi-circular front wall has a central recess in its lower portion whose side edges are spaced the same distance apart as the sides of the central compartment and whose upper edge lies in the same plane as the bottom wall for the central compartment. The left hand compartment houses a hair dryer, the central compartment is divided into receptacles for receiving bobby pins, paper clips, etc., and the right hand compartment receives hair spray, shampoo, etc.

Under the three top compartments, the vanity is divided into two tiers of drawers that are quadrant-shaped. The left hand tier comprises two drawers. The upper one holds hair curlers and the lower one is large enough to hold a wig. The right hand tier comprises three drawers. The top one holds a manicuring and nail polishing set. The middle one holds cosmetics and Kleenex and the bottom one holds miscellaneous items. The left hand drawers are hinged at the left hand edge of the rear wall and the right hand drawers are hinged at the right hand edge of the rear wall. Both sets of drawers can be individually swung outwardly into open position for giving access to the drawers and for providing space under the top three compartments for permitting the one using the vanity to sit in a chair and place her legs under the compartments. Caster rollers or wheels support the bottom of the vanity and make it portable. The front of the vanity is covered by curtains.

The top of the vanity is closed by a hinged cover that can be raised into open position for giving access to the three compartments. A mirror is placed on the inner surface of the cover and when the cover is raised the hinged mirror can be swung into the desired angular position for use. An electric light is placed at the top of the mirror for illumination.

The left hand compartment has a double electric outlet which permits an electric hair dryer and an electric manicuring set to be used at the same time. It is possible to provide three drawers in the left hand tier of drawers instead of two and these would be the same as the right hand tier of three drawers. The vanity thus equipped would be like a "twin vanity" and permit one person to use the left hand tier of three drawers and another person to use the right hand tier of drawers .

Other objects and advantages will appear as the specification continues. The novel features of the invention will be set forth in the appended claims.

DRAWINGS

For a better understanding of my invention, reference should be made to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a front elevation of the portable vanity with the cover in open position and the two curtains

shown partly broken away in order to show the front of the vanity.

FIGURE 2 is a top plan view of FIGURE 1, and shows by dash lines one of the hinged drawers swung into open position.

FIGURE 3 is a side elevation of FIGURE 1 and shows the hinged mirror swung at an angle to the plane of the cover.

FIGURE 4 is a vertical transverse section and is taken along the line 4—4 of FIGURE 2.

FIGURE 5 is a horizontal section through the vanity and is taken along the line 5—5 of FIGURE 1.

While I have shown only the preferred form of my invention, it should be understood that various changes, or modifications, may be made within the scope of the annexed claims without departing from the spirit thereof.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

In carrying out my invention, I provide a portable vanity for women that comprises a rear wall 1 and a semi-circular front wall 2, see FIGURES 2, 3 and 5. The rear wall is preferably twenty-nine inches high and thirty-four inches wide although I do not wish to be confined to any exact measurement. The semi-circular front wall 2 has its ends 3 and 4 secured to the side edges of the rear wall 1 and adjacent to the top edge 5 of the rear wall.

Forwardly extending partitions 6 and 7 have their rear edges secured to the inner surface of the rear wall 1 and their front edgees secured to the inner surface of the semi-circular wall 2, see FIGURE 2. The partitions 6 and 7 are arranged parallel to each other and are spaced about ten inches apart. A left hand bottom wall 8, see FIGURES 2 and 4 has its straight rear edge 9 secured to the inner surface of the rear wall 1 and it has its arcuate front edge 10 secured to the lower edge of the semi-circular front wall 2. The right hand edge 10*a* of the bottom wall 8 is secured to the lower edge of the partition 6, see FIGURE 4.

Between the parallel partitions 6 and 7, I mount a lower wall 47 that is disposed at a higher level than the bottom wall 8. The lower wall 47 extends from the inner surface of the rear wall 1 up to the inner surface of the semi-circular front wall 2. The front wall 2 has a recess 15 whose width equals the distance between the parallel portions 6 and 7. The upper edge of the recess 15 coincides with the forward edge of the lower central wall 47.

A right hand bottom wall 48, see FIGURES 2 and 4 has its straight rear edge secured to the inner surface of the rear wall 1 and it has its arcuate front edge secured to the lower edge of the semi-circular front wall 2. The left hand edge of the bottom wall 48 is secured to the lower edge of the partition 7.

It will be seen from this construction that I provide three compartment areas indicated at A, B and C, see FIGURES 2 and 4. The compartment area A is bounded on one side by the partition 6 and the rear of the compartment is formed by a portion of the rear wall 1. The compartment A also has a portion of the semi-circular front wall 2 and includes a bottom wall 8. The rear wall of the compartment A is preferably twelve inches wide and the length of the partition 6 is preferably fifteen inches long. The depth of the compartment A is eight inches. The compartment A is designed to receive an electric hair dryer, not shown. The rear wall of the compartment has an electric outlet plug 11 and this plug preferably has two electric outlets, see FIGURES 2 and 4. I do not wish to be confined to the exact measurements given for the compartment A.

The central compartment B is bounded by the parallel

partitions 6 and 7 which are preferably fifteen inches long. The partitions are spaced about ten inches apart. The bottom of the compartment B is the bottom wall 47. The compartment B is divided into a plurality of receptacles for receiving bobby pins, end papers, clips, etc. These receptacles are indicated at 12 in FIGURES 2 and 4. A front receptacle 13 in the central compartment B has a length equal to the distance between the parallel partitions 6 and 7 and this compartment is designed to receive a brush and comb, not shown. The receptacles 12 and the front receptacle 13 are of less depth than the depth of the compartment A.

The compartment C is of the same shape as the compartment A and this compartment is divided into receptacles 14 for receiving hair spray, shampoo, creme rinse, tints, home permanents, etc. It will be seen from FIGURE 1, that the semi-circular front wall 2 has the recess 15 formed therein and this is to provide leg room for the person using the portable vanity. The depth of the compartment C is the same as that for the compartment A and the bottom wall 48 for the compartment C is on the same level as the bottom wall 8 for the compartment A.

I provide a plurality of hinged drawers on both sides of the vanity and mount these drawers under the compartments A, B and C. Two drawers D and E are provided on the left hand side of the vanity. The drawer D has a rear wall 16, a center wall 17 and an arcuate front wall 18, see FIGURES 4 and 5. The drawer D has a bottom wall 19. This drawer is provided to hold hair curlers and it is hinged to the left hand edge of the rear wall 1 by a hinge 20, see FIGURES 1, 3, 4 and 5. The rear wall 16 of the drawer has a length equal to half the width of the rear wall 1 of the vanity. The drawers D and E can be swung outwardly as shown by the dash lines of FIGURE 2 so that their rear walls 16 and 21 will extend at right angles to the rear wall 1 of the vanity. This will permit the person to have access to the drawer D and at the same time will provide leg room under the compartment A, when the person uses the device.

The lower drawer E is shown in FIGURES 1, 3 and 4 and this drawer is deep so as to be able to hold a wig, not shown. The drawer E has the rear wall 21, an inner wall 22 and an arcuate shaped front wall 23, see FIGURE 4. The drawer E is hinged at 24 along the left hand edge of the rear wall 1. The bottom wall 25 of the drawer is provided with caster wheels 26 for supporting the drawer in closed or open position. Three caster wheels are provided, see FIGURE 5. Two of them are disposed near the two sides of the rear wall 21 for the drawer E and the third is placed near the front of the center wall 22. All three casters support the bottom wall 25. The caster wheels will also support the left hand side of the rear wall 1 through the connecting hinge 24 between the drawer E and the rear wall. In this way the three casters support the left hand side of the vanity.

On the right hand side of the vanity, I provide a plurality of additional drawers F, G, H. These drawers have inner walls, rear walls and arcuate front walls. In addition each of the three drawers has a bottom wall. The drawer F is hinged at 27 to the right hand edge of the rear wall 1. In like manner the drawer G is hinged at 28 and the drawer H is hinged at 29 to the right hand edge of the rear wall 1. The bottom drawer H is supported by three casters 30 and these casters will support the drawer either in closed or opened position. The casters in turn support the right hand side of the rear wall 1 through the hinge 29 that connects the drawer H to the rear wall.

The drawers D through H inclusive may be provided with knobs or handles 31 by means of which the drawers are swung into open position. When all of the drawers are swung into open position in the manner shown by the dash lines for the drawer D in FIGURE 2, then the vanity will be provided with an open space whose top is bounded by the bottom walls 8, 47 and 48 of the compartments A, B and C. The space is large enough to permit the legs of a person using the vanity to be received. The drawers F will receive a manicure and nail polishing set, etc, The drawer G will receive cosmetics and Kleenex while the drawer H is for miscellaneous items.

If desired, the two left hand drawers D and E can be changed to three drawers like the drawers F, G and H. This would provide a "twin vanity" in which both sets of drawers would be alike. Such a "twin vanity" could be shared by two persons such as two girls.

The vanity is provided with a hinged cover J that is semi-circular in shape. The cover is hinged at 32 to the top edge 5 of the rear wall 1, see FIGURE 3. The central part of the cover is provided with a mirror K, see FIGURE 4, and this mirror is hinged at its uper edge to the inner surface of the cover. The hinge is shown at 32 in FIGURE 3. It is possible to swing the lower edge of the mirror outwardly from the adjacent inner surface of the cover so that the person using the vanity can incline the mirror K at the desired angle. The mirror is provided with an arm 33 and one end of the arm is pivoted at 34 at the lower end of the mirror. The free end of the arm 33 is removably received in any one of a desired number of recesses 35 provided on the inner surface of the cover J. In this simple manner the mirror can be held at the desired angle with respect to the cover when the latter is in open position.

The cover may be held in open position by a jointed link 36 or the like, shown in FIGURES 3 and 4. One end of the link is pivotally secured at 37 to the partition 6 and the other end of the link is pivoted at 38 to the inner surface of the cover J. The pivoted link 36 will swing into a collapsed position when the cover J is swung the full line open position shown in FIGURE 3 into the closed dash line position shown in the same figure.

I provide a source of illumination such as a fluorescent light L and this light is placed at the top of the mirror K as shown in FIGURES 1, 2, 3 and 4. An electric cord 39 shown in FIGURE 2 leads from an electric outlet, not shown, and connects with the electric outlet plug 11 in the compartment A and with the light L. The light L has a switch 40 shown in FIGURES 2 and 4 by means of which the light L can be turned on or off. The front central receptacle 13 shown in FIGURE 2 that is bounded by the partitions 6 and 7 provides sufficient space for receiving the light L when the cover J is swung into closed position. Also the upper edges 6*a* and 7*a* of the parallel partitions 6 and 7 are spaced below the upper edge of the semi-circular front wall 2 so that space will be provided for receiving the mirror K when the cover J is closed. In the closing of the cover, the arm 33 for the mirror is first removed from one of the recesses 35 and then the arm is swung into the plane of the mirror. Then the mirror is swung into a position paralleling the plane of the cover J. The mirror and the light L as well as the jointed link 36 will be concealed by the cover J when the latter is in closed position.

I provide two skirts or curtains for concealing the front of the vanity when the drawers D to H inclusive are all closed. In FIGURES 1 to 4, I show an arcuate-shaped rod 41 for supporting a curtain or skirt M, see FIGURE 1. One end of the rod 41 is hinged at 42 near the left hand edge 3 of the semi-circular front wall 2 of the vanity, see FIGURE 3. The front end of the arcuate rod 41 is removably received in a socket at 43, see FIGURE 2. This construction permits the rod 41 which parallels the upper arcuate edge of the semi-circular front wall 2 to be swung outwardly when the person using the vanity wishes to gain access to one of the drawers D or E and to swing these outwardly or to merely make use of the vanity.

In like manner a second arcuate rod 44 has one end pivoted at 45 to the right hand end of the front arcuate wall 2. This rod supports a second curtain or skirt N shown in FIGURE 1. The free end of the arcuate rod 44 is removably received in a second socket 46 and this

arcuate rod may be swung into open position for moving the curtain or skirt N away from the front of the vanity when a person wishes to use the vanity or to open any one of the drawers F, G and H.

OPERATION

From the foregoing description of the various parts of the device, the operation thereof may be readily understood. The vanity is shown in closed position in FIGURE 1 and the curtains M and N have been cut away to illustrate the semi-circular front wall 2 and the drawers D through H inclusive. The cover J is shown in raised or open position. When the vanity is used, the drawers D thorugh H inclusive are preferably swung into open position and the arcuate rods 41 and 44 are also swung into open position so that a person may sit in front of the vanity and have the drawers D and E disposed on one side and the drawers F through H disposed on the other side. The mirror K can be adjusted at the desired angle and the arm 33 will hold the mirror in its adjusted position. The jointed link 36 will also hold the cover J in open position.

The person has access to all of the compartments A, B and C and also has access to all of the drawers D through H inclusive. The caster wheels 26 and 30 make the device portable and these wheels will support the drawers E and H whether in closed or open position and the drawers in turn will support the rear wall 1 through their hinges 24 and 29. If desired additional wheels may be provided at the lower edge of the rear wall 1 in order to support it.

The double outlet socket 11 permits different electric units to be used and the light L will afford the proper illumination. The drawers D through H inclusive are provided with catches, not shown, for holding them in closed position. The double electric plug 11 in the compartment A permits the use of the electric hair dryer and the electric manicuring set at the same time.

I claim:

1. In a portable vanity:
(a) a rear flat vertical wall;
(b) a semi-circular front wall having its ends secured to the two vertical edges of the rear wall; the central portion of the front wall having a recess therein bounded by the upper and side edges;
(c) parallel partitions spaced apart and extending from the rear wall to the front wall and having their front edges placed adjacent to the side edges of said recess;
(d) a first quadrant-shaped horizontal bottom wall extending from the rear wall and having an edge placed adjacent to the lower edge of one of the partitions, this same edge having an end placed adjacent to the lower end of the recess side edge disposed closest to said bottom wall;
(e) a middle horizontal bottom wall extending from the rear wall and having parallel sides secured to the parallel partitions; the front edge of said middle bottom wall lying adjacent to the upper edge of said recess; said middle bottom wall being at a higher elevation than said quadrant-shaped bottom wall; and

(f) a second quadrant-shaped horizontal bottom wall extending from the rear wall and having an edge placed adjacent to the lower edge of the other partition, this same edge having an end placed adjacent to the lower end of the recess side edge disposed closest to said second named quadrant-shaped bottom wall; said second quadrant-shaped bottom wall lying in the same plane as said first quadrant-shaped bottom wall.

2. The combination as set forth in claim 1: and in which
(a) a cover is hinged to the top of said rear wall and is adapted to close the area bounded by said rear wall and said semi-circular front wall;
(b) a mirror carried by the inner surface of said cover; the width of the mirror being substantially equal to the distance between said parallel partitions; and
(c) a light associated with said mirror; said light and mirror being received between said parallel partitions when said cover is closed.

3. A portable vanity comprising:
(a) a rear flat vertical wall;
(b) a semi-circular front wall having its ends secured to the two vertical edges of the rear wall; the central portion of the front wall having a recess therein bounded by upper and side edges;
(c) parallel and spaced apart partitions dividing the area bounded by the rear wall and the front wall into three compartments;
(d) bottom walls for the side compartments and lying in the same plane;
(e) a central bottom wall lying at a higher elevation than the other two bottom walls and extending between said partitions, the front edge of said central bottom wall being positioned adjacent to the upper edge of said recess;
(f) two tiers of quadrant-shaped drawers positioned below said front wall and hinged to the two side edges of said rear wall so as to be swingable into open position for gaining access to the drawers and for also providing space under said front wall for the legs of a person using the vanity; and
(g) casters for supporting the bottom drawers in each tier whether the drawers are open or closed; said casters making said vanity portable.

4. The combination as set forth in claim 3, and in which
(a) a cover is hinged to the top of said rear wall and is adapted to cover said three compartments when said cover is in closed position.

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