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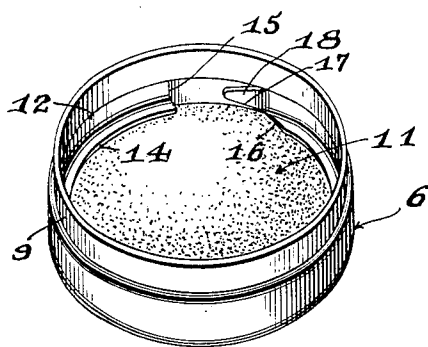
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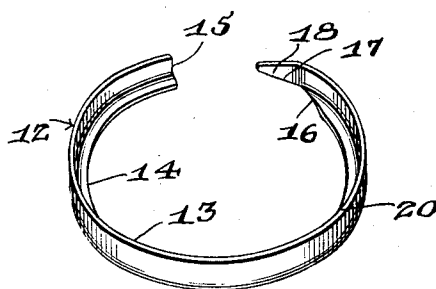
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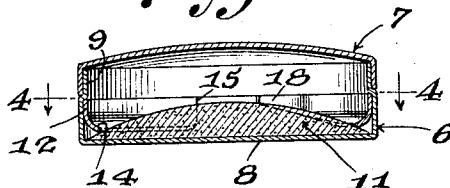
*Fig. 1.*



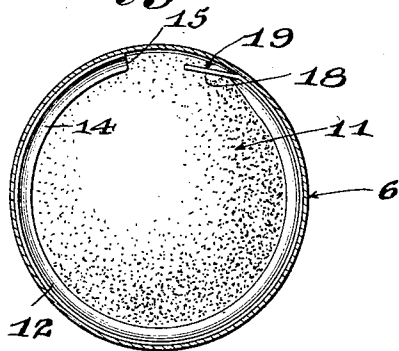
*Fig. 2.*



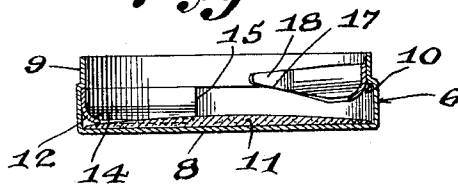
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*



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## VANITY CASE OR COMPACT

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This invention relates to improvements in vanity cases or compacts and more particularly to novel means for holding a cosmetic disk or cake within such a container.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a simple inexpensive and easily manipulated device for holding a cosmetic cake in a vanity case of the circular body type.

Another object is to combine with a vanity case body having an annular internal shoulder, a split ring of novel construction adapted to cooperate with the body for holding a cosmetic cake in position, and provided at one end with a specially shaped nose adapted to be grasped by the operator for the purpose of removing the ring when it is desired to replace a worn or exhausted cake with a new or fresh one.

With the foregoing objects outlined and with other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in the novel features hereinafter described in detail, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawing:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the body of a vanity case and showing my improved retaining ring arranged therein and holding a cosmetic cake in position.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the retaining ring per se.

Fig. 3 is a diametrical vertical sectional view of the structure shown in Fig. 1, with the cover or cap of the case in position.

Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a view like Fig. 3, with the cap removed and with one end of the split ring in raised position to show the manner in which it may be removed.

In the drawing 6 indicates the body and 7 the cap of a conventional form of compact or vanity case. The body has a flat bottom 8 from which rises a substantially cylindrical wall 9 that is distorted to provide an annular internal shoulder 10. As is usual a cake 11 of cosmetic is adapted to lie on the bottom 8 and for the purpose of removably retaining the cake in position, I have pro-

vided a special split ring 12. This ring has a vertical wall 13 provided at its lower end with an intumed flange 14, so that the ring throughout the greater portion of its length is substantially L-shaped in cross-section. One end of the ring may be blunt as shown at 15, but the opposite end is of special shape. It will be noted that the flange is tapered at 16 toward this end of the ring and that the wall is not only tapered upwardly toward this end of the ring, as shown at 17, but the nose 18 thus provided is substantially tangentially arranged with the ring. Consequently when the ring is in position in the case, as best shown in Fig. 4, a V-shaped space 19 is present between the nose 18 and the adjacent portion of the wall 9 of the case. Furthermore as the edge 17 of the nose tapers upwardly toward the end of the nose, there is another V-shaped space positioned between the edge 17 and the bottom of the body 6.

In use, the cosmetic cake 8 is placed in the body 6 and then while the retaining ring 12 is in contracted condition it is introduced into the case until the upper edge 20 is in position to slip under the shoulder 10. As the ring is preferably formed of resilient metal, it will now automatically expand and the edge 20 will come into locking engagement with the shoulder 10 and the flange 14 will come into locking engagement with the upper surface of the cosmetic cake.

While the retaining ring will effectively hold the cake in position, whenever it is desired to renew the cake, it is a simple matter to accomplish this result, for the recesses between the nose 18 of the ring and the wall and bottom of the body 6 permit the ready insertion of a finger or thumb nail in order that the nose 18 may be grasped. When it is grasped, the operator can readily pull the ring from the case as will be obvious from an inspection of Fig. 5.

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

1. A cup-shaped vanity case body having an upstanding wall provided with an internal substantially annular shoulder, said body

having a bottom on which a cosmetic cake may rest, and a split resilient ring having its upper edge frictionally engaging and interlocked with said shoulder, the lower edge portion of the ring being provided with an inwardly extending flange projecting over and engaging the cake, one end of said ring being provided with a pointed nose to facilitate manipulation of the ring.

10 2. A cup-shaped vanity case body having an upstanding wall provided with an internal substantially annular shoulder, said body having a bottom on which a cosmetic cake may rest, and a split resilient ring having  
15 its upper edge frictionally engaging and interlocked with said shoulder, the lower edge portion of the ring being provided with an inwardly extending flange projecting over and engaging the case, the flange tapering to-  
20 wards one end of the ring, and the latter end portion of the ring having its lower edge tapered upwardly toward that extremity of the ring to form a nose, said nose being spaced from the wall and bottom of said  
25 body.

3. A cup-shaped vanity case body having a bottom and a substantially cylindrical vertical wall, said wall being provided with a substantially annular internal shoulder, said  
30 body serving as a housing for a cosmetic cake which may rest on the bottom, and a retaining ring for the cake, formed of resilient metal and split to provide end portions spaced from one another, said ring being  
35 of L-shaped cross-section and having its upper edge frictionally engaging said shoulder and its lower edge portion engaging said cake, one of the end portions of the ring being of nose-shape and spaced from the wall  
40 of the body as well as from the bottom of the body to provide a finger engaging element at one end of the ring.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification.

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