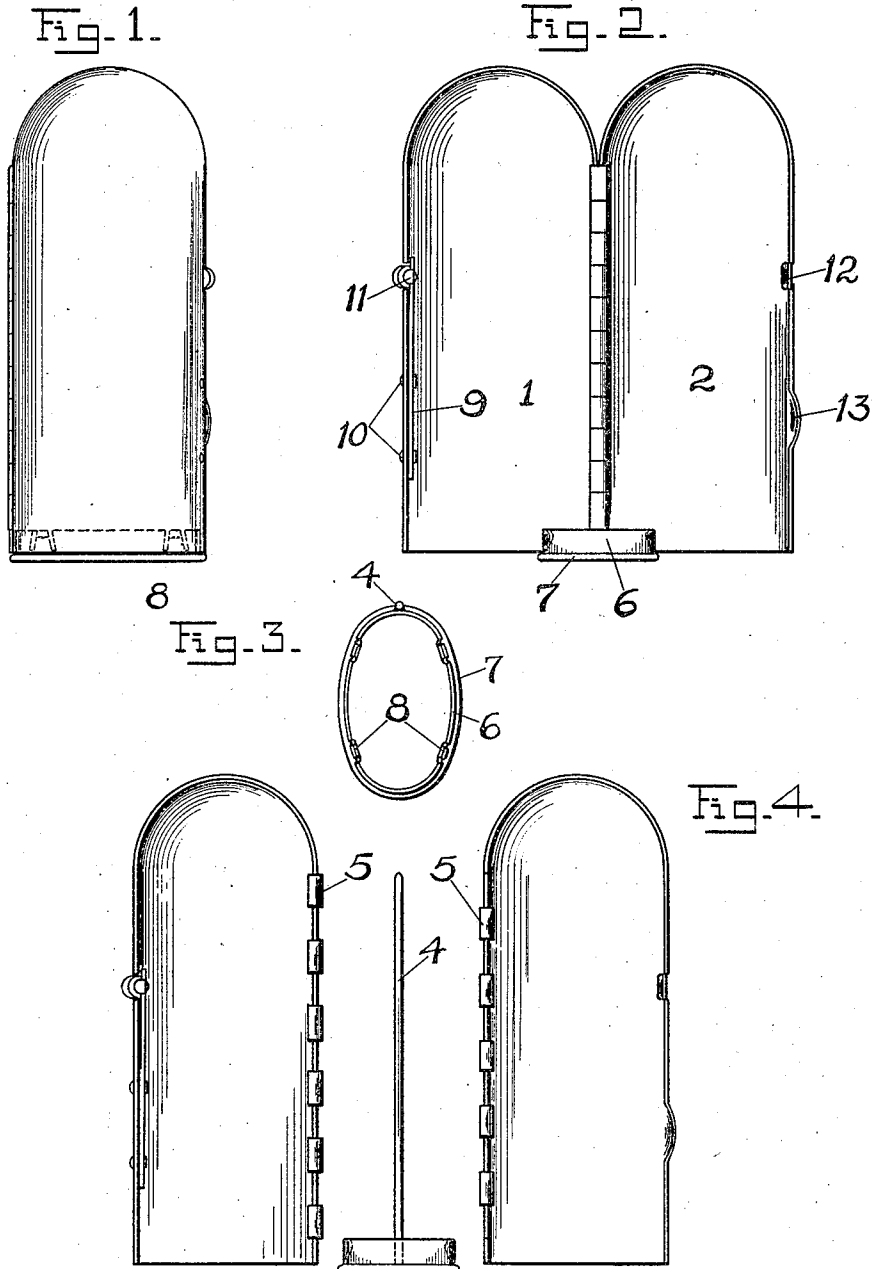


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## PERFUME-BOTTLE HOLDER.

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This invention relates to certain improvements in cases or holders for perfume bottles and similar small vials.

It is the especial object of the present invention to produce a case of small size and attractive design which can be used for holding small perfume bottles so that they can be conveniently carried around by the user, as for instance in ladies' handbags, the case or holder being provided with a bottle retainer which can be positioned in either part of the case or moved to a position between the parts of the case when the case is open, so that the bottle is readily accessible for use at all times and yet may be retained in a case or holder of comparatively small size.

It is a further object of the invention to produce such a structure of few parts so that it can be cheaply made and assembled, and in which means are provided for holding the parts of the case closed when not in use, means being also provided for easily opening the case.

With these and other objects not specifically referred to in view, the invention consists in certain novel parts, arrangements and combinations which will be described in connection with the accompanying drawings and the novel features pointed out in the claims hereunto annexed.

In the drawings,—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improved bottle holder or case in closed position;

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the parts opened and the bottle holding base moved to a position between the two case sections;

Figure 3 is a top view of the bottle holding base, and

Figure 4 is a view showing the parts of the holder disassembled to show the construction.

Referring now to these drawings, the novel bottle holder or case will include two shell sections 1, 2, preferably made of light metal. These shell sections are, as shown, longer than they are wide and in the best constructions are open at the bottom and at the other end are formed with a curved closed top. These sections, of course, vary widely in size and shape, but in the preferred construction they will be of such a depth as to permit the accommodation of one-half the thickness of a bottle of perfume or the like when placed

in a case, so that the case may be made sufficiently thin as to be readily portable by the user.

The two shell sections are pivotally united on a hinge pintle 4 extending along the long edge of the shell sections, this pintle passing through hinge knuckles 5 conveniently formed by turning in the metal of the edges of each section, the knuckles being, as shown, offset in relation to each other so as to lie closely adjacent when the parts are assembled.

Cooperating with these shell sections is a bottle support, this support being movable relatively to the shell sections and dimensioned so as to close the bottom of the shell sections when the shell sections are closed upon each other, thus occupying the space between the sections. While this bottle support may take somewhat various forms, in the particular construction illustrated it is in the form of a shallow tray having a wall 6 ending in a flange 7, over which the shell sections can fold when moved to closed position. This bottle support or base is, as before stated, mounted to be moved relatively to the shell sections. In the best constructions it will be so supported that it can be moved into either one of the shell sections, or to a position midway between the sections when the sections are open. While this may be accomplished in various ways, a convenient arrangement is that shown, in which the base is hinged on the same pintle 4 as that connecting the two shell sections 1, 2.

This bottle support or base will be provided with means for holding the bottle to prevent accidental displacement of the bottle and at the same time permit the bottle to be readily removed from the support. In the particular construction illustrated for effecting this, the wall 6 of the support or base is slit to form spring tongues 8, four such tongues being shown, these tongues acting to removably secure the bottle in the base.

The shell sections are provided with means for securing them in closed position and with means whereby they can be readily opened to permit access to the bottle. In the particular construction shown for effecting this, one of the shell sections, as 1, is provided with a spring catch in the form of a spring leaf 9 secured to the wall of the section, as by rivets 10, the free end of this spring being provided with a catch 11 arranged to engage a recess

12 in the opposite shell section 2. This opposite shell section 2 has its wall formed with a bent out portion 13 to form a convenient finger grip for separating the sections on the release of the spring catch.

It will be seen that with the construction described a very convenient model holding case has been provided of such size and shape that it can be easily carried around for use and can be readily manipulated to position the bottle for use. Furthermore, the bottle is readily removable from the case, but at the same time is held against accidental displacement.

While the invention has been shown and described in its preferred form, it will be understood that various changes may be made in the shape and arrangements of the case and in the means for holding a bottle therein without departing from the invention as claimed in the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. In a case for holding perfume bottles and similar vials, the combination of two shell sections hinged together along their long edge, a base section provided with resilient means for engaging a bottle and pivoted to move into either section of the case

or to a position between the sections when the sections are open, and means for holding the sections in closed position.

2. In a case for holding perfume bottles and similar vials, the combination of two shell sections hinged together, a base section forming a bottom for the shell sections, said base section being hinged to the shell sections by the hinge uniting them and provided with resilient means for engaging the bottle, said base section being movable on the hinge into either section of the case or to a position between the sections when the sections are open, and means for holding the sections in closed position.

3. In a case for holding perfume bottles and similar vials, the combination of two open ended shell sections hinged together, a tray closing the sections, the side walls of the tray being formed with spring lugs for releasably holding a bottle, said tray being pivoted to move into either section of the case or to a position between the sections when the sections are open, and means for holding the sections closed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

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