

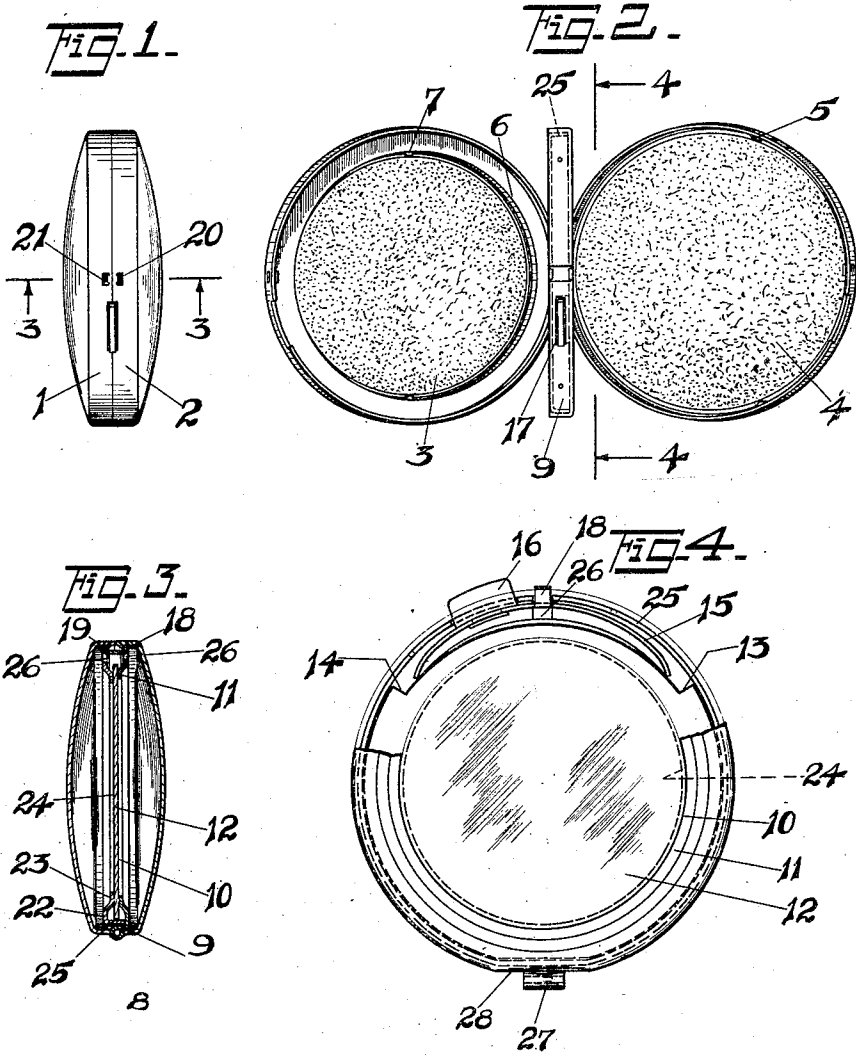
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This invention relates to certain improvements in vanity boxes or cases, and particularly to an improved spring catch construction for latching the cover and the body of the vanity case.

It is the especial object of the present invention to provide a vanity case which shall include a cover and a body, and an improved mirror carrying member with which is associated a spring catch for latching the cover and the body together.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved means for securing the spring catch and the mirror carrying member of such character that the use of rivets or solder is eliminated.

A further object of the invention is to provide such a construction which shall be neat and attractive in appearance.

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 appended.

In the drawings, which illustrate a preferred form of the invention,—

Figure 1 is a side view of the improved box, the cover and the body being shown closed;

Figure 2 is a top view, the box being shown open;

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1, and

Figure 4 is a view, on an enlarged scale, of the mirror and latching member of the box.

Referring now to these drawings, the box preferably includes two similar sections made of light metal, marked 1, 2, which form the cover and the body of the box. These sections are each arranged to carry a powder compact, indicated by the numerals 3, 4, these compacts being removably held in the box in any desired way. As shown, compact 4 may be held in the box by means of nibs marked 5, and the compact 3 may be held in the other part of the box by means of a bezel 6 having holding nibs 7.

The body and the cover are pivotally associated on a hinge of any conventional form, indicated by the numeral 8.

In accordance with the invention, there is provided a combined mirror and catch holder which is pivotally associated with the box, being, in the best construction, pivoted on the same hinge 8 by which the body and cover members are associated. The particular construction of this mirror and catch holder may, of course, be varied, but constructions embodying the invention will be such that the catch is held in place without the use of solder or riveting. In the particular construction illustrated, this holder includes a frame indicated by the numeral 9, which is provided with a central opening 10, around which is formed an up-standing flange 11. Loosely seated within the flange and showing through the opening 10 is a double faced metal mirror 12. This mirror, for a greater part of its area, is substantially the diameter of the frame, but at one point is cut away to form two shoulders 13, 14. Located between these shoulders is a catch member in the form of a spring strip 15, which is provided with a manually operable release member 16, which projects through a slot 17 formed in the frame. This spring strip is also provided with spaced tongues formed by bending the metal outwardly marked 18, 19 which are arranged to engage with notches 20, 21 formed in the body and the cover. The spring and mirror are held in place by a bezel member 22 which is formed with a rim 23 leaving an opening 24, through which the other side of the mirror can be used. This bezel may be provided with a depending flange 25 which has frictional engagement within the flange of the frame. The frame member and the bezel are notched, as indicated at 26, to receive the locking tongues 18, 19, and the bezel is provided with an opening for the release member 16. The frame is also formed with a knuckle 27 by which it is associated on the hinge 8 and, to permit of such association, the frame is preferably flattened as indicated at 28 in Figure 4.

When the release member 16 is com-

pressed, the inwardly bent ends of the spring may be expanded in the space formed by the cutout of the mirror, the ends of the spring when thus expanded engaging the shoulders 13, 14.

It will be observed that with the construction shown and described a very simple and neat appearing mirror and catch holder has been provided, and one in which the parts may be associated without riveting or soldering, thus producing a construction which is simple and easy to make and assemble.

While the construction has been shown and described in its preferred form, it will be understood that certain changes and variations may be made in the specific construction and arrangement of the parts without departing from the invention as defined in the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. In a vanity case, the combination of a body and a cover pivotally associated on a hinge, a frame pivoted to swing between the body and cover and having an opening surrounded by a flange, a mirror member within the flange having spaced shoulders formed in its periphery, a catch including a spring plate, the ends of which abut against the shoulders, spaced latching means on the catch, a bezel holding the catch and mirror in the frame, means on the body and cover engaging the latching means, and a manually operable release on the catch.

2. In a vanity case, the combination of hinged body and cover members, a pivoted frame between the covers and having a central opening surrounded by a flange, a catch member and mirror within the flange, and a holding bezel having a vertical flange in interfitting frictional engagement with the flange of the frame.

3. In a vanity case, the combination of hinged body and cover members, a pivoted frame between the body and the cover and having a central opening surrounded by a flange, a catch member and a double-faced metal mirror seated within the flange, said mirror having a clearance for the catch member, and a bezel having a vertical flange in interfitting frictional engagement with the flange of the frame.

4. In a vanity box, the combination of a body and a cover pivotally associated on a hinge, a frame pivoted between the body and cover having a central opening and an outer marginal flange, a mirror seated within the flange, a spring catch member held between the edge of the mirror and the flange and having spaced locking detents engaging cooperating notches in the body and the cover, a bezel having a rim, and a vertical flange on the bezel in interfitting frictional engagement with the flange of the frame, said frame and bezel having open-

ings to permit of the lateral movement of the detents on the catch.

5. In a vanity case the combination of a hinged body and cover members, an article holder pivoted between the body and cover, and comprising two members having openings surrounded by interfitting peripheral flanges, a mirror held between the two members, and a catch member carried by the frame and engaging the edge of the mirror.

6. In a vanity case the combination of a hinged body and cover, an article holder pivoted between the body and cover, and comprising two members having openings surrounded by interfitting peripheral flanges, a mirror held between the two members and provided with shoulders, and a loose catch member located between the shoulders on the mirror.

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