

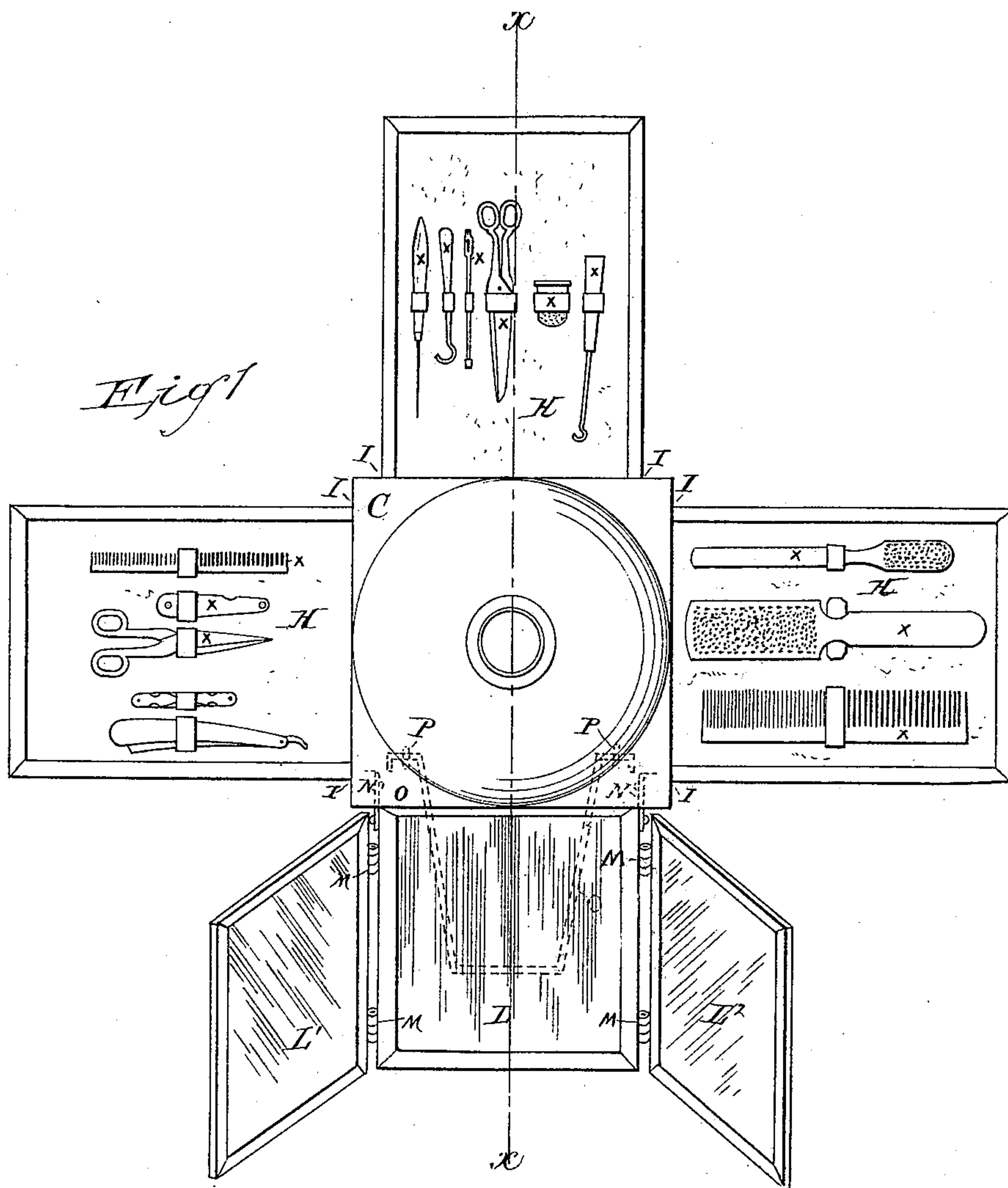
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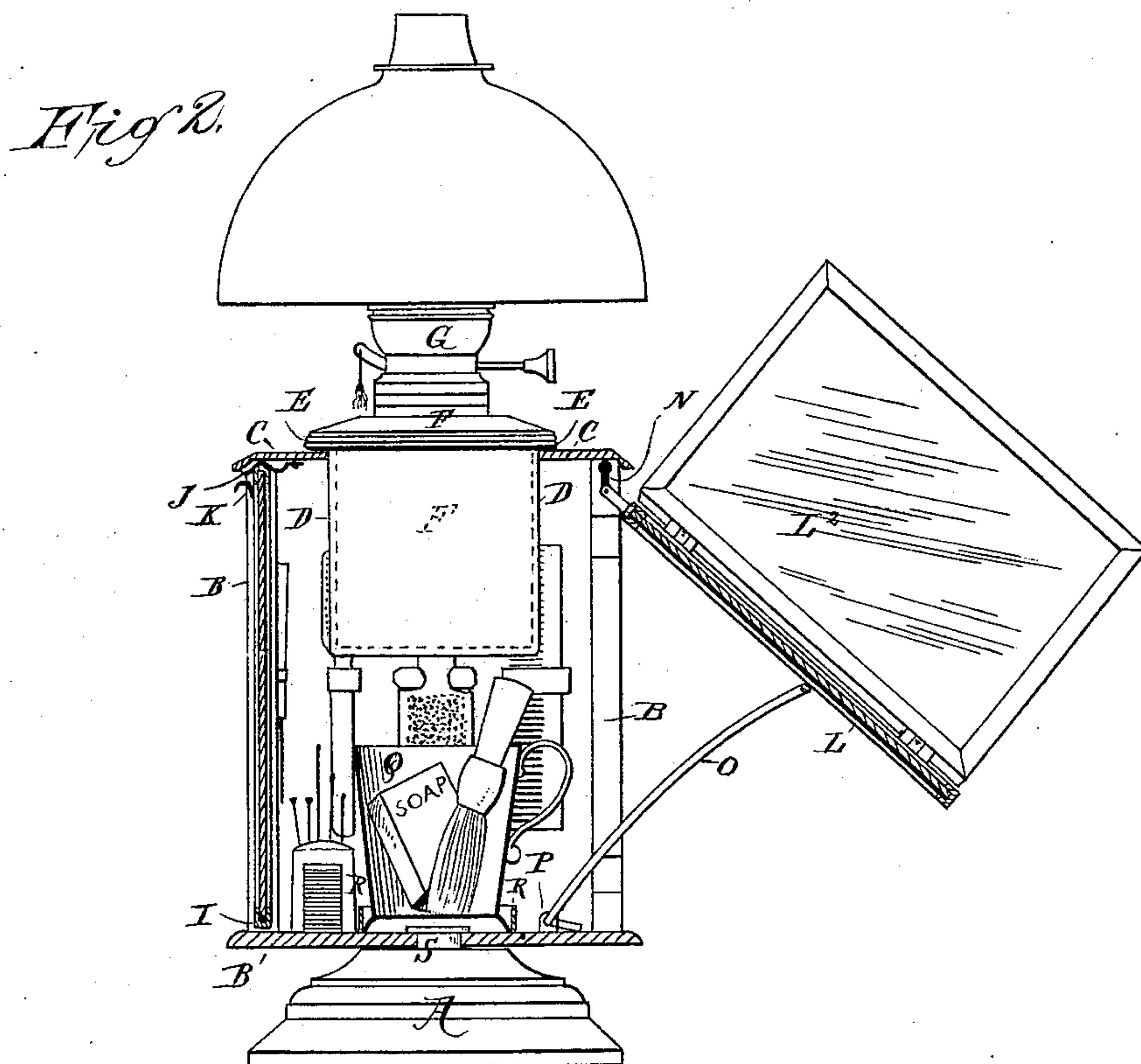
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK MAEHR, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improved Combined Lamp and Toilet-Case, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful article for household use, which consists in a combined dressing, toilet or sewing case, and lamp.

In carrying out my invention I support the lamp-burner, shade, &c., upon the upper part of a frame or support which contains in its interior the reservoir for the lamp, the sides of which support are constructed and arranged in such manner that they may be turned downwardly, thus making accessible toilet articles or the like utensils, which are held or supported in any preferred manner on the inner surface of the swinging sides of the lamp-support, whereby, when folded up, the utensils are hidden from view and protected from injury. The outer surface of the sides of the lamp-support are ornamented, as may be desired, so that when the utensils are not in use the device presents the appearance of an ordinary ornamental lamp.

In the drawings the same reference-letters indicate the same parts in all the-figures.

Figure 1 illustrates a top plan view looking down on the device, all the sides of the lamp-support being open. Fig. 2 illustrates a vertical section on the line $x x$ of Fig. 1, the lamp, its shade, and reservoir being left in place, the mirror alone being swung outwardly, all the other panels being in their closed position.

A is the base of the lamp. It is made of such material as preferred, and is preferably quite heavy.

B is the frame of the lamp-support, which may be square or of such other form as preferred. I show it square.

C is the top plate of the frame. There is a hole cut in its central area, in which the reservoir shield or receiver of the lamp D snugly fits. I prefer to make this reservoir-receiver all of one piece of metal suitably drawn up into cup shape and flanged out horizontally at its upper part, as seen at E, thus securing against leakage of the oil.

F is the reservoir of the lamp. It fits into the receiver D, as usual.

G is the burner. It is provided with chimney-gallery and shade-rest, as usual. Any preferred form of burner or lamp top may be used, and, if desired, the receiver D for the lamp-reservoir may be omitted, in which event the reservoir will itself fit in the opening cut in the upper plate of the frame.

H H H are the side panels of the lamp-support. They are pivoted or hinged at their lower sides or edges, as seen at I I, to the frame B, and are provided with a catch or hasp of any suitable construction, (seen at J,) whereby, when closed, they will be held in an upright position.

K is a pull strap or knot, whereby the panels may be pulled open.

In the example of my invention shown in the drawings I employ a special construction of folding mirror as one of the panels of the lamp-support. It is seen at L, L' being one leaf of this folding mirror, and L² the other. L is the central glass. The side leaves L' and L² are hinged to the central glass in any preferred manner, as seen at M M, whereby they may be folded over upon each other, as usual in folding mirrors, and the central glass is preferably hung to the upper plate of the frame B, or to any equivalent of the same, by two links N N—one at each side—whereby the mirror, when folded, may be pushed inwardly and upwardly in place within the frame.

O is a support for the glass, whereby it may be held in an inclined position when open for use. The support O is hinged in any preferred manner to the bottom plate of the frame, as at P P, and is so constructed and arranged that it will fall forwardly against the back of the central glass when it (the glass) is pulled forwardly. Any other suitable means of supporting the glass, as by a suitably-supported pawl engaging with a rack on the back side of the central mirror, may be used.

X X X, &c., represent the utensils on the inside of the several panels. They may be toilet-articles, sewing-articles, shaving devices, or such others as preferred, and they may be held in position by bands or in trays, or otherwise, as preferred. In the center of

the lower plate of the frame I show a shaving-cup Q, which may be held in place and guided while being inserted therein by a guide-strip R. Other articles may also be placed
 5 upon the bottom plate of the frame, as shown, if desired.

In order that the device may readily be turned around to bring the several panels successively opposite the user of the device,
 10 if desired, I prefer to make the connection between the frame B and the base of the lamp A a swivel-connection. I effect this by means of the vertical pin or shaft S, which is preferably rigidly attached either to the base
 15 or to the bottom of the frame B, preferably to the base, as shown. It turns in suitable bearings formed on or in the other part. The action of this swivel is similar to that of an ordinary swivel table-caster.

It is obvious that, if preferred, one only of the panels or sides or part of the side of the support of the lamp, if it be round in form, may be made to open, and also that it may be
 20 so hinged as to swing sidewise after the fashion of an ordinary door instead of downwardly. I prefer it to swing downwardly, however, because then the utensils are somewhat more easily accessible. It is also obvious that the mirror need not be used. I show
 25 it simply to illustrate the extent to which my invention may be availed of in the class of articles to which it is applicable.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

35 1. The combination of a lamp and a sup-

port therefor, the sides whereof are hinged, substantially as set forth, and provided internally with toilet or similar utensils, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. The combination of a lamp and a sup- 40 port therefor, the sides whereof are hinged substantially as set forth, and provided internally with toilet or similar utensils and a base connected with the support for the lamp by a swivel-connection, substantially as and 45 for the purposes described.

3. The combination of a lamp and a support therefor, a part of the sides whereof consist of a folding mirror constructed and arranged substantially as set forth, whereby it 50 may be folded upon itself and swung into place as a part of the support for the lamp and a support for the mirror when unfolded, which is attached to the support for the lamp and rests against the mirror, substantially as 55 set forth.

4. A lamp the support whereof is constructed and arranged to receive toilet or equivalent articles, and a door in the side of the support, whereby the said articles may be 60 reached without removing the lamp, substantially as set forth.

Signed at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 15th day of January, A. D. 1889.

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