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VANITY CASE.
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Fig. 1.

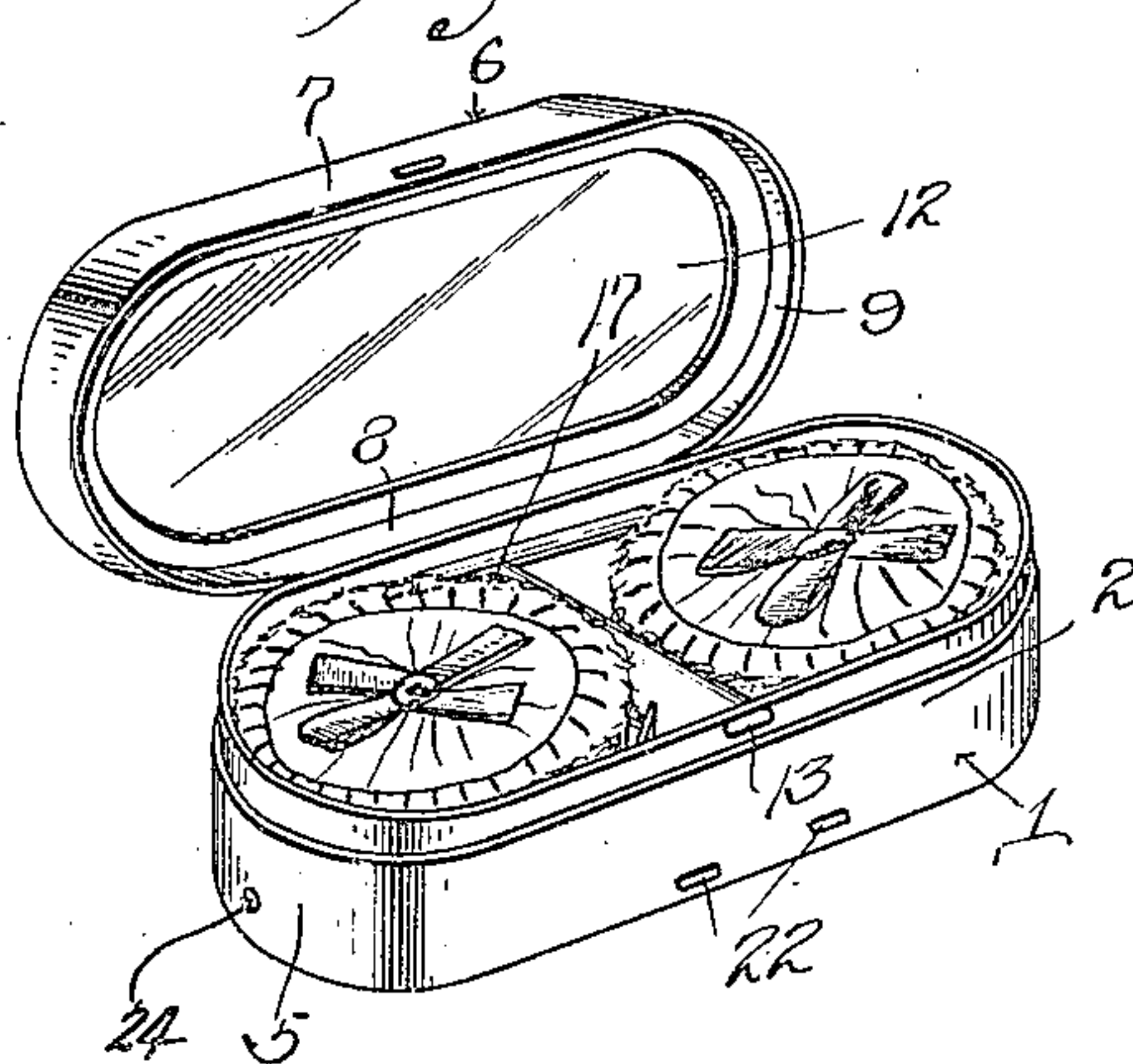


Fig. 3.

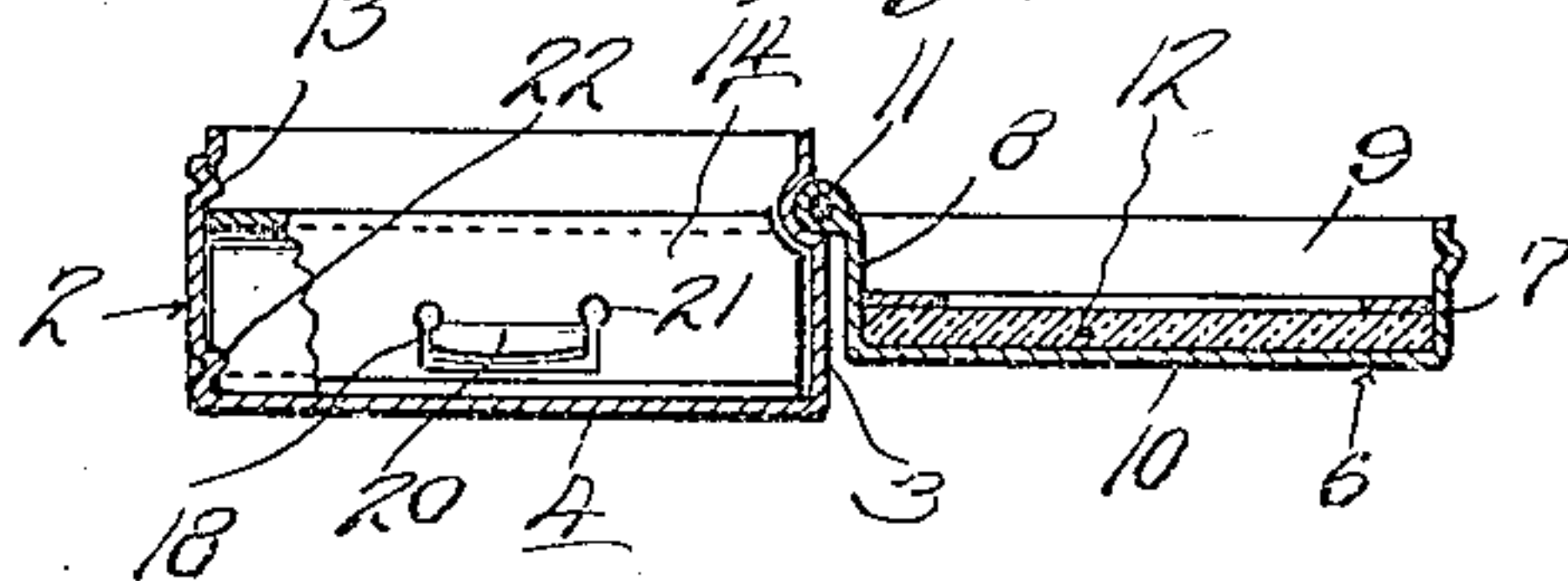


Fig. 2.

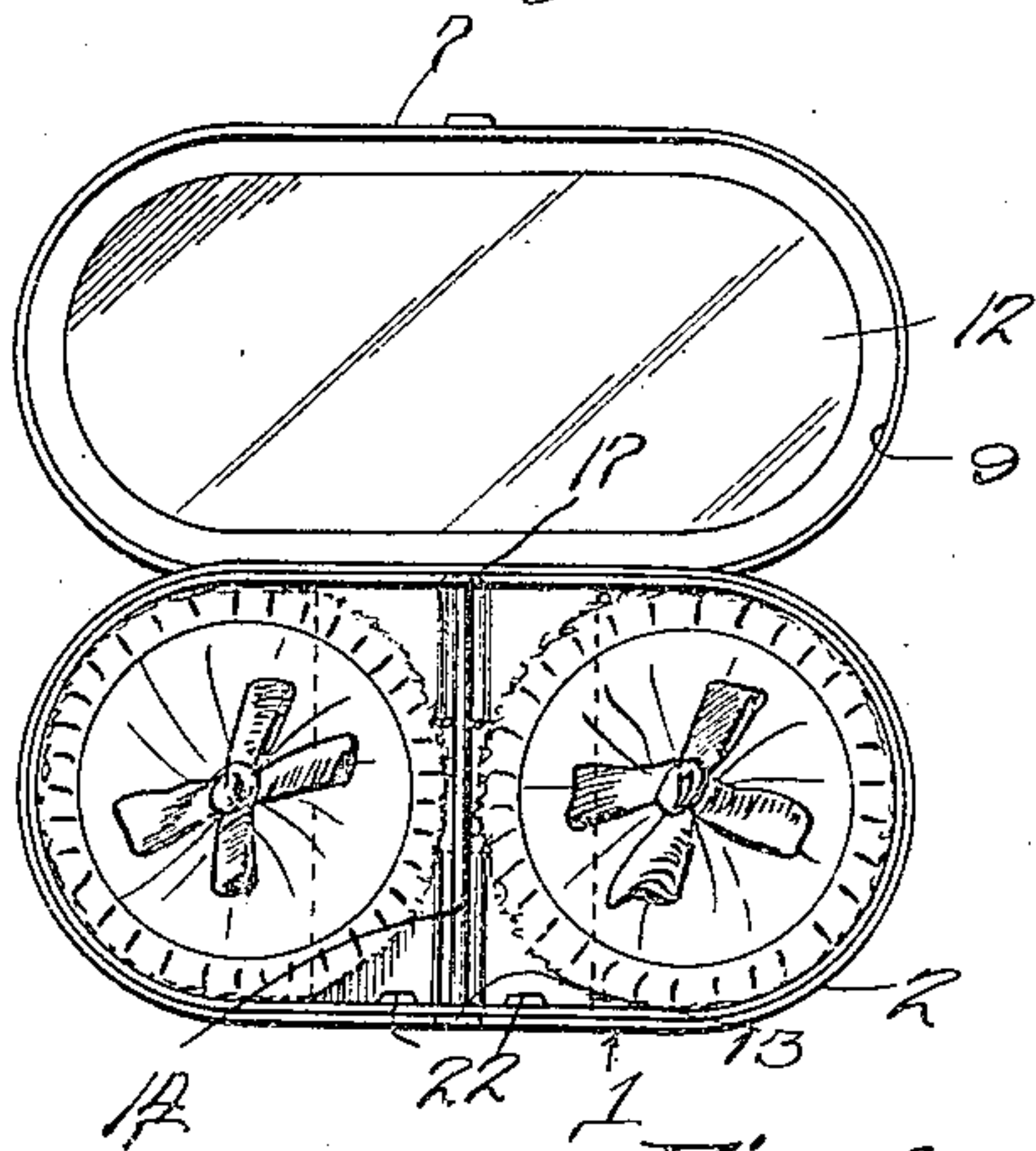


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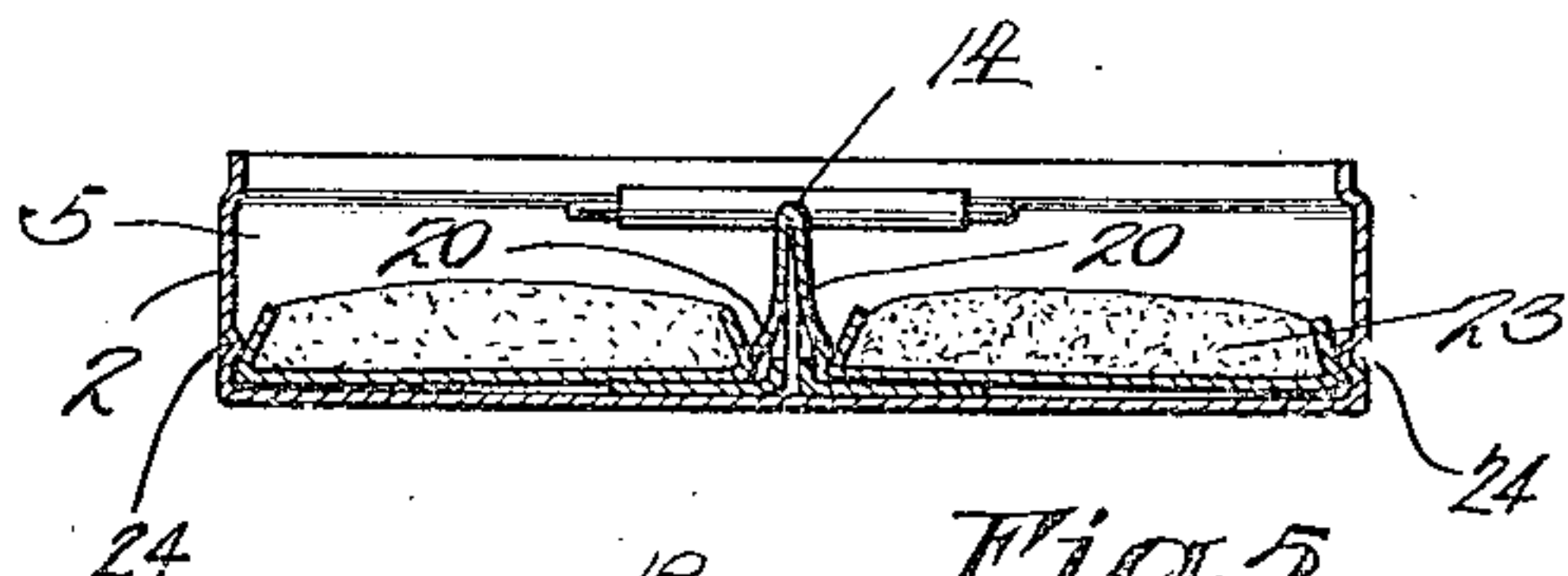
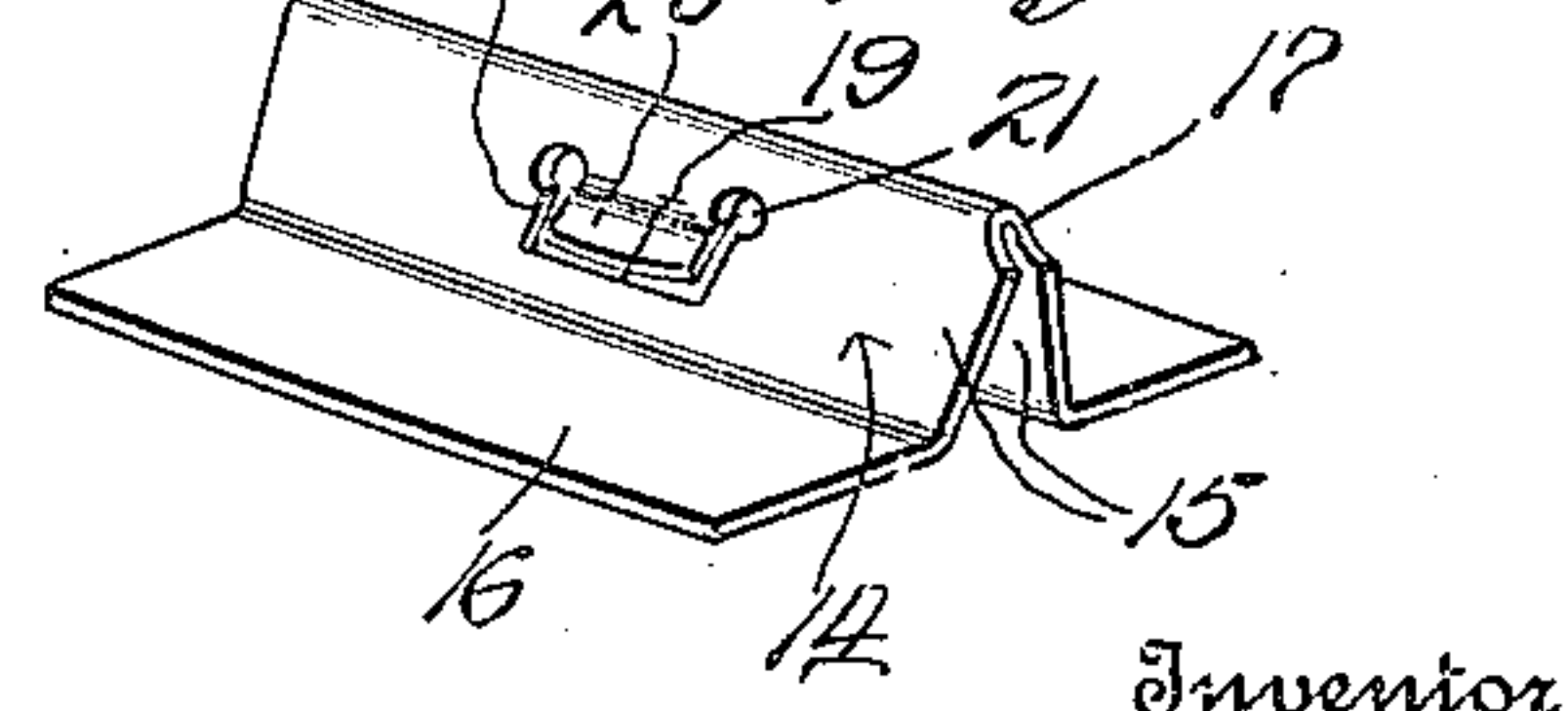


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM G. KENDALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Vanity Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in vanity cases and more particularly to a novel means for holding within such a case one or more compressed powder tablets or pads, and one of the primary objects of the invention is to so construct the said means that the same will securely retain the pad or pads in place in the case and will yet permit of ready removal of the pads in the event it is desired to replenish the same.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device for the purpose stated so constructed that when arranged within the case it will effectually brace the opposite walls of the case and prevent them being inwardly bulged in the event abnormal pressure should be brought to bear against them.

A further object of the invention is to provide means for securely retaining the device of the invention within the vanity case so that it will not be liable to be ejected when the compressed powder pads or tablets are removed from the case.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the vanity case embodying the present invention.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the case, the lid being swung to open position,

Figure 3 is a vertical front to rear sectional view through the case.

Figure 4 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view through the case,

Figure 5 is a perspective view illustrating one form of retaining device,

Figure 6 is a similar view illustrating another form of retaining device.

In the drawings, the body of the case is indicated in general by the numeral 1 and the said body comprises a front wall 2, a rear wall 3, a bottom wall 4, and end walls 5, the said end walls connecting the front and rear walls along curved lines. The case is provided with a lid which is indicated in general by the numeral 6 and which comprises a front wall 7, a rear wall 8, end walls 9, and a top 10, the lid being so formed and proportioned as to fit snugly over the open top of the case when the lid is in closed position.

The lid is connected at its rear wall 8 with the rear wall of the body by means of a suitable hinge indicated by the numeral 11, and if desired, a mirror 12 may be arranged within the said lid so as to be in position for use when the lid is swung to open position as shown in Figure 1 of the drawings. It is preferable that the upper marginal portion of the walls of the body of the case be offset in an inward direction so that the outer surfaces of the walls of the lid will be flush with the outer surfaces of the walls of the body when the lid is in closed position, and also by offsetting the walls of the body in the manner stated, there is provided within the body a shoulder which is indicated at 13 and which serves a purpose to be presently explained.

The retaining device embodying the present invention is preferably stamped or otherwise formed from a sheet metal blank and the said device, which is indicated in general by the numeral 14, comprises side portions 15 which are resiliently and integrally connected at their upper edges and which are inclined downwardly away from each other, as clearly shown in Figures 5 and 6 of the drawings, the side members being normally spread apart but being adapted to be brought toward each other against the resiliency of the connecting portion at their upper edges. These side portions 15 are provided at their lower edges with laterally extending wings which are indicated by the numeral 16 and which constitute the base of the retaining member. In assembling the member within the case, the member is disposed with its base portions 16 resting upon the upper side of the bottom 4 of the body of the case and with the forward corner of said member engaging beneath the shoulder 13 as clearly shown in Figure 3 of the drawings. The opposite or rear corner of the member is notched or cut away as at 17 so that this corner may be engaged beneath the hinge 11 also as shown in the said Figure 3. In that form of the invention shown in Figure 5 of the drawings, each side portion 15 is formed with perpendicular incisions 18 and with a horizontally extending incision 19 connecting the lower ends of the incisions 18, the material between the incisions being deflected in an outward direction so as to provide a resilient tongue which is indicated by the numeral 20, and in this form of the invention, if desired, the

said side portions 15 may be formed at the upper ends of the incisions 18 with openings 21 while in that form shown in Figure 6, these openings are not provided.

5 In order that the retaining member may be securely held within the body of the vanity case, the front wall 2, and also if desired, the rear wall 3, is indented to provide protuberances 22 which are spaced
10 apart as clearly shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings, and which are designed to project over the adjacent end edges of the base portions 16 of the retaining member as most clearly shown in Figure 3 of the
15 drawings, each protuberance engaging over the edge of a respective one of the wings 16 and the protuberances therefore being located at opposite sides of the upstanding portion of the retaining member comprising
20 the side portions 15.

In the drawings, the numeral 23 indicates the compressed powder pads or tablets which are to be held within the vanity case by means of the retaining member above
25 described, and these pads or tablets are of general circular marginal contour and are designed to be disposed one within each of the compartments formed by the partitioning of the interior of the body of the vanity
30 case by the retaining member 14. After the retaining member has been positioned within the body of the vanity case, the compressed powder pads or tablets may be placed within their respective compartments
35 and pressed downwardly until they seat upon the bottom of the said case at which time the resilient tongue 20 will be caused to bear firmly against the adjacent sides of the pads and, due to the resiliency of the
40 side portions 15, and the tendency of these portions to expand, the pads will be urged

in the direction of the end walls of the body and will in fact be firmly held against these walls. It is preferable that the said end walls of base be formed with protuberances 45 24 which are designed to engage over the lower portions of the respective pads or tablets so as to serve as an additional means for retaining the pads in place.

Having thus described the invention, 50 what is claimed as new is:

1. The combination with a vanity case having a protuberance upon the inner surface of its wall at the ends thereof, and a member disposed within the case and con- 55 stituting a partition and comprising resiliently connected side portions normally spread and provided with laterally deflected tongues designed to bear against one side of a cosmetic pad or the like disposed with- 60 in the case and to urge the pad into engagement with the protuberance at the respective end of the case.

2. A device for the purpose stated comprising a member having side portions and 65 base portions extending from the lower edges thereof, the said side portions being normally spread and resiliently connected, and resilient means upon the side portions for engagement against one side of a cos- 70 metic pad or the like.

3. A device for the purpose stated comprising spaced resiliently connected normally spread side portions, and a resilient bearing tongue deflected outwardly from 75 each of said side portions and designed to engage against one side of a cosmetic pad or the like when the device is disposed within a vanity case or similar container.

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