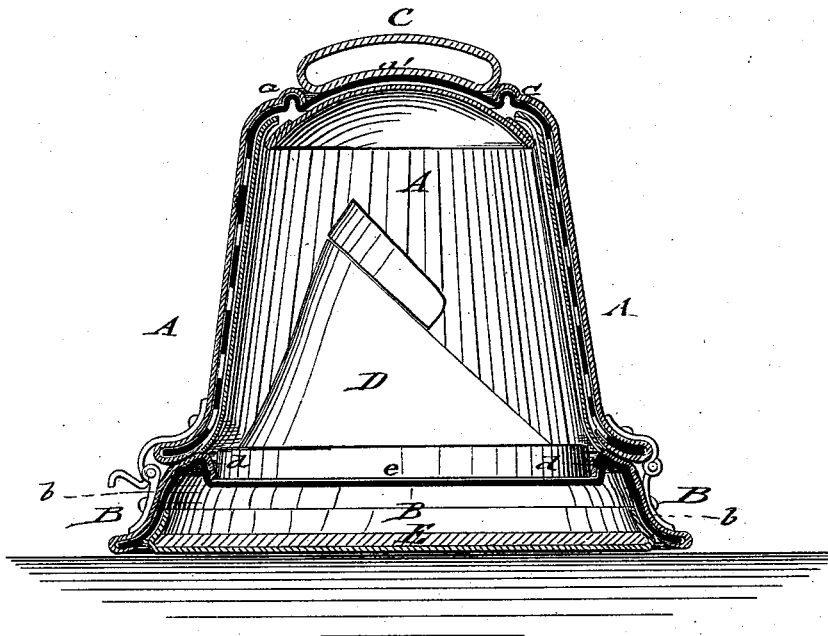


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IMPROVEMENT IN JEWEL-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNST H. ZOEPFEL, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Jewelry-Case, of which the following is a specification:

The accompanying drawing represents a vertical central section of my improved case for jewelry and silver-ware.

The object of this invention is to furnish for jewelry and silver-ware of all kinds an improved case, that may be manufactured in cheaper and stronger manner than the present cases with wooden bodies, and be brought out in neat and ornamental designs.

The invention consists of top and bottom sections of the case, which are pressed or spun of suitable sheet metal, the top section being perforated to retain the covering, and made with an annular top rim and depressed interior part, for applying the ornamental cap or mounting. The bottom section is made with a central depression for supporting the exhibiting-block, and closed at the bottom by a wood or pasteboard filling.

Referring to the drawing, A represents the top section of my improved case for jewelry and silver-ware, and B the bottom section of the same.

The top section is spun or stamped up into round, square, or oblong shape, of suitable sheet metal, and provided with an annular top rim, *a*, and a depressed and slightly-convex center portion, *a'*, for securing thereto the cap, cushion, or mounting C, that is glued or otherwise attached thereto. The bottom section, B, is also stamped up in suitable shape, with an exterior molding, *b*, an annular seat, *d*, for the lower rim of the top section, and a central depressed portion, *e*, into which the supporting-block D is screwed or retained in other suitable manner.

The hollow space at the under side of the bottom section is closed by a wood, pasteboard, or other filling, E, so as to give a solid appearance to the same.

The top and bottom sections are covered

with any suitable fabric—such as leather, silk, velvet, or with celluloid or other composition, the same being retained thereon by glue or cement, the top section being perforated in suitable manner to admit the passage of the glue or cement to the holes, so that the same, when dry, forms a kind of rivet for the covering, and prevents the springing off of the covering by the influence of the heat.

The interior of the top section is lined in any suitable manner, preferably by corrugated or fluted lining made by suitable machinery.

The top section is connected to the bottom section by suitable hinges and front clasp or catch, and in this manner an elegant, cheap, and durable case for jewelry of all kinds obtained.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In a metallic case for jewelry and silver-ware, a stamped or spun top section having an annular top rim or bead, with a depressed center portion within the same for the ornamental cap or mounting, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a jewelry-case, the metallic top section, A, having perforations or holes, and a leather or flexible covering glued or cemented thereto, as and for the purpose set forth.

3. In a metallic case for jewelry, a bottom section made of an exterior molding and depressed center portion, in combination with a bottom filling and an exhibiting-block secured into the depressed center portion, substantially as set forth.

4. In the metallic jewelry-case, a spun or stamped bottom section having an exterior molding, an annular seat for the top section, and an interior depressed portion, substantially as specified.

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