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(57) Abstract A container such as a compact for removably holding a plurality of removable articles (10) such as makeup pans (24) is disclosed. The compact has a bottom portion (18) including a platform (22) with means for removably holding the articles, a bottom wall (50) having openings (52) therein each of which is aligned with a respective article, and an article ejector (56) disposed between the platform and the bottom wall. The ejector has a connecting member (60) which communicates with buttons (58) and retaining means, preferably locator members such as upstanding bosses (64), for aligning the respective buttons each with an underlying bottom wall opening and a removable article. When pressure is applied through an opening onto a button (58), the button moves and ejects the article from its holding means. The compact has retaining means such as a receptacle which can be an inverted U-shaped channel (76) cooperative with the locator members (64) for retaining them and thereby retaining the ejector in its aligned operative position. The ejector can be a gasket (G, Fig. 14) having a plurality of buttons (58'), a connecting member (P, 60') in communication with the buttons, and one or more locator means or members (65') which extend from the connecting member.		