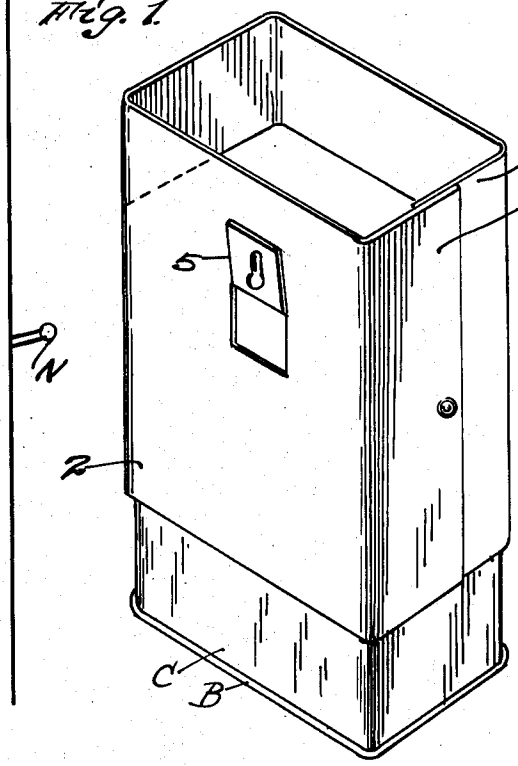
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Fig. 1.



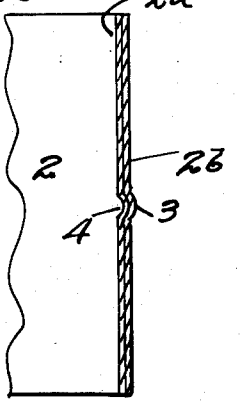


Fig. 2.

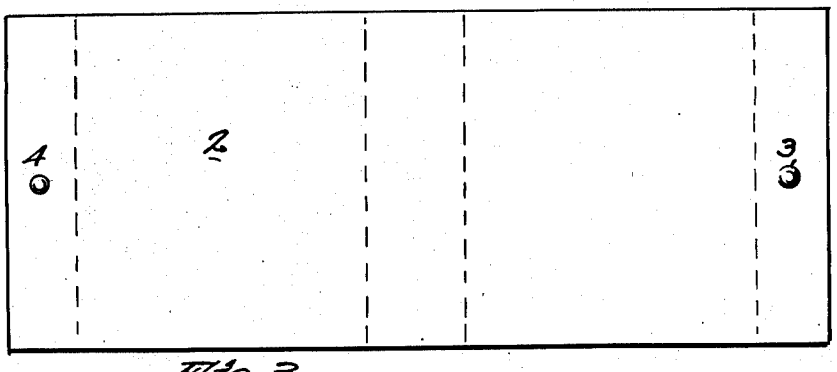


Fig. 3.

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This invention is a decorative, re-use jacket for various types of containers; more particularly condiment containers.

Currently the American people are decoration-minded, especially in carrying out color schemes in the various rooms of their dwellings. In the kitchens are usually found several more or less cubical cans for pepper and many other flavoring substances.

A purpose of this invention is to provide a simple, practical, low cost, durable and decorative jacket of any suitable thin and resilient material, as of magnetic or other metal, or of a plastic or adaptable paper, etc., and whose outer surface, all over or in part as desired is coated with any suitable and desired color layer so that a house-keeper may choose from the assortment of colored jackets one or more that will harmonize with the color scheme of the given room for which the jacket is to be applied to a given container.

A further purpose of the invention is to provide a jacket which may be instantly telescoped endwise onto or from the respective container and will automatically contract about the same and retain itself in place between the usual corners beads with which most food and condiment containers are manufactured.

Additionally, an intent of the invention is to provide the jacket with simple and effective means to interlatch contiguous overlapping end portions of the material forming the jacket when the jacket is in place between the said end beads, and yet enable instant removal. Also, a feature of the invention includes a small inbuilt eye-part to engage, for instance, a wall or cabinet nail or hook for out-of-the-way suspension.

The invention resides in certain advancements in this art as set forth in the ensuing disclosure and has, with the above, additional objects and advantages hereinafter developed, and whose constructions, combinations and details of means and manner of operation will be made manifest in the following description of the herewith illustrative embodiment; it being understood that modifications, variations, adaptations and equivalents may be resorted to within the scope, spirit and principles of the invention as it is claimed in conclusion hereof.

Figure 1 is a perspective of the jacket as being telescoped onto a condiment container. Figure 2 is a vertical section of parts of the jacket through the center of the latching means. Figure 3 is a schematic plan of a blank unfolded unit piece from which the jacket is producible.

A rectangular condiment container C is shown here and has the usual corner beads B at the top and bottom ends. A decorative jacket 2 of a shape and size complementary to the container is illustrated as being slipped endwise onto the container.

The jacket is made of any suitable, thin and somewhat resilient material and along one of its

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sides is longitudinally split to form free contiguous panels 2*a* and 2*b* and these are provided with a simple and effective interlatching means whereby to releasably hold the jacket closed about the container and between the said beads B. The jacket is preferably open at both top and bottom ends for application or removal in either direction.

The flexibility of the wall of the jacket allows it to expand sufficiently to be passed over the beads B and the jacket will automatically contract between the beads and thereby be held against accidental slip off.

Any of many mechanically equivalent forms of latching means may be employed for temporarily attaching the end panels 2*a* and 2*b*, when the jacket is in place on the container. A most economical form is shown here as comprising an embossed socket 3 in the outer panel 2*b* and which is adapted to slide over and nest on a complementary button boss 4 on the inner panel 2*a*.

If desired a hook or eye lug 5 may be struck up from the wall of the jacket to engage a support nail N.

Low cost of production is emphasized by reference to Fig. 3 which shows a flat blank from which the jacket is manufactured, by merely folding along the dotted jacket-corner lines.

What is claimed is:

A shape-stable, self-holding, clip-on covering jacket, for a parallelopiped condiment container, consisting of a stiff, resilient wall, single piece element of tubular form and uniform cross-section from top to bottom and having one side longitudinally split so as to be clipped onto the container from either open end of the jacket and either end of the container; the side walls being expansible to pass over the end beads of the container and self-closing to clinch in under the said beads and therefore hold itself in applied position on the container and the said jacket having a normal, free shape and size closely conforming with the body walls of the container.

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