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UNITARY FOLDABLE PACKAGE

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Fig. 1

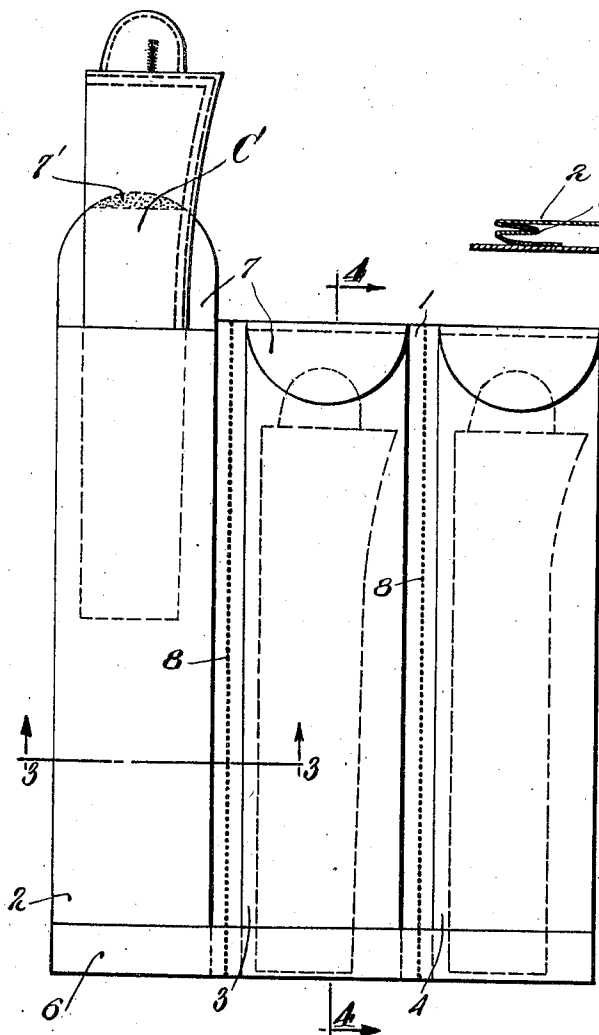


Fig. 3

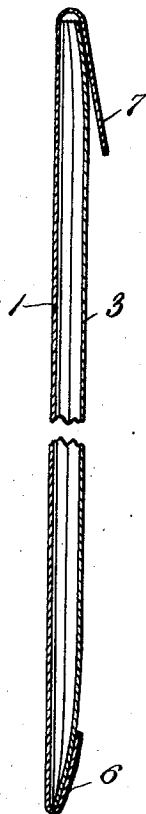
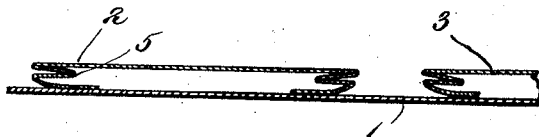
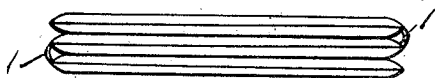


Fig. 4

Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES M. CONNOLLY, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Troy, in the county of Rensselaer and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Unitary Foldable Packages, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to containers for articles such as collars, hosiery, etc., and is particularly concerned with packages of soft collars for maintaining them in spotless and unwrinkled condition. Objects of the invention are to provide a unitary foldable package having a series of pockets which may be conveniently folded together in a compact manner and in which one or more pockets can be separated from the remainder without disturbing the other pockets; and to provide a package which is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture and adequately fulfills the requirements.

At present the use of the soft or semi-soft collars has increased enormously, and in fact these collars are to a great extent supplanting the stiff collars because of their comfort and neat and attractive appearance. These soft collars cannot be packed and shipped in boxes as is the case of stiff collars because of their flexibility and the extreme liability of creasing, wrinkling and spotting which is particularly important with merchandise of this character as the intrinsic spotlessness and neat appearance is a strong selling factor. Attempts have been made to pack each soft collar individually but this offers objections owing principally to the clumsiness in handling a number of such packages as well as the relatively great difficulty in packing.

In one aspect this invention comprises a unitary foldable soft collar package having a series of pockets, which may be neatly and compactly folded together. Ordinarily these collars are sold in lots of three at a reduction in price, so that conveniently the package may have three pockets for the reception of soft collars, each pocket holding an individual collar. Such package may be folded together to enable it readily to be packed with similar packages so as to occupy a minimum amount of space and at the same time eliminate liability of the collars being spotted or soiled. If the purchaser

wishes but one or two collars, then one or two pockets are detached from the package without wrinkling or soiling the remaining collar or collars. The advantage of this construction is outstanding in that it enables convenient packing, unpacking and dispensing of a number of soft collars without the danger of affecting their neat and attractive appearance. Furthermore the decided simplicity of construction contributes materially to cheapness in manufacture.

One concrete embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which,

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a unitary foldable soft collar package in unfolded position;

Fig. 2 is an end view of the package in folded position;

Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

In the embodiment of the invention illustrated the unitary foldable soft collar package comprises a rear sheet 1 of paper or other suitable material upon which are arranged in spaced relation three front sheets 2, 3 and 4 whose sides are folded to form gussets or bellows 5, the inner marginal portions being suitably fastened to the rear sheet 1 thus to provide a series of pockets into which soft collars C are inserted lengthwise. In order to close one end of the pockets the marginal edge of the rear sheet is folded over as at 6 and is adhesively attached to the front sheets 2, 3 and 4 and to the front face of the rear sheet 1 between the front sheets. The adhesion of the folded marginal edge to the rear sheet between the pockets prevents the folded margin from wrinkling and bunching when the pockets are folded together, it facilitates tearing along the perforated lines at the lower end of the package, and it eliminates the danger of the portions of the folded margins between the pocket from catching and tearing when the package is unfolded. Integral with the rear sheet 1 and individual to each pocket are flaps 7 which close the opposite ends of the respective pockets, the flap for the pocket on the left of Fig. 1 being considerably longer than the other two flaps and having a coating 7' of adhesive material.

It will be observed that each pocket is

spaced a considerable distance from adjacent pockets, and this permits the pockets to be readily folded in either direction to lie flat upon adjacent pockets, as indicated in Fig. 2, so that a compact foldable package is produced which when folded occupies very little space. When in this position the longer flap may be folded over and adhesively attached to the back of the center pocket so that the package will remain in its folded form thus eliminating liability of the collars sliding out of the respective pockets when the packages are being handled.

In order that one or two pockets may be detached from the packages perforated lines 8 extend longitudinally along the rear sheet 1 between the pockets and across the fold 6 in a direction lengthwise of the collars. These lines also facilitate the folding of the package as well as aid in severing the pockets from the package by providing a weakened place.

From the foregoing it will be evident that the aforesaid rear sheet constitutes a blank having integral extensions at the top to close the respective pockets and that one of the extensions is long enough to fold over a plurality of pockets when the pockets are folded over each other.

Although I have shown a foldable package having three pockets, it will be understood that this is merely illustrative, because soft collars are usually retailed in lots of three. It will also be understood that numerous modifications may be made involv-

ing details of construction and arrangement without departing from the spirit of the invention especially as pointed out in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A unitary foldable container for articles of the character referred to, comprising a series of pockets detachably connected together, the backs of the pockets being made from a single blank, said blank having an integral extension at one end of each of the pockets to form a closure flap for the associated pocket, and one of the closure flaps being long enough to fold over the open ends of a plurality of pockets when the pockets are folded over each other.

2. A unitary foldable container for articles of the character referred to, comprising a series of pockets detachably connected together, the backs of the pockets being made from a single blank which is perforated between the pockets to facilitate folding and separating the pockets, the fronts of the pockets having gussets and being spaced from the lines of perforation to permit the pockets when filled to be folded over each other, said blank being folded over the fronts at the bottom to close the lower ends of the pockets and at the top having integral flaps foldable over the upper ends of the pockets respectively, one of the flaps being long enough to fold over a plurality of pockets when the pockets are folded over each other.

Signed by me at Troy, New York, this 26 day of September, 1924.

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