

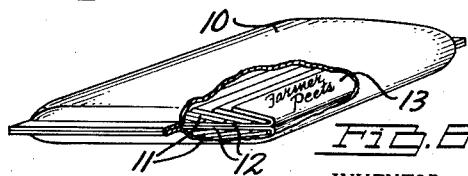
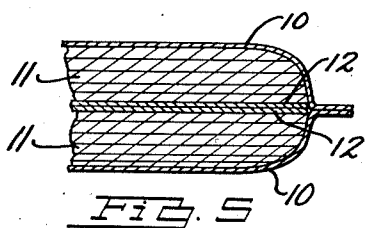
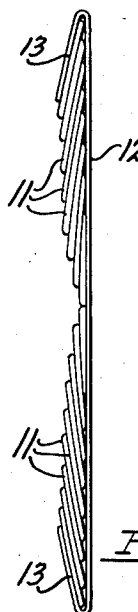
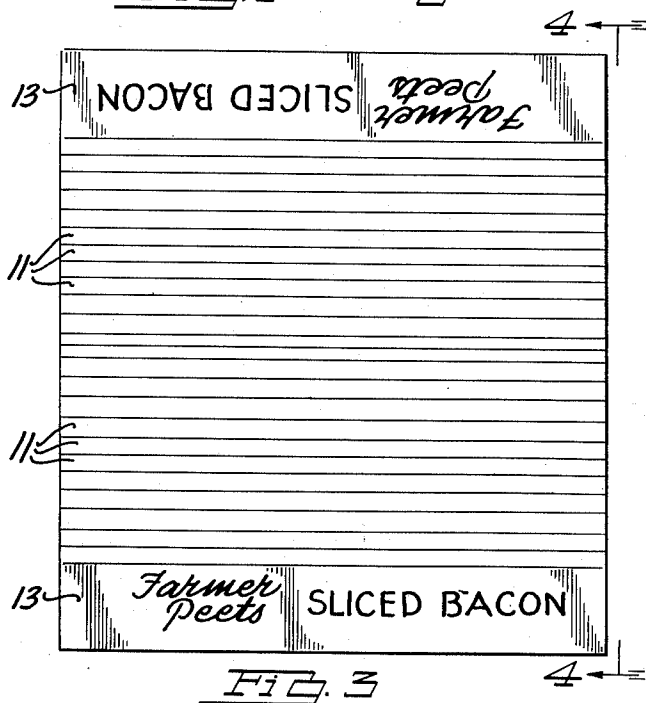
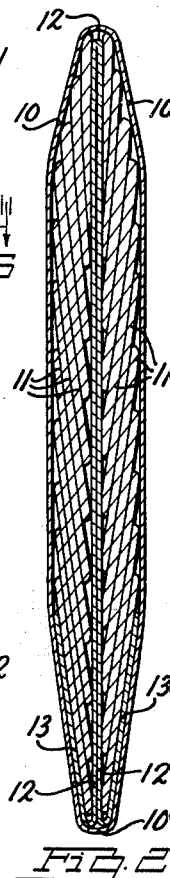
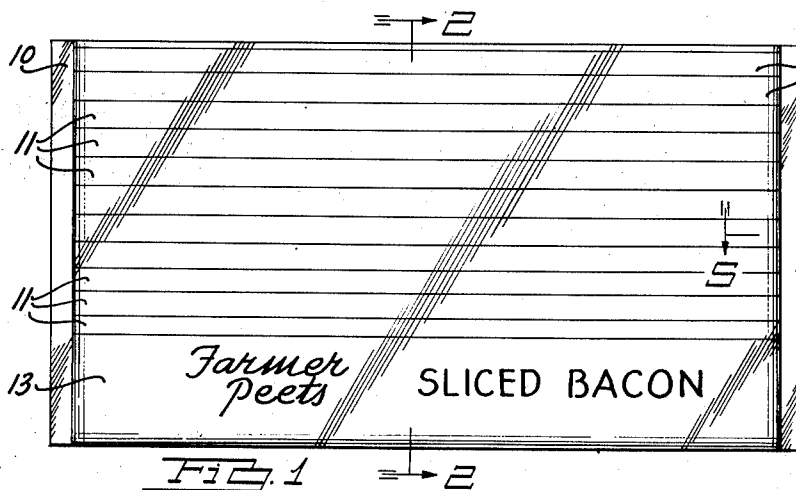
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This invention relates to packaging and particularly to a flat dual sided article and method of packaging bacon in edge overlapping relation in a transparent container wherein the container is straight and smooth and the bacon supported by a concealed centrally disposed reinforcement.

Thinly sliced bacon is difficult to handle or package attractively that is, therefore, the primary object of this invention to provide a package and a method of packaging which facilitates handling and which provides an attractive package.

An object of the invention is to provide a dual sided bacon package.

An object of the invention is to provide a concealed reinforcing member.

An object of the invention is to provide tabs or extensions on the reinforcing member which are visible through the transparent covering for carrying printed matter, for concealing the fatty ends of the bacon, for preventing movement of the bacon relative to the reinforcing member, and for supplementing the reinforcing member in supporting the package.

An object of the invention is to provide a reinforced, integrated, attractive, dual sided, transparent-covered, inexpensive, flat, shingled bacon package.

An object of the invention is to illustrate a method of fabricating the package by utilizing the component elements of the package as sub-assembly units.

These and other objects of the invention will become apparent by reference to the following description of a smooth, transparent covered, reinforced bacon package embodying the invention taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the inventive, fully integrated bacon package showing one of the packages' identical sides.

Figure 2 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of Figure 1, taken on the line 2—2 thereof, showing the structural components of the package.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of a sub-assembly of the package showing the reinforcing member flatly disposed prior to folding upon itself with the bacon disposed in shingled relation thereon and with printed extensions of the reinforcing member folded over either end of the shingled bacon.

Figure 4 is an end view of the sub-assembly as seen in Figure 3 taken on the line 4—4 thereof.

Figure 5 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of Figure 1 taken on the line 5—5 thereof, and,

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Figure 6 is a relatively reduced perspective view of the package with the transparent cover partly broken away to show the disposition of the underlying members.

Referring to the drawing wherein like numerals refer to like and corresponding parts throughout the several views, the bacon package disclosed therein to illustrate the invention, comprises a transparent covering or bag 10 constituting the outer skin or container, bacon 11 in edge overlapping or shingled relation disposed in two like flat rows inside the flat side walls of the bag 10, a reinforcing member 12 reversely bent upon itself disposed between the two shingled rows of bacon separating the rows of bacon 11 and supporting the bacon against displacement or distortion, and extensions or tabs 13 on either end of the reinforcing member 12 reversely bent relative to the member 12 over-lapping ends of the rows of shingled bacon 11 and disposed between the bacon and the transparent bag 10.

The bacon 11 is preferably shingled down from the reverse bend in the reinforcing member 12 on either side thereof with the fatty area of the last shingled strip of bacon covered by the extension or tab 13 so that both sides of the package are the same. Obviously, the bacon 11 can be shingled up one side of the member 12 and down the other side of the member 12 with the bacon 11 turning about the reverse bend in the member 12, thereby giving both sides of the package a similar appearance as the extensions or tabs 13 cover the ends of the bacon 11.

The member 12, when reversely bent upon itself, provides a stiff central support for the package which keeps the package flat in shape. The member 12 also supports the bacon against distortion and displacement. The tabs or extensions 13 lock the bacon relative to the member 12, conceal the fatty ends of the shingled bacon, supplement the member 12 in supporting the flat package, and provide an area for printed matter. The tabs 13 in conjunction with the member 12 provide a long wrapper in which to keep the bacon after the bag 10 is removed and the bacon 11 partially used, and as the printing is on the tab, the advertising matter is preserved. Placing the printed matter on the tabs 13, rather than on the bag 10, is financially advantageous as the tabs 13 can be printed for a fraction of the cost of printing a transparent bag.

Relative to the method of assembling the package, the reinforcing member 12 is positioned flat on a table surface with the extensions or tabs 13 flat out and facing downwardly. The bacon 11

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is then preferably positioned on the member 12 in two rows which meet in the center of the member 12 with their fatty edges disposed adjacent the extensions 13. The extensions 13 are then folded reversely relative to the member 12 over the fatty edges of the bacon 11 as seen in Figures 3 and 4, so that the printed matter thereon then faces in the same direction as the shingled bacon 11. The member 12 is then reversely folded upon itself together with the bacon 11 and the extensions 13 to the shape seen in Figures 1, 2 and 6; and in this condition is inserted into the bag 10, and the bag 10 sealed.

While it is preferable to shingle the bacon from the center of the reinforcing member 12 toward the extensions 13, it is practical to shingle the bacon in one direction as previously pointed out, as the extensions 13 cover both ends of the shingled bacon with the result that the bacon is displayed similarly on both sides of the package. The reinforcement member 12 is concealed by the bacon and the ends of the shingled bacon are concealed by the extensions 13. Grease resisting parchment has been found suitable for the reinforcement member 12, but any suitable material can be used such as glazed or waxed paper, or synthetic coated stock. The folded member 12 provides a back to back arrangement equalizing the stress on either side of the member 12 as exerted by the bacon 11, so that the member 12 adequately supports the bacon 11 on either side thereof.

The transparent container or package-skin may be a bag, envelope, or pouch which is vacuum-sealed, or it may be a transparent wrapper of any suitable type.

Although but a single embodiment of the invention has been shown and described in detail, it is obvious that many changes may be made in the size, shape, detail, and arrangements of the elements of the invention within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A package comprising a centrally disposed reinforcing member reversely bent upon itself, a shingled layer of bacon on either exposed surface of said member, extensions on either end of said reinforcing member reversely bent relative to said member over-lapping the ends of said shingled bacon, and a transparent member covering said bacon and reinforcing member.

2. A dual faced package comprising a centrally disposed reinforcing member reversely bent upon itself, bacon disposed on either exposed surface of said reinforcing member shingled down from the bend in said reinforcing member reversely bent relative to said reinforcing member covering the fatty area of said last shingled bacon on either exposed surface of said reinforcing member, and a smooth, transparent member covering said bacon, said concealed reinforcing member, and said extensions.

3. A dual faced package comprising a centrally disposed reinforcing member reversely bent upon itself, bacon disposed on either side of the exposed surface of said reinforcing member shingled down from the bend in said reinforcing member disclosing the lean portion of said bacon, extensions on either end of said reinforcing member reversely bent relative to said reinforcing member adapted to cover the fatty area of said last shingled bacon on either side of said reinforcing member, and to show a face suitable for displaying printed matter, and a smooth, trans-

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parent covering over said bacon and said reinforcing member.

4. The method of manufacturing a dual faced flat bacon package comprising providing a flat reinforcing member, positioning shingled bacon on said reinforcing member, folding said member upon itself with said bacon thereon to enclose and conceal said member and to disclose said bacon, and positioning a transparent envelope over said bacon and said member.

5. The method of manufacturing a dual faced flat bacon package comprising providing a flat reinforcing member equipped with end extensions; positioning shingled bacon on said member; folding said extensions over said bacon; folding said member upon itself with said bacon thereon to produce like sides, to enclose said member, to disclose said bacon, and to disclose said extensions; and positioning a transparent bag over said bacon, extensions and concealed member.

6. The method of manufacturing a flat dual faced bacon package comprising providing a flat reinforcing member equipped with end extensions carrying trade-mark and identification indicia; positioning said member with said extensions facing downwardly; positioning shingled bacon on the top surface of said member with the exposed lean portions of said bacon meeting in the center of said member and with the exposed fatty portions of said bacon positioned adjacent said extensions; folding said extensions reversely to said member over said bacon to cover said exposed fatty portion and to display said trade-mark and identification indicia; folding said member centrally reversely upon itself together with said bacon and said extensions to centrally position and conceal said member behind said bacon and to thereby expose said bacon and said extensions on either side of said folded member with half said bacon and one said extension on either side of said member; and positioning a transparent covering member over said concealed member, extensions, and bacon.

7. The method of manufacturing a dual faced flat bacon package comprising providing a flat reinforcing member equipped with end extensions carrying trade-mark and identification indicia; positioning said member with said extensions facing downwardly; positioning shingled bacon on the top surface of said member with the lean portions of said bacon exposed; folding said extensions reversely relative to said member over said bacon to cover the ends of said bacon and to display said trade-mark and identification indicia; folding said member centrally reversely upon itself together with said bacon and said extensions to centrally position and conceal said member behind said bacon and to thereby expose said bacon and said extensions on either side of said folded member with half said bacon and one said extension on either side of said member; and positioning a transparent cover over said bacon, extensions and concealed member.

8. A dual, identically-faced, sliced bacon package comprising a concealed, centrally positioned reinforcing member reversely folded upon itself intermediate its ends disposed in back to back relationship with itself so that it faces outwardly in opposite directions; shingled, sliced bacon positioned on and over the outside of said reinforcing member completely concealing same with said reinforcing member supporting said bacon; like extensions on said reinforcing member reversely

folded relative to said reinforcing member over the adjacent bacon slices covering the fatty edges of said bacon and providing exposed area for carrying printed matter; and a transparent covering over said assembled reinforcing member, said bacon, and said extensions.

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