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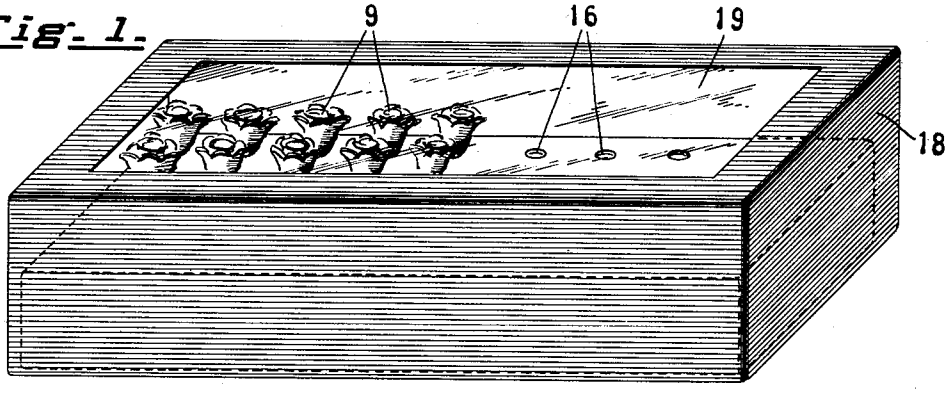


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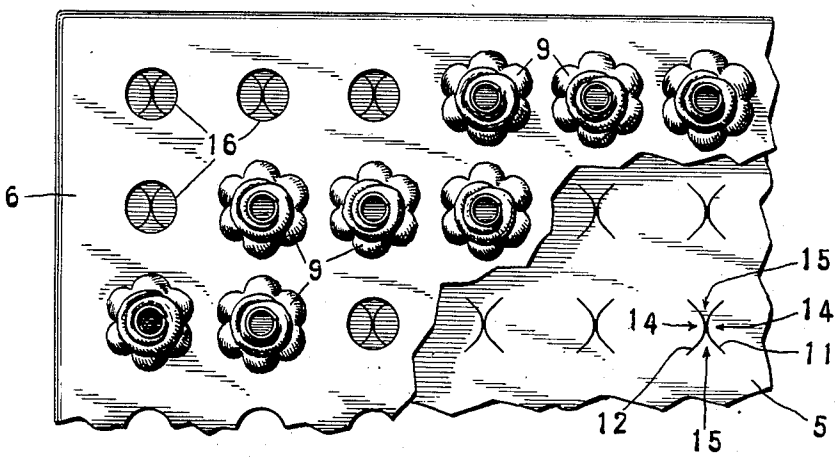
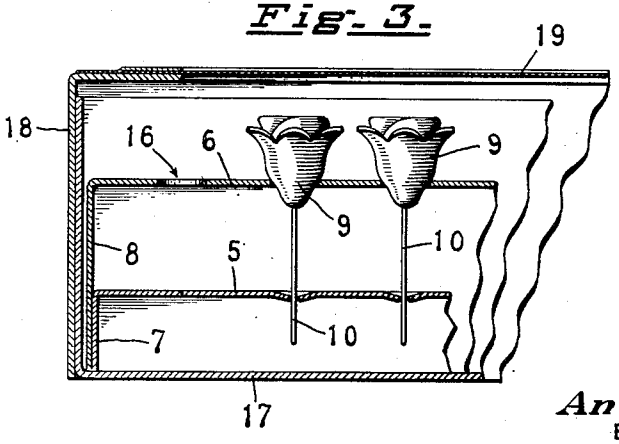


Fig. 3.



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The invention is particularly directed to a tray for carrying candle holders which consist of ornamental bodies with wire stems. These bodies are made of icing which is quite brittle and vary quite a little in size and shape.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a tray which can be readily packed or loaded with such holders.

Another object is to provide a construction in which the candle holders are securely held against and in which they are not likely to be broken in packing or in shipment.

Another object is to provide a tray of this character in which the candle holders can be displayed uniformly.

In carrying out the invention I provide a tray which has upper and lower floors. The upper floor is provided with a series of openings suitable for receiving the bodies of the candle holders and the lower floor is provided with yielding jaws or tongues for holding the stems. The tray may be mounted in any suitable container which may have a transparent top for display purposes.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a package embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary plan view of the tray showing this construction and with some candle holders in place.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of a fragment of one corner of a tray and container with candle holders in place.

The two floors 5 and 6 may conveniently be made of pasteboard or cardboard and provided with flanges such as 7 and 8 which connect them together and serve as supports.

The candle holders have ornamental bodies 9 with small stems 10 which may be of wire.

A lower floor or plate 5 is provided with a series of curved cuts 11 and 12 which intersect and form yielding tongues or jaws such as 14 and 15.

These cuts and tongues provide yielding portions into which the stems of the holders are adapted to be readily thrust and frictionally gripped.

The upper floor or plate 6 is provided with a series of openings or holes 16 which are arranged above the cuts and tongues in the lower plate. These upper holes are very much larger in diameter than the stems of the wire and serve as seats for the tapered lower ends of the ornamental bodies of the holders.

This very simple construction greatly facilitates the loading of the tray which is usually done by hand. The large hole 16 is quickly found by the stem and the yielding portion of the lower plate readily receives the tip of the stem even though it is not applied centrally. The wall of the hole 16 serves as a support for the side of the holder 9 rather than the lower end of the holder. There is therefore less likelihood of injury to the icing because the sides of the holders are smoother and more uniform as a general thing than the lower ends of the icing. This also results in a more uniform level of the tops of the holders in the tray than is possible when the holders are supported solely by the wires or by the lower ends of the bodies of the holders.

For shipment or storage purposes the trays may be enclosed in a box or container consisting of a casing 17 having a wall portion enclosing said floors and of an outer casing or cover portion 18 having a wall portion that surrounds said casing 17. The outer casing 18 may have a transparent window 19 for display purposes, etc.

I claim:

1. A tray for holding candle holders having tapered ornamental bodies and elongated stems, said tray comprising a top plate having a number of spaced holes larger in diameter than the stems and smaller in diameter than the tapered bodies and adapted to and keep the bodies spaced apart from each other and a lower member plate having slitted portions forming tongues beneath the holes in the top plate adapted to receive and frictionally grasp the stems to support the holders so that the body portions rest in the holes above without strain.

2. A shipping and display tray for candle holders having tapered body portions and elongated stems comprising a lower floor member having slitted portions providing yielding tongues adapted to yield and fric-

tionally hold the stems of holders and an upper floor member provided with holes above the slitted portions larger in diameter than the stems and smaller than the upper portion of the tapered body whereby the body portions are seated centrally in the holes and the stems yieldingly held by the tongues beneath.

3. A tray, in combination with a candle holder having a body with an enlarged head and elongated stem, said tray including an upper plate having spaced openings therein, and a lower adjacent plate spaced from said upper plate, said lower plate being formed with intersecting curved slits providing yielding tongues in alignment with said openings, said openings being smaller in diameter than said enlarged head and larger in diameter than said elongated stem, said yielding tongues being adapted to grasp said stem and support the holder permitting the enlarged head to seat in said openings without strain.

4. A tray for supporting candle holders comprising an upper floor having spaced openings therein, a lower floor spaced from the upper floor and having intersecting slits in alignment with said openings, downwardly extending flanges on said floors, the flange on the upper floor overlapping the flange on the lower floor, a casing having a wall surrounding said floors and flanges, at least one end of said casing being open for insertion of said floors and flanges therethrough, and a second casing enclosing said first casing and having an opening in one end in alignment with the opening in the first casing.

5. A container comprising a rectangular casing having a transparent top surrounding a supporting body, said supporting body having two tiers, the upper of said tiers having circular holes therein and the lower of said tiers having slots forming yielding tongues under and in alignment with each of said circular holes.

6. A container comprising a casing having a transparent top, an article supporting body within said casing, said article supporting body having an upper portion and a lower portion in spaced relationship, holes in the upper portion for seats for the article and slots forming yielding tongues in the lower portion to hold the stems of the article.

7. A package of candle holders comprising a casing formed of complementary telescoping sections, one of said sections having a transparent top, and the other a solid bottom portion, a tray for supporting candle holders supported and enclosed in said casing, said tray including an upper floor having openings therein, a lower floor spaced from the upper floor and from the solid bottom portion and having intersecting slits forming yielding tongues in alignment with said openings, and candle holders having tapered body portions resting in the openings in the upper floor and elongated stems yieldingly held by said tongues whereby said holders are detachably supported by said tray and whereby the body portions of the holders are visible through the transparent top and the free ends of the stems are positioned between the bottom of the casing and the lower floor.

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