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Fig. 1.

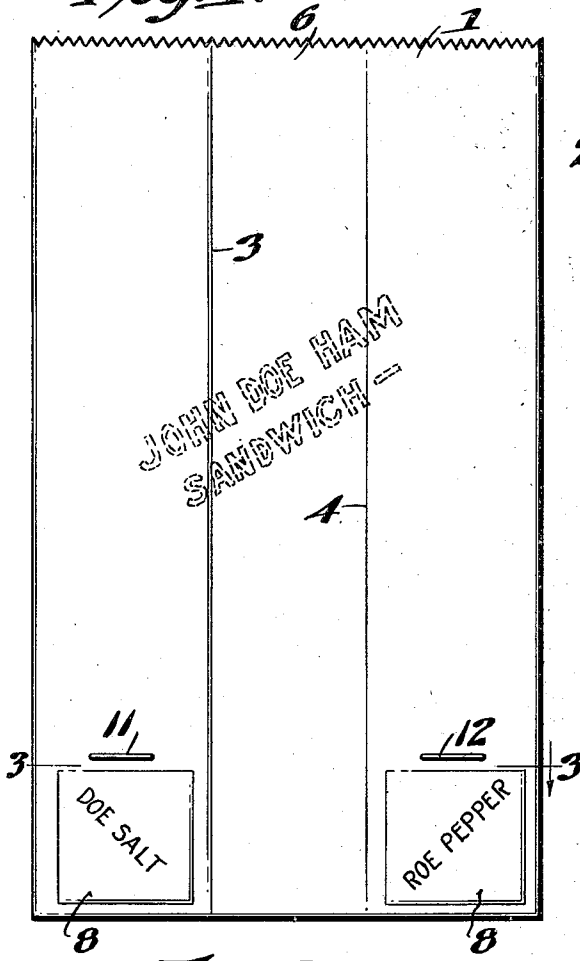


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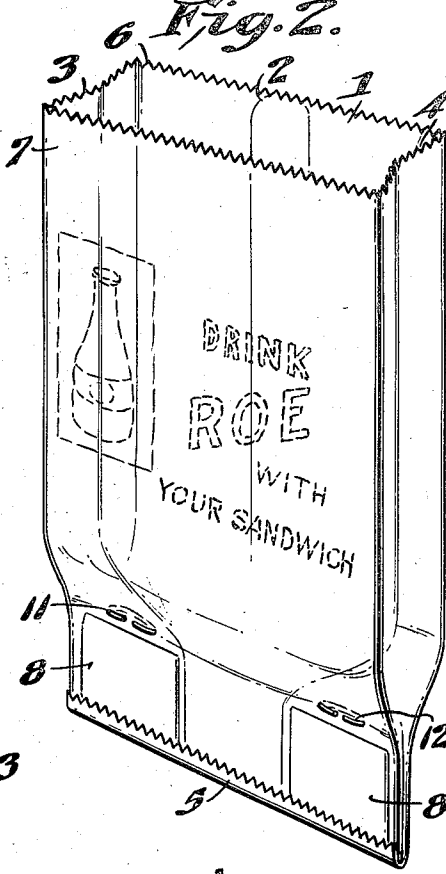


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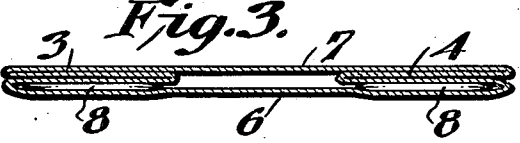


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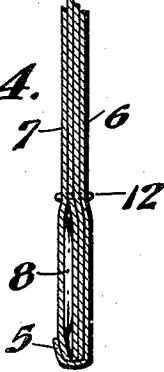
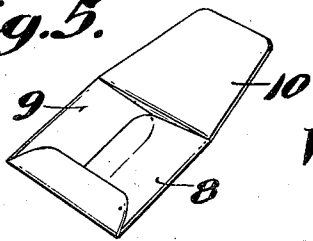


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My invention relates to improvements in sandwich bags, and particularly to a bag of this character intended as a retainer to receive and hold a sandwich as made up and offered for sale, and which is so constructed that individual portions of salt, pepper, or other condiments or seasonings, can be conveniently carried and will be readily accessible for use by each individual purchaser.

10 An object of this invention is to provide a sandwich bag of simple and inexpensive construction, with which the receptacles for the condiment or seasoning material are readily associated during the manufacture and are readily removed for use.

Another object is to so construct the parts that specially designed and constructed bag and container structures will not be required, but the completed article is accomplished by use and combination and association, in correlated assembly, of parts now readily obtainable.

Still another object and purpose is to provide a sandwich bag that has the sides or faces thereof disposed as flat areas, both when manufactured and when in use, so that pictorial illustrations, printing, and other matter can be readily affixed to or imprinted upon the bag and will be conveniently shown for ready viewing and reading, when the bag is in use.

With the above and other objects in view, which will be apparent to those skilled in the art, my invention includes certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter set forth in connection with the drawing and then pointed out in the claims.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of a sandwich bag constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the bag distended as it will appear when open to receive a sandwich.

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view substantially on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view through the bag as shown in Figure 1.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view to better show one of the condiment receptacles.

The bag is preferably made of wax paper or other transparent or suitable sheet material, and is cut, shaped, folded and assembled to be of the type having bellows-like expanding sides. As shown, the body portion 1 is of substantially tubular form, preferably being seamed at one

side, as at 2, and the side portions at 3 and 4 are folded in with a double or bellows-like fold, the lower ends of this folded portion being brought down within and being preferably secured by the bottom closing flap 5. Such bags are now manufactured and are in use, and it will be appreciated that the exact construction, assembly, and securement of the parts is not a material feature of my invention, as various well known expedients can be resorted to. With the bag constructed in the manner set forth, the side bellows-like portions 3 and 4 are folded and doubled between the front and back faces 6 and 7 of the bag, and where the parts are held in closed relation by the bottom flap 5, or other bottom securement, the side portions 3 and 4 are permanently doubled within and between the forward and back sides 6 and 7.

With the above in mind, I provide one or more containers 8, which can be in the form of small flat envelopes having the body portion 9 thereof closed by a flap 10, which containers are of such shape and size that they will fit between one of the faces 6 or 7 and an intervening folded and doubled portion of the sides 3 or 4, substantially as shown in Fig. 3. When the containers 8 are fitted in this relation, they can be readily retained against accidental or casual displacement by the use of clinched staples 11 and 12, by a drop or line of adhesive, by stitching inserted in the same general location and position as the staples 11 and 12 are illustrated, and by any other desired and suitable securement or fastening.

The containers 8 can have salt, pepper or other seasoning or desired material placed therein, and when the containers 8 are fitted and held in place in association with the bag 1, they will be retained against accidental or casual displacement; however, by slightly tearing the material of the bag adjacent to the lower corner, the receptacle 8 can be removed, or in some instances it may be found desirable and advantageous to sufficiently buckle or distend the material of the bag that the containers 8 will slide inwardly to thus be available to be discharged through the open end of the bag. In any event, the containers 8 are initially enclosed entirely within the bag structure where they will be held against loss and will be protected against injurious or deteriorating effects of atmospheric moisture or the like.

As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the front and back faces 6 and 7 of the bag, both in the upper por-

tion of the body and also on those portions covering the containers 8, are presented as smooth flat surfaces that can be readily printed upon or otherwise marked; and, the entire construction and assembly is such that the pictorial representations, printing, or other matter can be readily viewed when the bag is folded and in use.

Further, the flap containers 8 can have any desired printing or other matter placed thereon, and when transparent material is used for the main bag structure 1, this matter can be readily viewed through the transparent material, both before and after folding the bag.

While I have herein shown and described only certain specific embodiments of my invention and have suggested only certain possible modifications, it will be appreciated that changes may be made in the form, construction, arrangement, assembly and association of the parts, and in the manner of use, without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

I claim:

1. A sandwich bag comprising, a bag body having a closed bottom and an open top, a separate flat envelope-like container for seasoning and the like inserted in said bag body and located adjacent to the closed bottom, and a fastener secured through the bag body above the location of the container to restrain opening of the bag body to thus form a top closure for the lower portion of the bag body and retain the container therein and at the same time form a bottom closure for an upper portion of the bag body adapted to receive and hold a sandwich and the like.

2. A sandwich bag comprising, a bag body having a closed bottom and an open top, a separate flat envelope-like container for seasoning and the like located in said bag body in the lower part thereof adjacent to the closed bottom, and a staple fastener secured through the bag body intermediate the side edges thereof and above the location of the container to restrain opening of the bag body at the point of securement to thus form a top closure for the lower portion of the bag body to retain the container therein against displacement and at the same time to form a bottom closure for an upper portion of the bag body adapted to receive and hold a sandwich and the like.

3. A sandwich bag comprising, with a bellows type of bag body having infolded portions and having a closed bottom and an open top, a separate envelope-like container to receive seasonings and the like fitted in the infolded portions of the body portion adjacent to the closed bottom for carrying and removable therefrom to give access to the contents of the container, and means securing through the infolded portion above the bottom where the container is fitted to thus retain the container in association with the bag body while yet permitting ready access thereto by tearing or severance of adjacent portions of the bag body, said securing means at the same time serving as a bottom closure for the upper portion of the bag body adapted to receive and hold a sandwich and the like.

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