

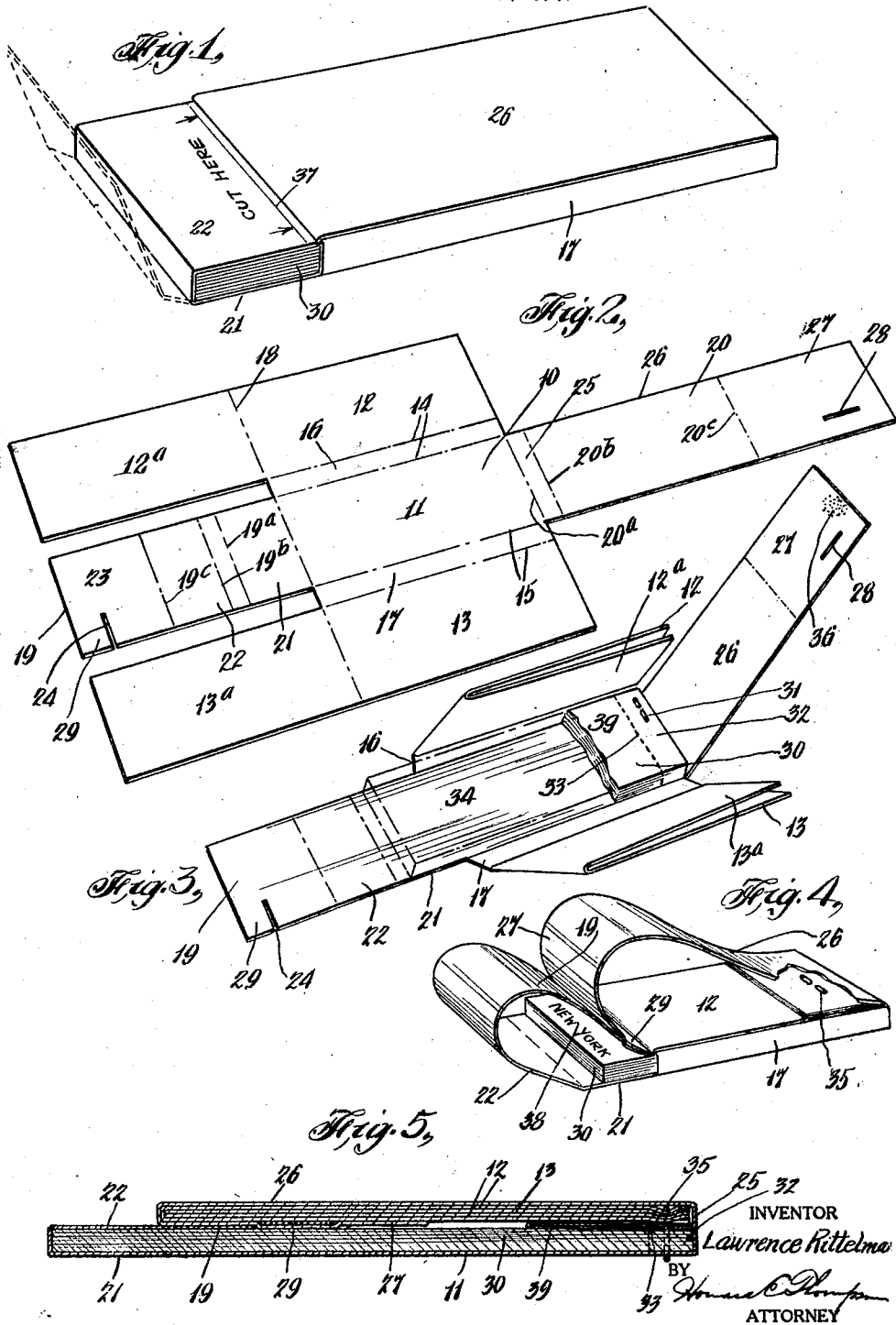
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SEALED CONTAINER FOR TICKETS, COUPONS, AND THE LIKE.

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This invention relates to sales stimulator tickets, other tickets, coupons and the like, and particularly to the provision of a container or wrapper therefore which is adapted to conceal the tickets and the like therein and also to effect a seal or positive enclosure for predetermined data printed or otherwise fixed on the tickets, coupons or the like or that portion thereof contained within the container; and the object of the invention is to provide a device of the class specified which is fashioned from a sheet of paper, cardboard or other suitable material composed of foldably connected and interlocking parts, which when folded together and secured together will form a sealed container or wrapper for predetermined articles; a further object being to provide a device of the class specified which when open for use in the sale or distribution of tickets, coupons or the like will still constitute a sealed container or wrapper for positively concealing and protecting predetermined data on tickets, coupons and the like or that portion thereof located well within the container or wrapper; and with these and other objects in view, the invention consists in a device of the class and for the purpose specified, which is simple in construction, efficient in use and which is constructed as hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention described and claimed herein is an improvement on that shown, described and claimed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed on the 20th day of December, 1924, and bearing Serial No. 757,128 and is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the container or wrapper in its fully concealed position and indicating in dotted lines, the closure flap in an open position.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the blank from which the container or wrapper shown in Fig. 1 is formed.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the container partially formed.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 showing another step in forming the container; and,

Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view through the container as shown in Fig. 1.

In practice, I provide a sheet of predetermined material, preferably light cardboard, which is fashioned to form a blank 10 as seen in Fig. 2 of the drawing, said blank comprising a central body portion 11 which forms one side face of the finished container and to which is connected side portions 12 and 13 separated from the central portion 11 by two pairs of score lines 14 and 15 to form comparatively narrow side strips 16 and 17 between the said parts and which form the side walls of the container. Extending from the side portions 12 and 13 are flaps 12^a and 13^a foldable onto the portions 12 and 13 on the score line 18 and the folded position of said flaps as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawing.

Joined to the ends of the central body 11 are extensions 19 and 20, the extension 19 being foldable on the score line 18 and having score lines 19^a and 19^b and 19^c so arranged as to form two side faces 21 and 22 of a closure flap for the finished container and a sealing tongue 23 having an aperture 24 adjacent the outer end portion thereof and opening through one side wall thereof. The extension 20 is foldable on a score line 20^a in line with the adjacent edges of the portions 12 and 13, and said extension has other score lines 20^b and 20^c to form thereof an end wall 25, a top wall 26 and a sealing flap 27, the latter having arranged adjacent one corner thereof and extending longitudinally thereof an aperture 28, through which the tongue 29 formed on the corner portion of the sealing flap 23 by the aperture 24 therein, is adapted to pass. The length of the aperture 28 is preferably greater than the width of the tongue 29 to permit of slight movement of said tongue longitudinally of the aperture 28.

In the accompanying drawing, sales stimulator tickets 30 are shown to be supported in the container or wrapper for the purpose of illustrating one use of the invention, and these tickets, for example, may be similar to the tickets shown in the application hereinbefore referred to, said tickets being bound together by a wire stitch or staple 31 which passes through the bound end portion 32 thereof, the tickets proper being severed from said bound end portion along perforated lines 33 and the tickets proper having

arranged thereon and preferably adjacent the stitch 31 of the bound ends 32, indicator data 34 such for example as numerals which are to be sealed within the container or

5 wrapper.

In folding the blank 10 to form a container or wrapper and to seal the tickets 30 therein, the tickets are first secured together by the staple 31 as previously stated and the
10 flaps 12^a and 13^a are folded inwardly upon the portions 12 and 13, and said side portions folded upon the central body part 11 in the manner illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawing, after which one of the side por-
15 tions 12—13 is placed within the other side portion or in the pocket formed between such side portion and the flap thereof and then folded downwardly upon the top face of the tickets 30, and another wire stitch or
20 staple 35 is then passed through the central body portion 11, the bound portion 32 of the tickets 30 and then through both of the end portions 12—13 and the flaps 12^a and 13^a thereof as seen in Fig. 4 of the drawing.

25 The tickets 30 are now fixedly secured in the container or wrapper thus formed and to cover the open end of the stitch or staple 35 and to positively seal the container against opening and also to prevent the removal of
30 the separate tickets, a small portion of glue is applied to the upper face of the sealing flap 27 adjacent the free end portion thereof as seen at 36 in Fig. 3 of the drawing, after which the flaps 23 and 27 are brought to-
35 gether back to back and interlocked by passing the tongue 29 through the aperture 28 in the manner illustrated in Fig. 4 of the drawing, and both of said flaps are passed into the container and extend inwardly be-
40 tween the portions 12^a and 13^a and the flaps thereof and the tickets, and in this operation the glue 36 is spread over the face of one of the side portions 12^a—13^a or its flap and adheres both of the flaps 23 and 27 to the up-
45 per portion of the container as will be clearly seen on a consideration of Fig. 5 of the drawing. In the above operation, it will be noted that the side portions 21 and 22 of the closure flap extend around the projecting
50 end portions of the tickets 30, said tickets projecting beyond the main body portion of the container in the construction shown, and a line 37 will be marked upon the side face 22 or said side face may be scored or perfor-
55 ated to facilitate cutting or rupturing such side face to free one end portion of the closure flap when it is desired to effect a sale or distribution of one or more of the tick-
60 ets 30.

The projecting end portions of the tickets 30 which will be visible when the closure flap has been freed as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1 of the drawing may have printed or otherwise fixed thereon predeter-
65 mined indicator data 38 such for example as

the names of cities or States or if desired, such data need not be employed and data similar thereto may be located adjacent the bound portions 32 of the tickets where the indicator data 34 is located therein. It will
70 also be understood that in the operation of withdrawing or removing the separate tick-ets 30 from the container, the indicator data 34 will not be accessible or visible through the exterior of the container, the same being
75 concealed and also permanently sealed within the container, it being apparent that when the flap 27 is adhered to the flap 12^a—13^a the separate parts of the entire container are permanently locked against separation and
80 can only be opened by destroying the package or by providing means for cutting or tearing out a predetermined portion of the package to remove therefrom a folded sheet of paper 39 bound with the tickets 30 and on
85 which predetermined data is printed or otherwise fixed in the manner of the ticket construction shown in the application here-
before referred to. The container or wrap-
90 per also provides, as will be apparent, means for positively concealing and fixedly retaining the slip 39 therein which slip can only be removed in the destruction or rupturing of the container.

It will be understood that I am not neces-
95 sarily limited to the mounting of tickets of greater length than the dimensions of the container or wrapper proper in such container or wrapper, nor am I necessarily lim-
100 ited to the supporting and sealing of articles of any kind or class in the container, it being understood that the same may be used for many purposes, and it will also be ap-
parent that the container may be made of any suitable form or size, and various other
105 changes in and modifications of the construction herein shown and described may be made within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages.
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Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Let-
ters Patent, is:—

1. A container of the class described com-
115 prising a plurality of foldably connected and interlocking parts, means for securing a plu-
rality of tickets within and to the container and means for sealing said first named means and the container as a whole.

2. A container of the class described com-
120 prising a plurality of foldably connected and interlocking parts, means for securing a plurality of tickets within and to the container and means for sealing said first named means and the container as a whole, said seal-
125 ing means including the flap encircling the outer end portion of the tickets to normally prevent the removal of the separate tickets.

3. A container of the class described com-
130 prising a plurality of foldably connected and

interlocking parts, means for securing a plurality of tickets within and to the container, means for sealing said first named means and the container as a whole, said sealing means including the flap encircling the outer end portion of the tickets to normally prevent the removal of the separate tickets, said flap being adapted to be severed from the container to facilitate the removal of the separate tickets, the container in the last named position thereof serving to normally retain the tickets therein and to conceal predetermined data thereon, and data containing means disposed in the container, said last named means being removable from the container by destroying the same when all of the tickets have been removed therefrom.

4. A device of the class described comprising a sheet of predetermined material having side flaps foldable upon a central portion of the sheet, a body adapted to be placed within and between said central portion and said flaps, means for securing said body to said flaps and central portion of the sheet, and means on said sheet foldable over the flaps and sealing said first named means for sealing the separate parts together to form a container which conceals a predetermined portion of said body.

5. A device of the class described comprising a sheet of predetermined material having side flaps foldable upon a central portion of the sheet, a body adapted to be placed within and between said central portion and said flaps, means for securing said body to said flaps and central portion of the sheet, means on said sheet foldable over the flaps and sealing said first named means for sealing the separate parts together to form a container which conceals a predetermined portion of said body, one end of said container being open, and a flap sealed to the open end portion of the container.

6. A device of the class described fashioned from a sheet of predetermined material and comprising a blank consisting of a central part, side parts foldable upon each other and upon the central part and an end part foldable upon said side parts and provided with a flap adapted to be inserted into the pocket formed between the first named parts and secured to said side parts.

7. A device of the class described fashioned from a sheet of predetermined material and comprising a blank consisting of a central part, side parts foldable upon each other and upon the central part and an end part foldable upon said side parts and provided with a flap adapted to be inserted into the pocket formed between the first named parts and secured to said side parts, and another end part provided with a flap adapted to be interlocked with the flap of the first named end part and to be inserted into the container to form a sealed device.

8. A device of the class described fashioned from a sheet of predetermined material and comprising a blank consisting of a central part, side parts foldable upon each other and upon the central part and an end part foldable upon said side parts and provided with a flap adapted to be inserted into the pocket formed between the first named parts and secured to said side parts, and another end part provided with a flap adapted to be interlocked with the flap of the first named end part and to be inserted into the container to form a sealed device, said last named end flap comprising a closure member for one end portion of the container.

9. A device of the class described fashioned from a sheet of predetermined material and comprising a blank consisting of a central part, side parts having projecting flaps adapted to be folded thereon and said side parts being adapted to be interlocked one with the other and foldable upon the first named part, and an end part on said first named part and foldable upon said side parts, means for securing said end part to said folded and interlocked side parts for securing all of said parts together to provide a container open at one end, and another end part for forming a closure for the open end of the container.

10. A device of the class described fashioned from a sheet of predetermined material and comprising a blank consisting of a central part, side parts having projecting flaps adapted to be folded thereon and said side parts being adapted to be interlocked one with the other and foldable upon the first named part, and an end part on said first named part and foldable upon said side parts, means for securing said end part to said folded and interlocked side parts for securing all of said parts together to provide a container open at one end, another end part for forming a closure for the open end of the container, and said end parts having interlocking means.

11. A device of the class described fashioned from a sheet of predetermined material and comprising a blank consisting of a central part, side parts having projecting flaps adapted to be folded thereon, and said side parts being adapted to be interlocked one with the other and foldable upon the first named part, means for securing all of said parts together, and an end part on said first named part and foldable upon said side parts, and means for securing said end part to said folded and interlocked side parts to form a container, the separate parts of which are sealed together.

12. A device of the class described fashioned from a sheet of predetermined material, and comprising a blank consisting of a central part, side parts having projecting flaps adapted to be folded thereon and said

side parts being adapted to be interlocked one with the other and foldable upon the first named part, means for securing all of said parts together and an end part on said first named part and foldable upon said side parts, means for securing said end part to said folded and interlocked side parts to form a container open at one end and the separate parts of which are sealed together, another end part for forming a closure for the open end of the container, and said end parts having interlocking means.

13. A container of the class described for a plurality of sheets of paper having ticket portions and stub portions, said container comprising foldably connected parts, means passed through parts of the container and the stub portions of said sheets for securing said sheets within and to the container and said container forming an enclosure and seal for the major portion of said sheets.

14. A container of the class described for a plurality of sheets of paper having ticket portions and stub portions, said container comprising foldably connected parts, means passed through parts of the container and the stub portions of said sheets for securing said sheets within and to the container, said

container forming an enclosure and seal for the major portion of said sheets, and means forming part of the container for normally preventing the removal of the ticket portions of said sheets.

15. A container of the class described for a plurality of sheets of paper having ticket portions and stub portions, said container comprising foldably connected parts, means passed through parts of the container and the stub portions of said sheets for securing said sheets within and to the container, said container forming an enclosure and seal for the major portion of said sheets, the ticket portions of said sheets projecting through the open end of the container, means forming part of the container for normally preventing the removal of the separate tickets whereby the opening of said last named means will permit of the removal of the separate tickets through the open end of the container, and data containing means concealed within the container and removable therefrom only by the destruction of the container.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name this 2nd day of Feb., 1925.

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