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FIG. 2

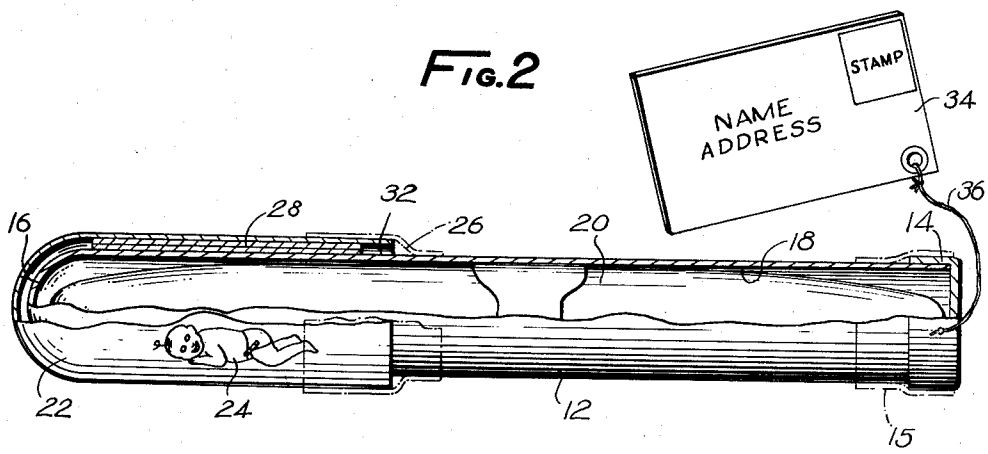


FIG. 1

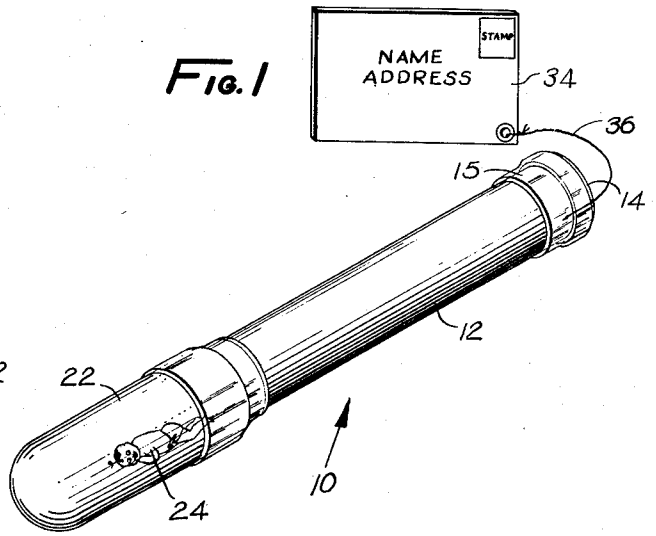


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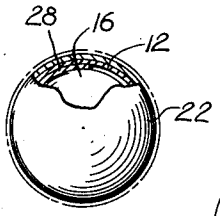
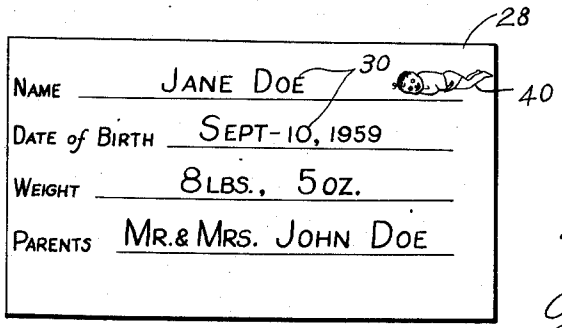


FIG. 4



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This invention relates to novelties and, more particularly, to a novelty birth announcement.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a novel form of device for announcing the birth of a child which is extremely attractive in appearance, readily mailed and shipped, and which will be appreciated by the recipient.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a novelty birth announcement of the above type that includes a shipping container with a cigar enclosed therewithin that may be safely and attractively mailed to a recipient together with a birth announcement contained therewithin.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a novelty birth announcement bearing the above objects in mind which is of simple construction, has a minimum number of parts, is inexpensive to manufacture, and efficient in operation.

For other objects and for a better understanding of the invention, reference may be had to the following detailed description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a novelty birth announcement made in accordance with the present invention;

FIGURE 2 is an enlarged side elevational view, with parts shown broken away and partly in section, of the device shown in FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 3 is a left end elevational view of the device shown in FIGURE 2, with parts shown broken away and partly in section; and

FIGURE 4 is an enlarged plan view of an announcement card forming a part of the present invention.

Referring now more in detail to the drawing, a novelty birth announcement **10** made in accordance with the present invention is shown to include a substantially cylindrical main housing **12** open at one end and having a hemispherical end wall **16** at the opposite end. A hollow cylindrical closure cap **14** closed at one end is detachably mounted upon the open end of the cylindrical casing **12** and secured thereto, such as by a strip of adhesive tape **15**. The interior of the cylindrical sleeve **12** defines a compartment **18** within of which a cigar **20** may be safely and conveniently stored.

A tubular sleeve member **22** having a hemispherical end wall is slidably carried upon the closed end of the casing **12** and has various designs and indicia **24** imprinted upon the exterior thereof for decorative purposes. This sleeve **22**, which is of substantially larger diameter than the exterior diameter of the main casing **12**, is removably secured upon the casing **12**, such as by a strip of adhesive tape **26**. The space **32** between the casing **12** and the sleeve **22** defines an annular compartment within which an announcement card **28** may be rollably stored. This card **28** may be provided with various indicia **30** relating to the announcement of the birth of a child, as well as the design **40** of a baby identical to

design **24**. A flexible string **36**, secured at one end to an address card **34**, may be secured at its other end to the assembly at the closure end of the casing **12**, such as by adhesive tape **15**.

In actual use, each cigar **20** may be stored in its own closed casing **12** and sold as an individual article. However, for the purpose of the present invention, the additional sleeve members **22** may be provided which can be readily attached to each main casing **12**, in the manner described, by use of an adhesive strip **26**. When so applied, the decorative figures **24** on the exterior of the sleeve **22** serve to classify the device as a birth announcement, and provides storage means for the rolled up birth announcement card **28**. Each of the parts of the present invention can be conveniently manufactured, out of any desired material, such as formed aluminum, molded plastic, or the like. Each sleeve **22**, casing **12**, and closure **15**, will be preferably provided in pink or blue colors, in order to make it more fitting for the occasion, with the baby design **24** colored blue if the casing is pink, and colored pink if the casing is blue, so as to provide an attractive contrasting effect.

While various changes may be made in the detail construction, it shall be understood that such changes shall be within the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the appended claims.

What I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A novelty birth announcement comprising, in combination, a receptacle having a hemispherical end wall, a closure having a side wall engageable with said receptacle and removably carried by said receptacle, said closure combined with said receptacle defining an article storage compartment within said receptacle, and message carrying means supported upon said receptacle, said message carrying means comprising a flexible card rolled around the side of said receptacle and carried by said receptacle, and a sleeve slidably carried upon said card, said sleeve having a hemispherical end wall adjacent and exterior to said receptacle hemispherical end wall.

2. The combination according to claim 1 wherein said receptacle comprises a substantially elongated cylindrical casing, one end of said casing having said hemispherical end wall and the opposite end of said casing being open, said closure being carried upon said open end of said casing, said closure comprising a substantially cylindrical cap, a strip of adhesive tape detachably securing said cap upon said casing, and a mailing address tag detachably secured to said adhesive strip.

3. The combination according to claim 2 wherein said card carries a design imprinted thereupon and said sleeve carries a design imprinted thereupon, said designs of said card and said sleeve being visually cooperative together.

4. The combination according to claim 3 wherein the side of said sleeve is along its full length relatively close and parallel to said receptacle side.

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