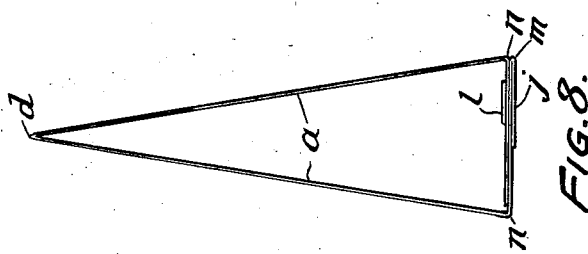
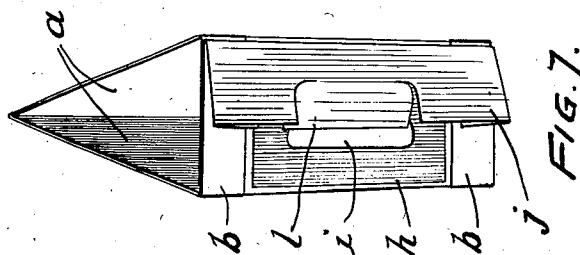
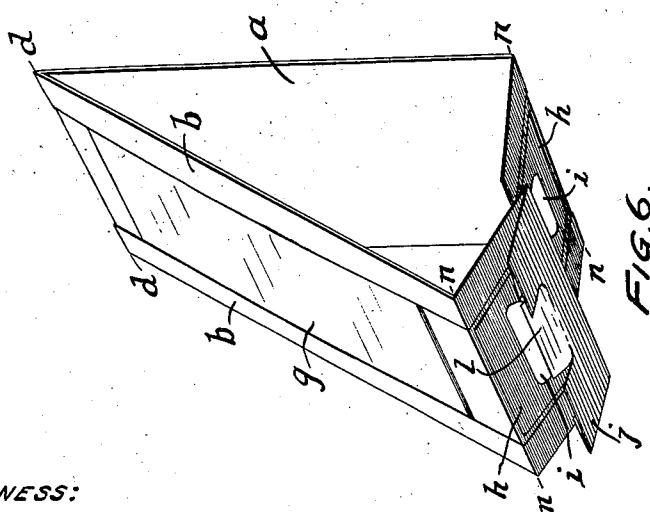


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This invention relates to an improvement in display container.

More particularly this invention relates to a container formed from paper and which is adapted to serve to contain articles, such as stockings, gloves, or the like, for their display to prospective customers and, at the same time, adapted, without removal or readjustment of the articles, to provide a package for their convenient transportation when purchased.

Generally speaking, the display container according to this invention will be formed from paper of desired suitable type and weight by folding to provide means for the retention of articles to be displayed and to enable open display of the articles or their enclosure for transportation. Further, the container will be arranged to provide locking means for retaining it in position for the display of contained articles and also for the enclosure of contained articles. Further, means are provided for conveniently carrying it when in closed position.

The display container according to this invention will be of great advantage, for example, in connection with the merchandising of hosiery in connection with which it has been found desirable to induce the sale of a plurality of pairs of hose in a single transaction. Thus, the container according to this invention is adapted to contain a plurality of pairs of hose, may be readily arranged for their open display in an attractive manner and may, with equal readiness, be arranged as a complete enclosure for the ready transportation of the enclosed hose, all without necessity for handling or disturbing the hose.

As will be obvious, the display container according to this invention may be utilized for the display and transportation of various articles, other than hose, as handkerchiefs, gloves, etc.

Having now indicated in a general way the nature and purpose of this invention, I will proceed to a detailed description thereof with reference to the accompanying drawings by which a preferred embodiment is illustrated and in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a display container according to this invention and containing two pairs of hose for display.

Figure 2 is a sectional view on line 2—2, Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the subject of Figure 1, partially closed for enclosure of the hose.

Figure 4 is a view of the subject of Figure 3 completely closed and locked in closed position for transportation.

Figure 5 is a sectional view on line 5—5, Figure 4.

Figure 6 is a perspective view of the subject of Figure 1, partially folded up for display purposes.

Figure 7 is a perspective view of the subject of Figure 6, illustrative of the means for locking the device in position for display.

Figure 8 is an end view of the device locked in display position.

In the several figures *a* indicates the body of a sheet of paper, the opposite side portions *b, b* of which are folded inwardly. The folded side portions *b, b* are secured to the sheet *a*, as, for example, by gluing or pasting, adjacent to the ends of the sheet as indicated at *c, c*, and, again, are secured at the middle of the sheet and on opposite sides of the center fold line *d, d*, as indicated at *e, e*.

The folded edges *b, b* between the pasted areas *c, c* and *d, d* form a pair of oppositely opening pockets or recesses *f, f* on opposite sides of the fold line *d, d* for the reception of the edge portions of two pairs of hosiery *g, g*, folded in the usual manner.

Adjacent its ends the sheet *a* is desirably reinforced by the application of reinforcing patches *h, h*, which may be of heavy paper, fabric, or the like, and which may be secured to the sheet *a* in any suitable manner, as by pasting or gluing. Adjacent to the ends of the sheet and in the reinforced area are formed apertures *i, i*, which will align when the sheet is folded on the fold line *d, d*.

At one end the sheet is extended to form a flap *j* which is slit as at *k, k* to form a tongue *l*, which, when the apertures *i, i*, are brought into alignment and the flap is folded on the line *m, m*, will align with the apertures and may be passed therethrough to lock the structure with the contained hosiery in a closed position, or in position for display.

The tongue *l* may be of a width greater than the width of the apertures *i, i*, as shown, to the end that when flexed through the aperture it will resist return, or it may be made of a width equal to or less than the length of the apertures, as may be desired. Again, the tongue may be formed by slitting from the edge of the flap, as shown, or by slitting entirely within the body of the flap.

As will now, it is believed, be obvious, pairs of folded hosiery *g, g* engaged in the pockets or recesses *f, f* may be displayed on a store

counter, or other point, by suitable arrangement of the sheet *a*.

Thus, pairs of folded hosiery *g, g* having been engaged in the pockets or recesses *f, f*, the sheet is folded back on the line *d, d*, with the hosiery facing outward and the end portions of the sheet are folded back on the lines *n, n*. The folding described will be clear from an inspection of Figure 6. The folded end portions of the sheet will be brought into overlying relationship and the flap *j* will be folded to bring the locking tongue *l* in alignment with the aligned apertures *i, i*, as shown in Figure 7. The locking tongue will then be passed through the aligning apertures *i, i* to lock the end portions of the sheet together and form a base upon which the device will stand when placed upon a counter or the like, as shown in Figure 8.

From an inspection of Figure 8, it will be apparent that when the device is set upon a counter, or the like, the contained hosiery will be effectively displayed.

When a sale has been made it is only necessary to pass the locking tongue *l* back through the aligning apertures *i*, fold the sheet on the line *d, d* to enclose the hosiery and bring the apertures *i, i* in the end portions of the sheet into alignment, as shown in Figure 3, the end portions of the sheet having been straightened out into the plane of the sheet, then to fold down the flap, as shown in Figure 4, and pass the locking tongue *l* through the aligned openings *i*, as shown in Figure 5.

When the device has been closed and locked by means of the tongue *l*, as described, it will effectively enclose the hosiery for transportation and may, as will be obvious, be readily transported or carried by passing the fingers through the aligning openings *i*.

When the container is closed the aligning apertures will afford passage for the fingers and enable the container to be conveniently carried.

It will be appreciated that various modification may be made in the embodiment of this in-

vention as described above without departing from the scope of this invention.

What I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

5 1. A display container comprising a sheet adapted to be folded over on a line intermediate its ends, pockets extending along the side edges of the sheet, extensions from the opposite ends of the sheet adapted to be folded on their lines of juncture with the sheet, said extensions being 10 provided with apertures so positioned that when the sheet is folded on a line intermediate its ends they will align when the extensions are brought together in their normal extension and when 15 folded on their lines of juncture with the sheet, a flap formed by an extension from the end of one of said first mentioned extensions and a tongue formed by slitting said flap, said tongue being positioned with respect to the apertures 20 in said first mentioned extensions so that it may be passed through said apertures when they are brought into alignment.

25 2. A display container comprising a sheet adapted to be folded over on a line intermediate its ends, pockets formed by folding over the edge portions of the sheet and securing to the body, extensions from the opposite ends of the sheet adapted to be folded on their lines of juncture with the sheet, said extensions being 30 provided with apertures so positioned that when the sheet is folded on a line intermediate its ends they will align when the extensions are brought together in their normal extension and when folded on their lines of juncture with the 35 sheet, a flap formed by an extension from the end of one of said first mentioned extensions and a tongue of greater width than the apertures formed by slitting said flap from its free end, said tongue being positioned with respect to the apertures 40 in said first mentioned extensions so that it may be passed through said apertures when they are brought into alignment.

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