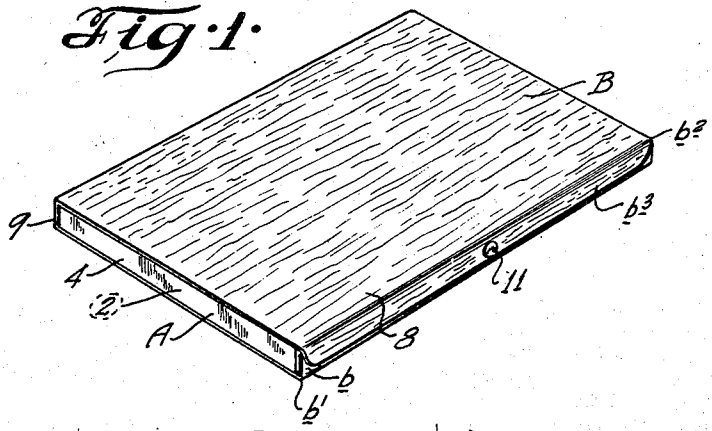
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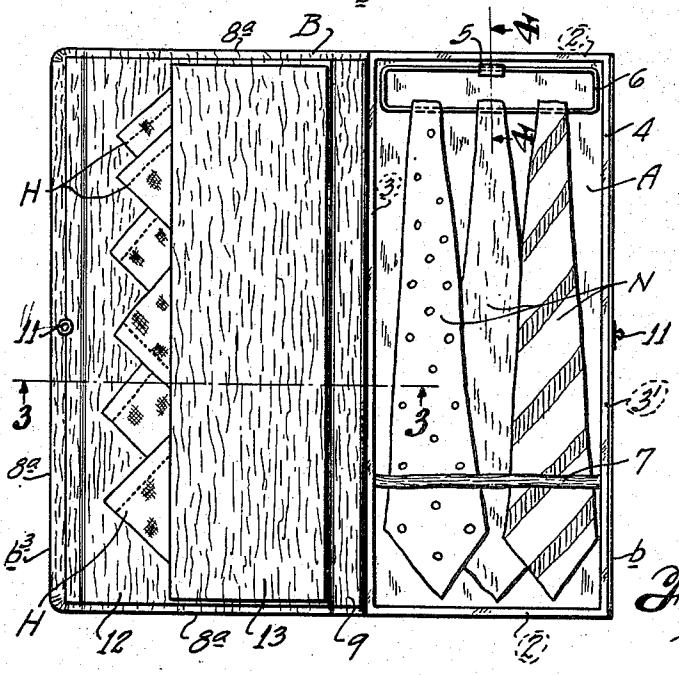


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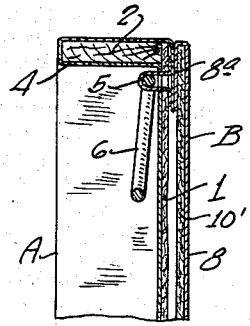


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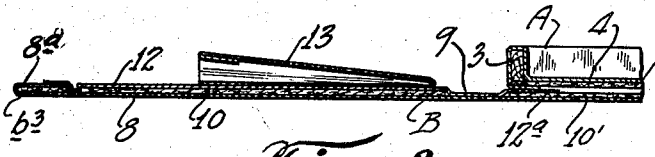


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This invention relates to a certain new and useful improvement in containers.

My invention has for its chief object the provision of a container uniquely constructed for both neatly, compactly, and attractively housing or boxing, as well as also displaying, its contents.

My invention has for a further object the provision of a container of the type stated that is simple in structure, that may be inexpensively manufactured, that is readily portable and is equally usable whether for article display purposes in merchandising stores or the like or for individual article storage or carrying purposes, whether at home or in traveling, and that, when in closed condition, efficiently protects its contents and when in open position visually presents its contents to view.

And with the above and other objects in view, my invention resides in the novel features of form, construction, arrangement, and combination of parts presently described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view in closed condition of a combination article display-container and traveling-case embodying my invention;

Figure 2 is a front elevational view of the display-container and traveling-case as when in opened or upstanding display condition;

Figure 3 is an enlarged fragmental transverse sectional view of the display-container and traveling-case taken approximately on the line 3—3, Figure 2; and

Figure 4 is an enlarged fragmental longitudinal sectional view of the display-container and traveling-case taken approximately on the line 4—4, Figure 2.

Referring now more in detail and by reference characters to the drawing, which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, the display-container and traveling-case includes a body-portion in the form of a preferably oblong-rectangular relatively shallow tray A comprising a base or bottom-wall 1, adhesively or otherwise permanently fixed to, and upstanding from the margins of, which are respectively opposed end-walls 2, 2, and off and near side-walls 3, 3', respectively, all constructed of wood, suitably heavy card-board, or other suitable relatively stiff or semi-rigid material.

Disposed upon, and adhesively or otherwise fixed to, the upper face of the wall 1 and the inner, top, and outer faces of the respective walls 2, 3, and 3', is a facing 4, whose margins are extended under, and adhesively or otherwise fixed to the lower face of, the base-wall 1, as best seen in Figures 3 and 4, the facing 4, which may be constructed of colored paper, fabric, or the like of the required strength, both giving a decorative finish to the tray A and re-enforcing the walls 2, 3, and 3' in their attachment upon the base-wall 1.

Fixed to the base-wall 1 adjacent an end-wall 2 and projecting forwardly therefrom into the tray A, is an eye 5, engaged with which for swingable movement is a preferably elongated approximately oblong-rectangular ring 6, about a bar of which any suitable article of merchandise, such, for instance, as neckties N, may be disposed for flatwise folded disposition within the tray A, as best shown in Figure 2, the free ends of the folded ties N being preferably disposed under and retained in the tray A by means of an elastic strip 7 disposed crosswise within the tray A adjacent its opposite end-wall 2 with its ends suitably secured to the base 1 or intermediate the base 1 and the opposite side-walls 3, 3'.

Forming part of a combined cover and enveloping member B for the tray A, is an outer section or sheet 8 of some suitable flexible attractive or decorative material, such as imitation leather, relatively heavy paper, fabric, or the like having a length dimension substantially the same as that of the tray A and a width dimension somewhat greater than twice the width dimension of the tray. Disposed flatwise upon the inner face of the section 8 in approximate registration with the opposite end portions thereof and spaced, as at 9, the one from the other at their respective inner margins and centrally of the outer section 8, a distance equal substantially to the height of the tray side-wall 3, are sections 10, 10', of some relatively stiff or semi-rigid, light-weight material, such as suitable card-board or the like, the outer sheet 8 at its margins, as at 8^a, being folded inwardly upon and adhesively or otherwise fixed in marginally enveloping relation to, the respective inner faces of the cover-strengthening sections 10, 10'.

At its one or right-hand margin, as at b, reference being made to Figures 1 and 2, the member B is disposed flatwise upon, and adhesively or otherwise fixed to, the outer face of the tray side-wall 3'. The member B is then bent, as at b', to extend flatwise under, and is adhesively or otherwise fixed to, the under face of the base-wall 1 of the tray A, the one section 10' approximately then registering at its opposite or inner margin with the outer face of the opposite tray

side-wall 3, as shown in Figure 3. The remaining or left-hand portion of the member B is then readily, as a flap, foldable to enclosingly overlie the tray A and its contents N. In such flapwise folding, the space 9 intermediate the semi-rigid cover-sections 10, 10', specifically registers with and covers the outer side-face of the tray wall 3, and the member B is scored or bent upon itself, as at b^2, adjacent its free margin in the provision of a supplemental or end flap b^3 for extension downwardly over the fixed end portion b of the member B when the latter is in closed position, the end-portions b, b^3, of the member B being provided with co-operable snap-couplet or other fastening members 11, 11, for detachably securing the member B in tray-covering and enveloping position. As will be observed, the outer faces of the tray end-walls 2, 2, are freely visible when the member B is in its described tray-covering and enveloping position.

For finish and strengthening purposes, the free foldable end-portion of the member B is provided upon its inner face with an additional section 12 of flexible material preferably similar to and having the characteristics of the sheet 8, the one end-portion 12^a of which being interposed and concealed between the base-wall 1 and the cover-section 10', and adhesively or otherwise fixed upon the inner face of the free or flap end-portion of flap B, is a pocket 13 for containing and displaying other articles of merchandise, such, for instance, as handkerchiefs or the like H, the pocket 13 being of a size to fit within the tray A and over the articles N when the member B is, as shown in Figure 1, in tray-covering and enveloping condition.

The container may be inexpensively manufactured and has many uses, such, for instance, as a compact readily handled traveling case for neckties, handkerchiefs, or the like, as a display in upright position for attractively exhibiting its contents upon a counter, show-case, high-boy, or the like, or as a decorative receptacle for gift or article storage purposes, in all of which uses, the container is exceedingly unique and efficient.

And it is to be understood that changes in the form, construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts of the display-container may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a combination article display-container and traveling-case including an open-top tray comprising a base-wall and off and near side-walls upstanding from the opposite side margins of the base-wall, and an enveloping-member flatwise re-enforcingly underlying the tray base-wall and having a marginal portion fixed upon the outer face of the tray off side-wall, said member comprising an extension providing a main flap-portion for foldably overlying the tray and its near side-wall and a supplemental flap for foldably overlying the tray off side-wall and forming a closure for the open top of the tray.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a combination article display-container and traveling-case including an open-top tray comprising a base-wall and off and near side-walls upstanding from the opposite side margins of the base-wall, a flexible sheet marginally fixed upon the outer face of the tray off side-wall and underlying the base-wall, the sheet having an extension for foldably overlying the tray and the tray off side-wall and forming a closure for the open top of the tray, a first section re-enforcingly fixed flatwise intermediate the base-wall and said sheet, and a second section spaced from the first section and re-enforcingly fixed flatwise to and upon said extension.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a combination article display-container and traveling-case including an open-top tray comprising a base-wall and off and near side-walls upstanding from the opposite side margins of the base-wall, a flexible sheet marginally fixed upon the outer face of the tray off side-wall and underlying the base-wall, the sheet having an extension for foldably overlying the tray and the tray off side-wall and forming a closure for the open top of the tray, a first section re-enforcingly fixed flatwise intermediate the base-wall and said sheet, a second section spaced from the first section and re-enforcingly fixed flatwise to and upon said extension, and a facing portion projecting from said extension for overlying said second section.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a combination article display-container and traveling-case including an open-top tray comprising a base-wall and off and near side-walls upstanding from the opposite side margins of the base-wall, an enveloping-member flatwise re-enforcingly underlying the tray base-wall and having a marginal portion fixed upon the outer face of the tray off side-wall, said member comprising an extension providing a main flap-portion for foldably overlying the tray and its near side-wall and a supplemental flap for foldably overlying the tray off side-wall and forming a closure for the open top of the tray, and co-operable members on said marginal portion and the supplemental flap for releasably securing the extension in tray-closure position.

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