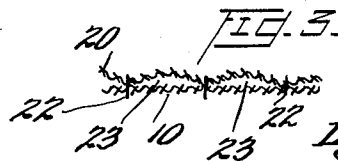
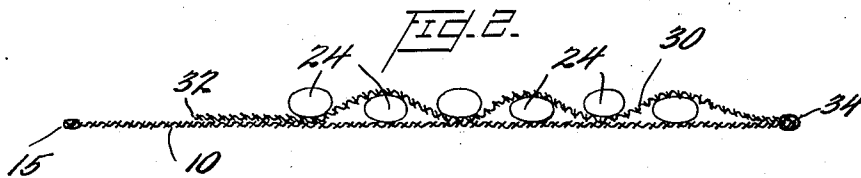
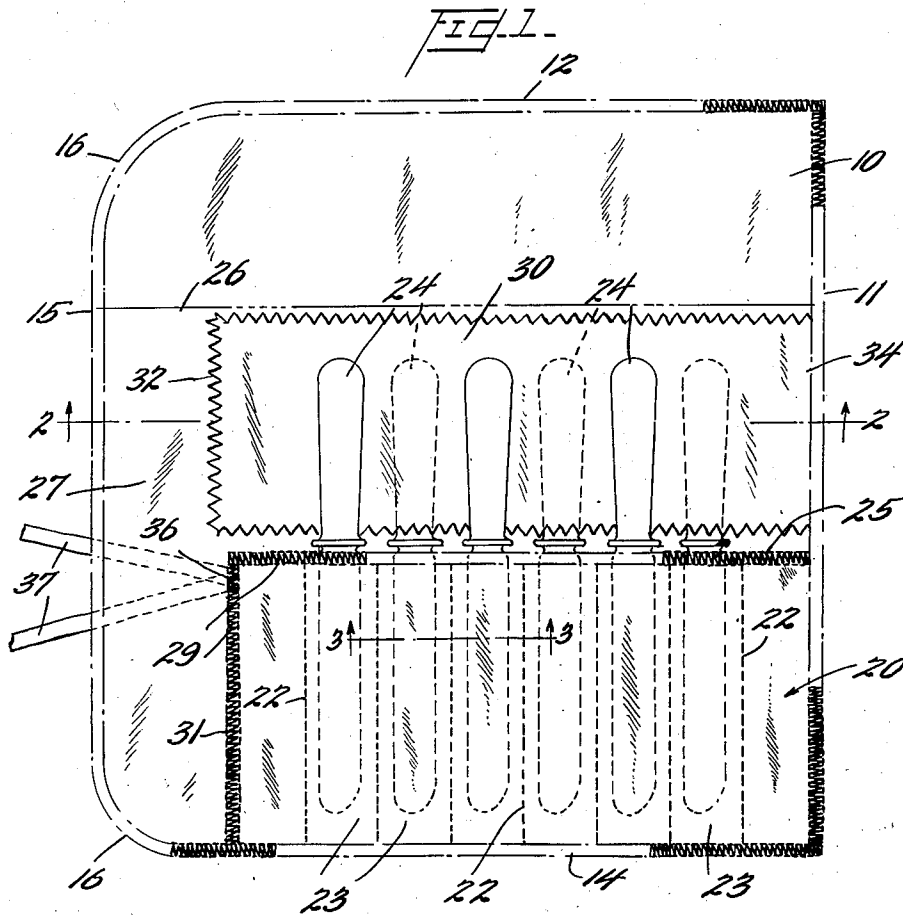


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This invention relates to silverware rolls and has for its principal object the provision of a display container for flatware in which the individual pieces are pocketed as usual but where-
 5 in provision is made to prevent those portions of the ware which are exposed for display from touching each other when the container is rolled.

A further object of the invention is the provision in a silverware roll of a pinked flap adapted to overlie and underlie the adjacent handles of the pieces of flatware.

In the usual silverware rolls, which term is used to include all containers for holding such
 10 objects as knives, forks and spoons of either solid silverware, plated metal or even glass or porcelain, there are a series of pockets each receiving a single object, such as a knife, a fork or a spoon, with as large a portion as possible
 15 extending outside of the pocket for display purposes. The cloth is normally a napped cotton fabric which has been chemically treated to prevent tarnishing of silverware or plated ware.

The principal objection to all containers known
 20 to me is that while the blades of the knives, for example, are protected against tarnishing and scratching the handles frequently touch each other when the container is formed into a roll. In accordance with my invention an additional
 25 member is provided, weaving in and out of the handles and preventing them from touching, hence giving the cloth roll both anti-tarnishing and anti-scratching properties.

Referring to the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a view of the unfolded container.

Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the container taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view of the pockets taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

In the drawing the numeral 10 indicates a
 30 main panel of napped cotton fabric which has been chemically treated to prevent tarnishing of silver. This cloth is readily available on the market, a preferred type being characterized by
 35 a rich burgundy color. The main panel preferably has a straight edge 11, a top edge 12, and bottom edge 14 and a shorter edge 15 which joins the upper and lower edges by curved portions 16.

In the lower right-hand corner I apply an
 40 auxiliary member 20, preferably of the same material, and stitch this auxiliary member as at 22 to form pockets 23 for receiving individual units of the silverware. The top to bottom dimen-
 45 sion of the auxiliary member 20 is such that for

the appropriate ware the handle 24 will be exposed above the top margin 25 of the auxiliary member, whereas the blade of the knife, the bowl of the spoon, or the tines of the fork will be in the pocket 23.

The upper portion of the main panel may be folded over the handles of the silverware as a closure so that the edge 12 lies closely adjacent the margin 25 when folded along a line such as indicated at 26 and the auxiliary member 20 is
 50 preferably materially shorter than the main panel to provide an extension 27 forming the entire outside layer when the container is formed into a closed roll.

Between the top margin 25 of the auxiliary
 15 member 20 and the line of fold 26, I provide a flap 30 preferably extending slightly beyond the side margin 31 of the auxiliary member. This flap may be pinked as at 32 and is the means for preventing the handles of the silverware
 20 from touching each other. This is accomplished, as illustrated, by placing the ware, such as knives, for example, first with the handle of the knife touching the main panel, then the next
 25 knife is placed in the pocket with the handle extending over the flap 30, and so on, each piece being alternately above or below the pinked flap which is of sufficient width to extend to the top of the knife or fork when in the pocket.

In the preferred form of my device as illustrated the two edges of the auxiliary member are finished with overcasting stitches and this piece is then placed in proper position on the main panel and secured to it on the other two edges
 30 by the same overcasting 29, this also securing the pinked flap 30 to the main panel at the narrow edge 34 of the flap.

In use, the silverware is placed in the pockets as illustrated in the drawing and should it be desired to expose all of the pieces this can readily be accomplished by merely lifting the upper
 40 free corner of the flap. It is usually sufficient, however, for half of the pieces to be displayed but since the flap is secured only along one narrow edge as at 34 all of the advantage of display
 45 can be had by moving the flap to one side. In filling the container or roll the flap 30 is laid flat to the panel and the knives placed in position either under or over the flap as may be desired. When all the pieces are in position the
 50 upper portion of the panel is folded along line 26, covering all of the exposed pieces. The container may again be folded mid-way of the length of the auxiliary member 20 which brings the edge 11 over the edge 31. The container is

now rolled and the extended portion 27 forms the cover. The stitching of the end auxiliary member as usual secures as at 36, the tape 37 approximately centrally, and this is then tied in a bow in the usual manner.

What I claim is:

1. In a case or cover for protecting silverware from tarnishing or scratching, or both; a main panel of a length appreciably in excess of the length of the silverware pieces to be protected, an auxiliary member secured to the main panel to provide a plurality of pockets or compartments for receiving the silverware pieces in parallel relationship with a portion of each piece extending beyond the margin of the auxiliary member, an elongated spacing strip passing alternately over and under the displayed portions of the silverware, said strip being of such width as to prevent the ends of the displayed portions from touching

one another, the side edges and at least one of the ends of said elongated strip being free, one side edge of said elongated spacing strip lying close to and substantially parallel with the line of the mouths of the pockets and the portion of the main panel beyond the ends of the silverware pieces forming a side flap to be folded over the ends of the silverware pieces to prevent said pieces from coming out of the pockets when the silverware case or cover is formed into the usual closed roll shape.

2. The device of claim 1 in which the auxiliary member is rectangular and is of less length than the main panel so as to provide an end flap, the spacing strip is pinked, is secured to the main panel at one short edge and extends in width substantially from the margin of the pockets to the fold which forms the side flap.

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