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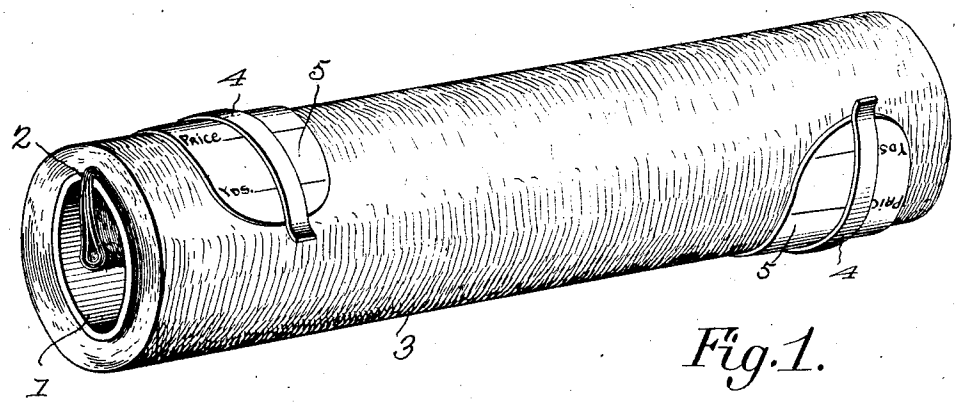


Fig. 1.

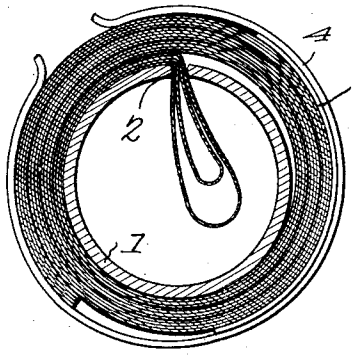
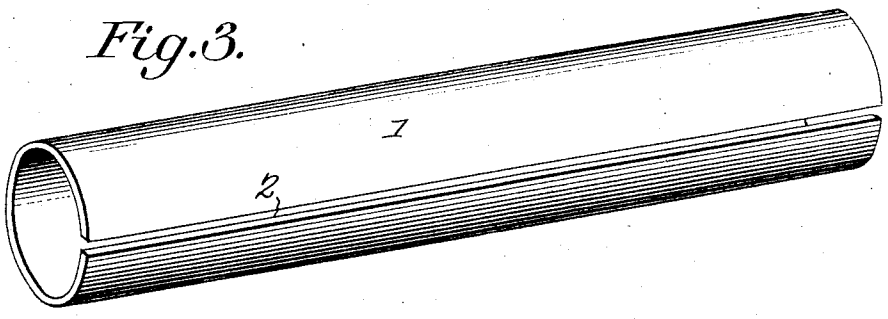


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES ED MITCHEM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Harvard, in the county of McHenry and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Remnant-Tube, of which the following is a specification.

At the present day it is the general practice in preparing remnants of dry goods for display to fold such material loosely and pin or otherwise attach thereto tags bearing the quantity and prices of the separate pieces. Under this method comparatively large proportions of the material remain exposed to dust and dirt and the remnants being unsecured in their folded condition in being overhauled on the display-tables speedily become unfolded and intermixed, thus entailing rumpling and damaging of the goods and considerable trouble and loss in assorting and refolding.

This invention relates to tubes designed especially for displaying this class of goods, and has for its objects to produce a simple, inexpensive device of this character, by which the above-mentioned objections are wholly and effectively overcome, and one whereby the material will be maintained in neat compact condition, free from liability of becoming soiled or rumpled.

The invention further comprises the employment of a spring clamping member or clip, which acts conjointly with the tube for securing the material upon the latter.

To these ends the invention comprises the novel features of construction and combination of parts more fully hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a remnant prepared for display in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the inner tube or core.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a receiving member or core in the form of a tube of suitable length and diameter and split longitudinally throughout its entire length, as at 2, said tube being composed of pasteboard, sheet metal, or the like and adapted to spring or yield transversely. 3 designates the fabric or material rolled upon said tube and engaged therewith by inserting a portion of the goods at one end through the slit 2 prior to the rolling operation, whereby during the performance of the latter the material may be drawn tightly and compactly around the tube, which is initially compressed transversely. The portion of the goods or fabric exposed within the tube constitutes a sample by which the texture, design, and other qualities of the material may be examined by a prospective purchaser without the necessity of unrolling the goods from the tube, so that the only part of the fabric which will possibly become soiled or damaged is the short length exposed in the manner described. In rolling the fabric upon the tube the wrong side is disposed outward, as clearly shown in Fig. 1, thus protecting the inner or figured or finished side from contamination by dust or from being soiled or rumpled by frequent handling.

4 indicates a spring clamping member or clip composed from any suitable spring metal and adapted to be applied around the material after the same has been rolled upon the tube, there being in practice two of these members employed and disposed, respectively, adjacent to opposite ends of the roll, which they tightly embrace for clamping the same upon the tube.

Attention is here directed to the fact that the inner member or core 1, which, as before stated, is initially compressed transversely during the rolling operation, in returning to its normal diameter tends to spring outward, thus exerting internal outward pressure upon the roll of material, while the outer members or clips 4, which are expanded in placing them upon the roll, exert an external inward pressure upon the material, whereby said members in offering reversely-opposed pressure upon the fabric will hold the same in neat compact form and bind it tightly upon the tube.

Inserted beneath one of the clips and retained in position thereby is a card or tag 5, disclosing the amount of material contained in the roll and the price thereof.

It is apparent from the foregoing that I produce a simple inexpensive device whereby the material may be maintained in neat compact form for display and by which merely

a small percentage of the fabric will be exposed to dust and dirt. In attaining these ends I do not wish to be limited to the precise details herein set forth, inasmuch as minor changes may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. A package comprising a terminally open split tube, and fabric rolled exteriorly thereon and having a sample portion disposed within the tube.

2. A package comprising a terminally open split tube, fabric rolled exteriorly thereon and having a sample portion disposed within the tube, and means for holding the fabric from unwinding.

3. A package comprising a terminally open split tube, and fabric rolled exteriorly thereon with its wrong side outward and having a sample portion disposed within the tube.

4. A package comprising a terminally open split tube, fabric rolled exteriorly thereon with its wrong side outward and having a sample portion disposed within the tube, and means for holding the fabric from unwinding.

5. A package comprising an inner tubular member split longitudinally, a fabric rolled thereon, and an outer spring clamping member for maintaining the fabric in place.

6. A package comprising an inner elastic receiving member or core, a fabric rolled thereon, and an outer spring clamping member for maintaining the fabric in place.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in in the presence of two witnesses.

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