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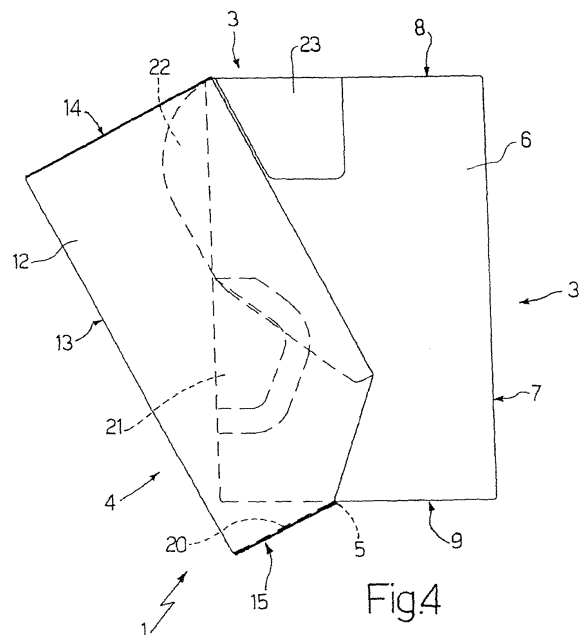
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(54) **Rigid package for tobacco articles, with a glued hinged lid**

(57) A rigid package (1) for tobacco articles, having a parallelepiped-shaped container (2) housing a group of tobacco articles and having a withdrawal opening (3); and a cup-shaped lid (4) hinged to the container (2) along a hinge (5) to rotate, with respect to the container (2), between an open position and a closed position respectively opening and closing the withdrawal opening (3); the container (2) and the lid (4) are formed by folding two respective independent, separate blanks (18, 19); and the lid (4) is glued to a connecting tab (20) integral with a bottom end wall (9) of the container (2).



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1. claims: 1-3

The package comprises a connecting tab which is separated from the container by a fold line defining the hinge, and is glued entirely to the lid

2. claims: 1,4-8

The package comprises stop means for limiting rotation of the lid with respect to the container

3. claims: 1,9

The withdrawal opening extends over part of the top end wall of the container and part of the major lateral walls of the container

4. claims: 1,10-12

The withdrawal opening is at least partly closed by a tear-off portion of the container

5. claims: 1,13

The minor lateral wall of the lid comprises at least one through hole sized to permit insertion of a user's finger

6. claims: 1,14,15

The top end wall of the lid is larger than the bottom end wall of the lid

7. claims: 1,16,17

Layout of the flat first blank

8. claims: 1,18,19

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9. claims: 1,20-22

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10. claims: 1,23-26

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11. claims: 1,27-30

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