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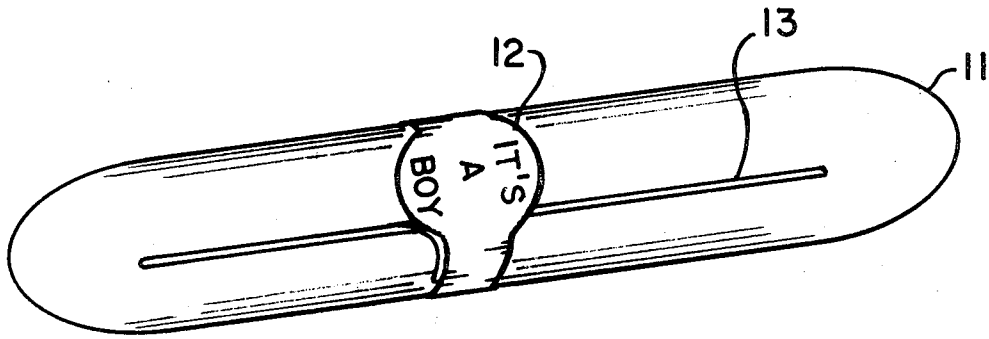
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A birth announcement rolled to fit within a hollow simulated cigar having, in one embodiment, a slot for pulling the birth announcement out, the birth announcement being attached to a simulated cigar band and, in another embodiment, the simulated cigar having two halves, one slidably receiving the other.

1 Claim, 3 Drawing Figures



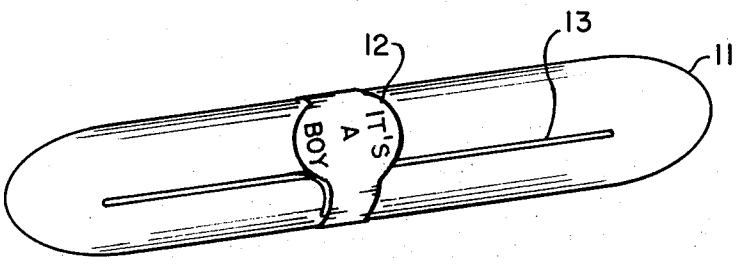


FIG-1

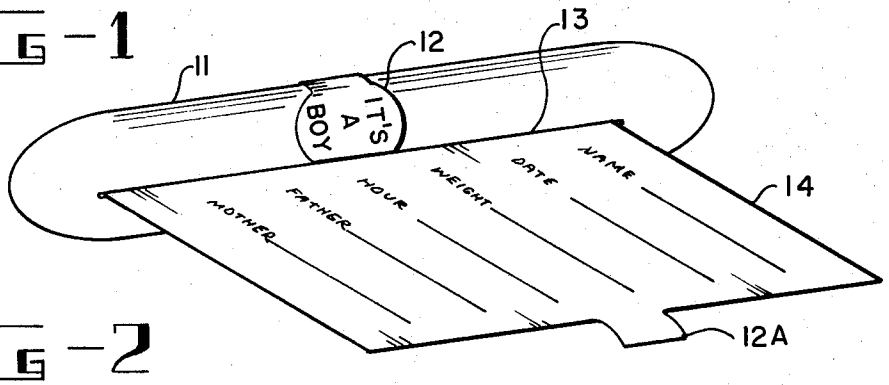


FIG-2

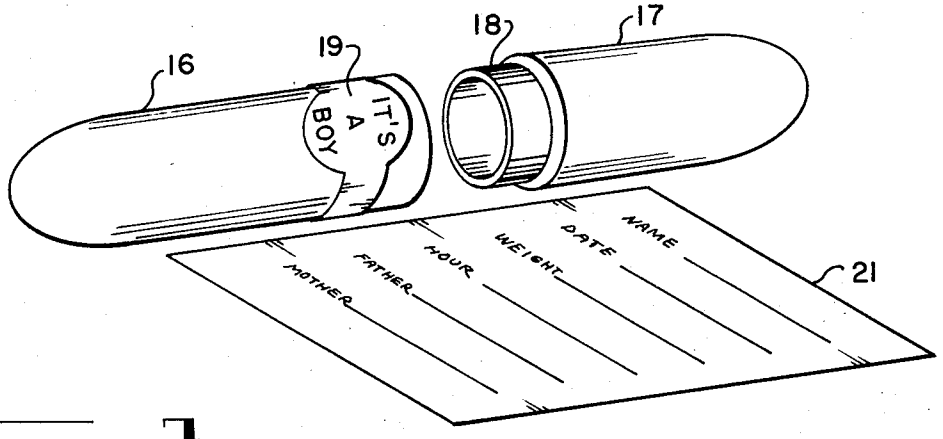


FIG-3

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a birth announcement and more particularly to a birth announcement carried within a hollow simulated cigar.

According to the invention, a hollow simulated cigar is provided which has a slot in one embodiment. A birth announcement is rolled and carried by the cigar with one side attached to a simulated cigar band. When the cigar band is pulled, the birth announcement is pulled out of the slot and into view. Another embodiment contemplates the simulated cigar being in two halves, one half being slidably received by the other for opening and closing around the birth announcement.

An object of the present invention is the provision of a birth announcement carried within a hollow simulated cigar.

Another object of the present invention is the provision of a birth announcement carried within a hallow simulated cigar having a slot for removal of the birth announcement.

Yet another object of the present invention is the provision of a birth announcement carried by a hollow simulated cigar which is inexpensive to manufacture and appealing to the purchasing public.

Other objects and many of the attendant advantages of this invention will be readily appreciated as the same becomes better understood by reference to the following detailed description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawings in which like reference numerals designate like parts throughout the figures thereof and wherein:

FIG. **1** is a perspective view of a preferred embodiment of the invention with the birth announcement contained therein;

FIG. **2** is a perspective view of the embodiment of FIG. **1** with the birth announcement pulled out into view; and

FIG. **3** is an exploded perspective view of another embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Referring to FIG. **1**, a simulated hollow cigar **11** is surrounded by a simulated cigar band **12**. Simulated hollow cigar **11** has a slot **13** in the side thereof.

Referring to FIG. **2**, simulated hollow cigar **11** again has a simulated band **12**, part **12***a* of which is attached to a birth announcement **14**. Birth announcement **14** is shown pulled out of slot **13**.

Referring to FIG. **3**, a hollow simulated cigar is shown in two parts, **16** and **17**, part **17** having a reduced diameter section **18** for being slidably received within part **16**. A simulated cigar band is shown at **19**. A birth announcement is shown in spatial relationship thereto at **21**.

OPERATION

Referring back to FIGS. **1** and **2**, it can be seen that birth announcement **14** can be rolled and received through slot **13** into simulated cigar **11** having one edge attached to section **12***a* of simulated cigar band **12**. When the recipient receives the cigar, he simply pulls cigar band **12** and unrolls birth announcement **14** into view. In a more expensive embodiment, birth announcement **14** could be carried by a spring-biased rotatable shaft within simulated cigar **11**.

Referring back to FIG. **3**, another embodiment is shown wherein the simulated cigar is in parts **16** and **17**. In this embodiment, the birth announcement **21** is rolled up and slidably received by either part **16** or **17** and the two parts then telescope together to form another version of a simulated cigar birth announcement.

It should be understood, of course, that the foregoing disclosure relates to only a preferred embodiment of the invention and that it is intended to cover all changes and modifications of the example of the invention herein chosen for the purposes of the disclosure which do not constitute departures from the spirit and scope of the invention.

The invention claimed is:

1. A birth announcement comprising:

a hollow simulated cigar;

a birth announcement carried within said hollow simulated cigar;

a slot in said hollow simulated cigar dimensioned for pulling said birth announcement into view;

a simulated cigar band; and

an extension in said announcement, said extension attached to said simulated cigar band.

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