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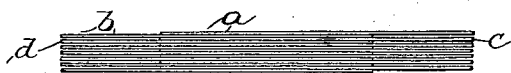
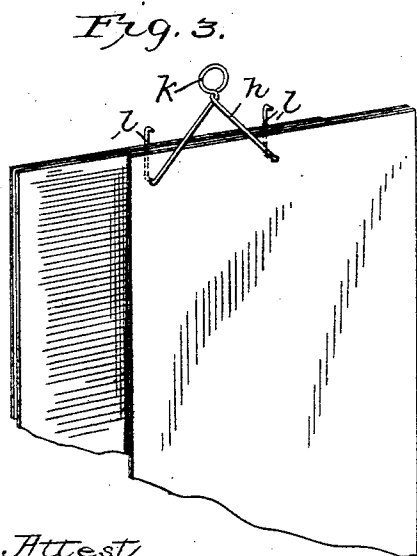
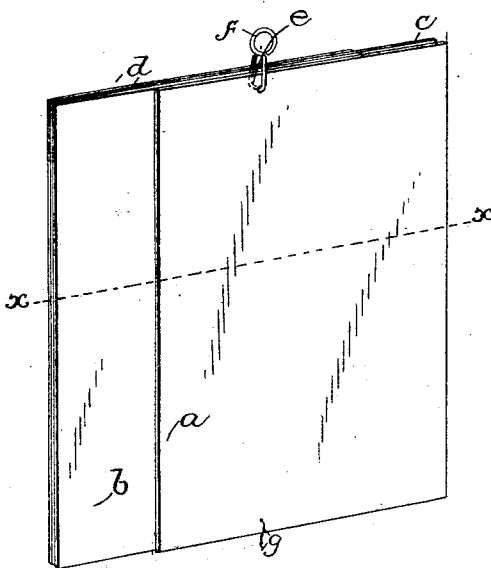


Fig. 2.

Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDGAR JEROME, a citizen of the United States, residing at Norwalk, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toilet-Paper, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention herein described involves the principle of construction shown in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed by me in the United States Patent Office on the 2d day of November, 1893, and serially numbered 489,838. The packages in this form of the invention herein shown are substantially in flat form made up of units of use, each one of which presents an edge exposed upon the body or surface of the next succeeding unit and is defined and accessible by reason of such exposure. In the forms shown by my said application the exposure of the edges of each unit is effected either by alternations of different forms or by alternate arrangement of the same form. In the form hereinafter described the units of use may be, though not necessarily, all composed of sheets of the same shape and dimension. They are rectangular in the form shown and depend for the exposure of the edges of the unit upon alternate displacement of the units. They are held together in the package in which they are assembled by means of a yoke or clip or equivalent connecting or binding device, by which also the package may be suspended and have certain manifest advantages.

My said invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan of the improved package. Fig. 2 shows a section on line *x x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 shows a modified form of connecting or binding device, the form and arrangement of the sheets or units being the same.

In the figures the units of use may be composed of single sheets or of a single sheet folded, or of multiples of either of these, according to the kind of paper used or the demands of the trade.

In Fig. 1 I have shown the simplest form of the package and its binding device. In

this the sheets are of rectangular shape and of uniform size, and the exposure of the edges of the units (represented each by a single sheet) is solely by the arrangement. The sheet or unit *a* is laid to partially overlap the next succeeding sheet *b* by lateral shifting, so as to leave a margin of the next sheet *b* exposed, and the edge of *a* thus is made to lie upon the body or face of *b*, so as to be distinguishable thereon and accessible to the finger of the user. The third sheet *c* is also shifted so as to lie directly underneath *a* and to be conterminous therewith, and the fourth sheet *d* is in like manner directly underneath the sheet *b*, and so on throughout the package. Thus throughout the package the sheets or units are defined and rendered accessible by alternate displacement laterally, and the sheets themselves may be of uniform size and shape and have their edges coincide at the ends, so as to be connected by a yoke or clip at the end. While the sheets are or may be all alike, there are two sets in the package, the sheets or groups of each set coinciding, but one set displaced in relation to the sheets alternating with the other.

In Fig. 1 the clip or connecting device consists of a single hook *e* of wire thrust through the package and bent so as to hold, and this hook may have a ring *f* on its upper end to furnish means of suspension. The clip or wire is centrally placed and penetrates and holds every sheet of the package. In Fig. 3 I have shown the same form of sheets and the same arrangement, the sheets being marked by the same letters; but the connecting device consists of a yoke *h*, made of wire, the prongs *l l* of which are spread to give a double hold on the sheets, the ends of the wire being thrust through all the sheets and bent up to hold. In this form the sheets, being held in two places, are secure against disarrangement in storing or handling. The yoke also has an eye or ring *k* for suspension. In all these packages the bundles may be made by running strips of suitable widths from the rolls upon each other, with the strips alternately displaced as to each other, and forming a multiple web severable into bundles for packages by single transverse cuts. The exposed edges of the units in this form are more extensive and very readily and easily grasped.

In Fig. 1 a temporary fastener is shown at *g*, consisting of a wire extending through the package. When the package is put up for use, this fastening is broken.

5 I claim—

A package of toilet-paper composed of two sets of sheets or groups of sheets so placed that a part of each sheet or group of sheets of one set, is overlapped by a sheet or group

of sheets of the other set, in combination with 10 a binding device connecting all the units on one margin.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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