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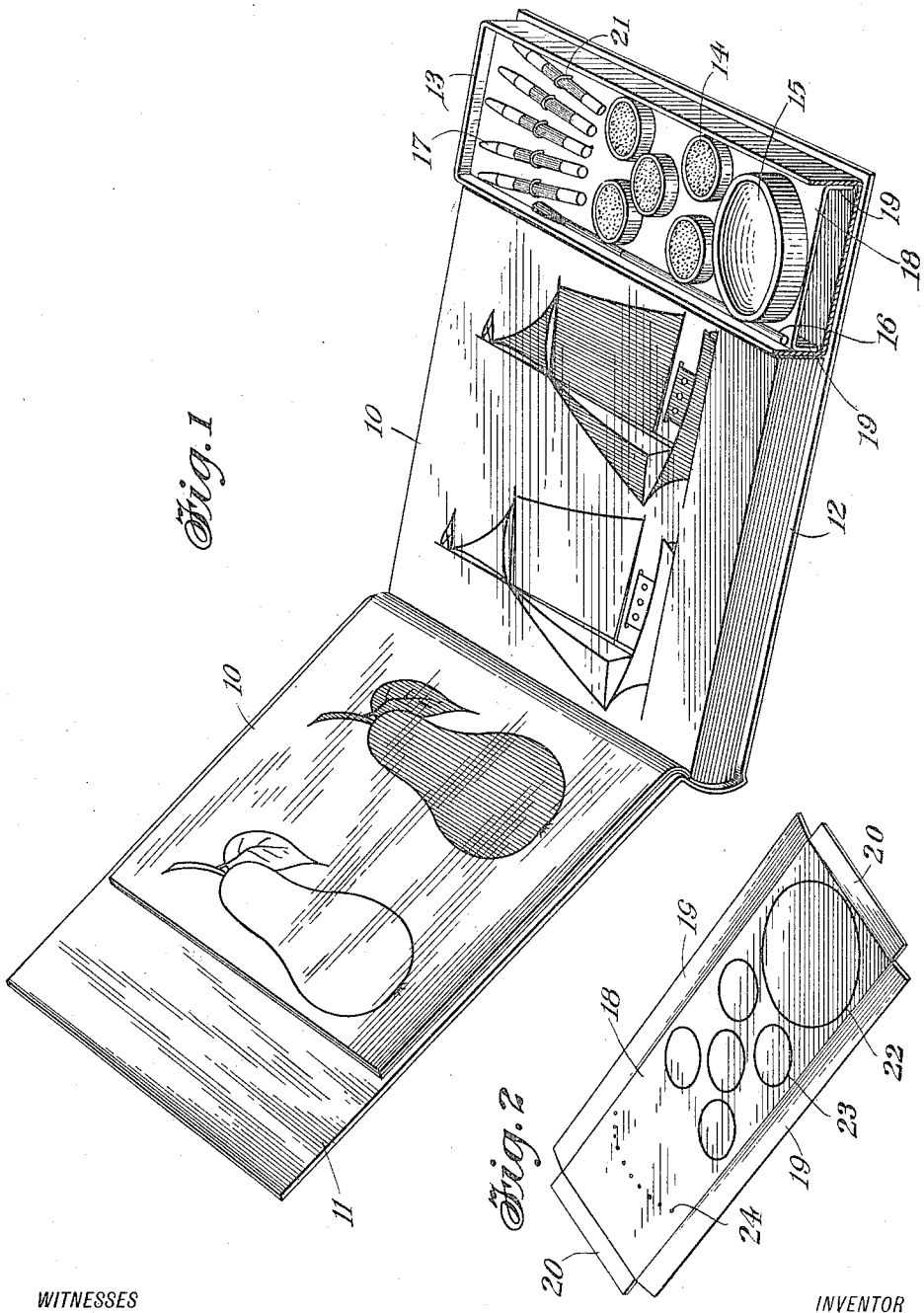


Fig. 1

Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH R. PECK, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Painting Outfits, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to children's "painting outfits," and its chief object is to provide a compact and attractive self-contained outfit, that is, one that has not only the pictures which are to be colored but also the paints, crayons, or other coloring materials, so that the outfit can be sold as a unit.

A further object is to provide an outfit which, although light in weight and inexpensive to manufacture, shall be so constructed and arranged as to materially reduce the liability of being damaged in the handling necessary to its shipment, display and sale and in later use.

To these and other ends the invention consists in the novel features of construction and combinations of elements hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows in perspective, partly in section, one form of the invention. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view, partly in section, of one of the parts.

Referring first to Fig. 1, 10 designates the sheets of papers containing the pictures to be colored. These sheets are preferably bound in book-form, with a front lid or cover 11, and a back lid or cover 12, the two lids or covers serving as a sort of container for the sheets. The sheets or leaves 10 do not extend to the ends of the lids, but leave a space which is utilized for a receptacle 13, glued or otherwise fastened to the lid 12, and preferably open-topped as shown. In this receptacle are the coloring materials, for example a number of pans 14 containing water-colors, a water pan 15, and a brush 16, or crayons 17, or both crayons and water colors as shown. Ordinarily the space occupied by the coloring materials themselves is less than half as deep as the total thickness of the leaves of the book, and hence so far as merely inclosing the coloring materials is concerned the receptacle 13 could be shallow, but for the purpose of giving the outfit a neater and more attractive appearance and preventing breaking the ends of the covers when the book is closed I make the height of the walls of the receptacle equal to the total thickness of the leaves, as shown. Inasmuch as the receptacle is made of light cardboard, its walls are very easily bent and broken, with the result that if the receptacle is as high as indicated in the drawing the walls are very apt to be damaged by being crushed inwardly, thereby rendering the outfit unsalable. I overcome this difficulty by providing the receptacle with an inner platform 18 which not only serves as a support for the coloring materials and brings them to a height more convenient for a child's use, but also extends over the entire area of the receptacle and hence serves as a brace to the walls, thereby enabling the latter to withstand considerable pressure outwardly and inwardly without being damaged. As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, this platform and brace is also made of card-board, with edge-portions bent down at right angles to the central portion. These bent edge-portions serve to support the platform, so that it can withstand considerable pressure in use without being pushed down at the bottom of the receptacle, and also serves as means by which the platform can be glued in place,—that is, to the walls of the receptacle. In the form shown in Fig. 2 there are four such edge-portions, designated 19, 20, but the portions 20 at the ends can be omitted, thereby requiring considerably less stock when large quantities are manufactured. Thus in Fig. 1 only side-edge-portions, 19, are used, the receptacle being rather narrow so that there is not so much need for supports at the ends of the platform. As the pans 14 and 15 do not need to be removed for use they are glued to the platform, but the crayons 17 are conveniently held by elastic loops so as to be easily removed and replaced. The brush 16 is merely laid on the platform or may be held by an elastic loop, not shown. In Fig. 2 the circles 22, 23, 24, indicate to the workmen the positions of the pans and loops so that the parts can be assembled with the utmost rapidity but without impairing the attractive appearance of the outfit by irregular or unsymmetrical arrangement.

In the course of an extensive sale the value of the scheme, in preventing unsightly damage to the article, has been amply demonstrated.

Of course the invention is not limited to the forms specifically illustrated and described herein, but can be embodied in other forms without departure from its proper spirit and scope.

What I claim is:

As a new article of manufacture, a child's painting outfit comprising a bound book having leaves upon which pictures are to be painted, the front and back lids of the book extending beyond the side of the leaves, an open-topped receptacle or box fastened to the back lid on the inside of the same and alongside of the said leaves, whereby the receptacle will be covered when the upper lid is closed and will be exposed when said lid is opened, the height of the walls of the receptacle being substantially the same as the thickness of the book of leaves, a platform in the receptacle below the top thereof and comprising a flat sheet of material having its side edges bent down and secured to the inner surface of the side walls of the receptacle, and shallow color-pans mounted on the platform below the top of the receptacle.

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

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