

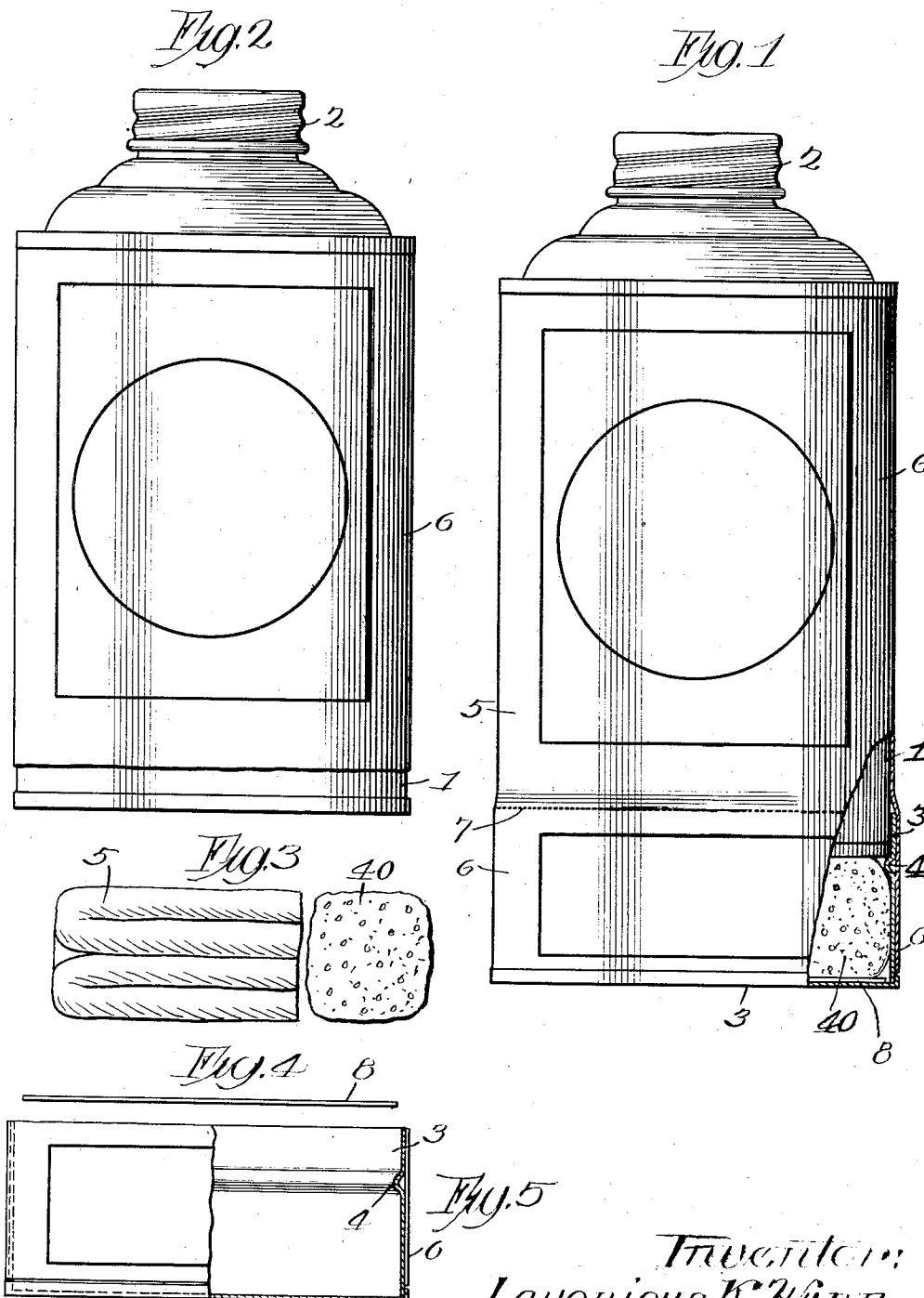
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This invention relates to the packaging for sale of cleaning liquids, or of other preparations for application in various ways, requiring a cloth or sponge or some other means for applying the liquid in the desired manner.

Generally stated, the object of the invention is to provide a complete combination package, including not only the liquid or other preparation to be used in cleaning cloth or clothing, but also including the cloth and sponge or other means for applying the cleaning liquid, or other preparation, so that everything necessary to the use of the cleaning fluid or other commodity will be included in the package which is handed to the customer or consumer.

It is also an object to provide certain details and combinations tending to increase the general efficiency and the desirability of a unitary and complete commodity package of this particular character.

To the foregoing and other useful ends the invention consists in the matters hereinafter set forth and claimed and shown in the accompanying drawings, in which,

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a liquid container package embodying the principles of the invention, showing a portion of the same broken away to illustrate the interior construction and arrangement thereof.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of a liquid container alone, showing the latter disconnected from the remainder of the package.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the sponge and cloth included in the package, for applying the cleaning liquid, or any other commodity which requires application with means of this kind or of any other suitable character.

Fig. 4 is an edge view of the sheet of paper upon which the instructions how to use the sponge and cloth and how to apply the cleaning liquid are printed.

Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the lower compartment of the package, showing the same partially in vertical section.

As thus illustrated, the invention comprises a sheet metal container 1 of any suitable character, having a closure 2 at the upper end thereof, adapted to contain the cleaning liquid or any other commodity. The lower compartment is formed by a cup-shaped sheet metal member 3 adapted to telescope over the bottom portion of the con-

tainer 1, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The sheet metal cup-shaped member 3 is provided internally with a bit 4 to form a stop for engaging the lower edge of the container 1 to limit the telescoping of the container within the cup. The sponge 40 and the cloth 5, or any other suitable means for applying liquids or other commodities, are enclosed in the compartment formed by the cup-shaped member 3, in the manner shown. Preferably, a paper label 6, having a tear line 7, is wrapped around the container and the lower cup-shaped member, with the tear line 7 substantially at the upper edge of the cup-shaped member. The disk of paper 8 may be placed in the bottom of the cup-shaped member 3, and may have printed instructions thereon, explaining how to use the contents of the container 1 and how to use the contents of the lower cup-shaped member 3, in the actual use of the commodity thus vended in complete and unitary package form with the means for applying the commodity incorporated therein.

After the package is sold, the purchaser will then sever the label along the line 7, with a knife or other sharp instrument, and the cup-shaped member 3 can then be pulled off from the bottom of the container 1, and the contents of the lower cup-shaped member can be removed and used to apply the contents of the container 1, after the closure 2 has been unscrewed. Thus everything necessary for the use of the cleaning liquid, or other commodity, is included in a single unitary package, when handed to the consumer.

Of course, very obviously, the smaller compartment forms a relatively low hollow base for the larger compartment, which latter forms the main body of the package. Furthermore, the smaller compartment, when removed, is adapted to serve as a shallow dish into which a portion of the cleaning liquid can be poured for use.

Without disclaiming anything, and without prejudice to any novelty disclosed, what I claim as my invention is:

In a unitary package for sale to the consumer, for a commodity and the means for applying it to a surface, the combination of sheet metal means forming a relatively large compartment for a liquid commodity, forming the main body of the package, sheet metal means forming another and smaller

auxiliary compartment for the means for applying said commodity, forming a relatively low hollow base for the package and when removed serving also as a shallow dish in which a portion of the commodity may be poured for use, the larger compartment having an end wall disposed a distance within the means forming the smaller compartment, the smaller compartment forming an axial extension of the larger compartment, means affording access to the first compartment, and separate means allotted to and whereby to obtain access to the second compartment, by separation of one compartment from the other, without affording access to the first mentioned compartment, a commodity in the larger compartment, means in the smaller compartment adapted and intended for applying the commodity, removable therefrom to permit said use of the smaller compartment as a dish for the commodity; all incorporated in and forming one unitary and self-contained package for sale to the consumer, said end wall forming a bottom for the larger compartment and being separable therewith from the interior of the means forming the smaller compartment, holding the contents of the smaller compartment in place, said smaller compartment having means inside thereof to engage the outer edge of the bottom of the larger compartment, thereby to limit the insertion of the larger compartment therein.

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