

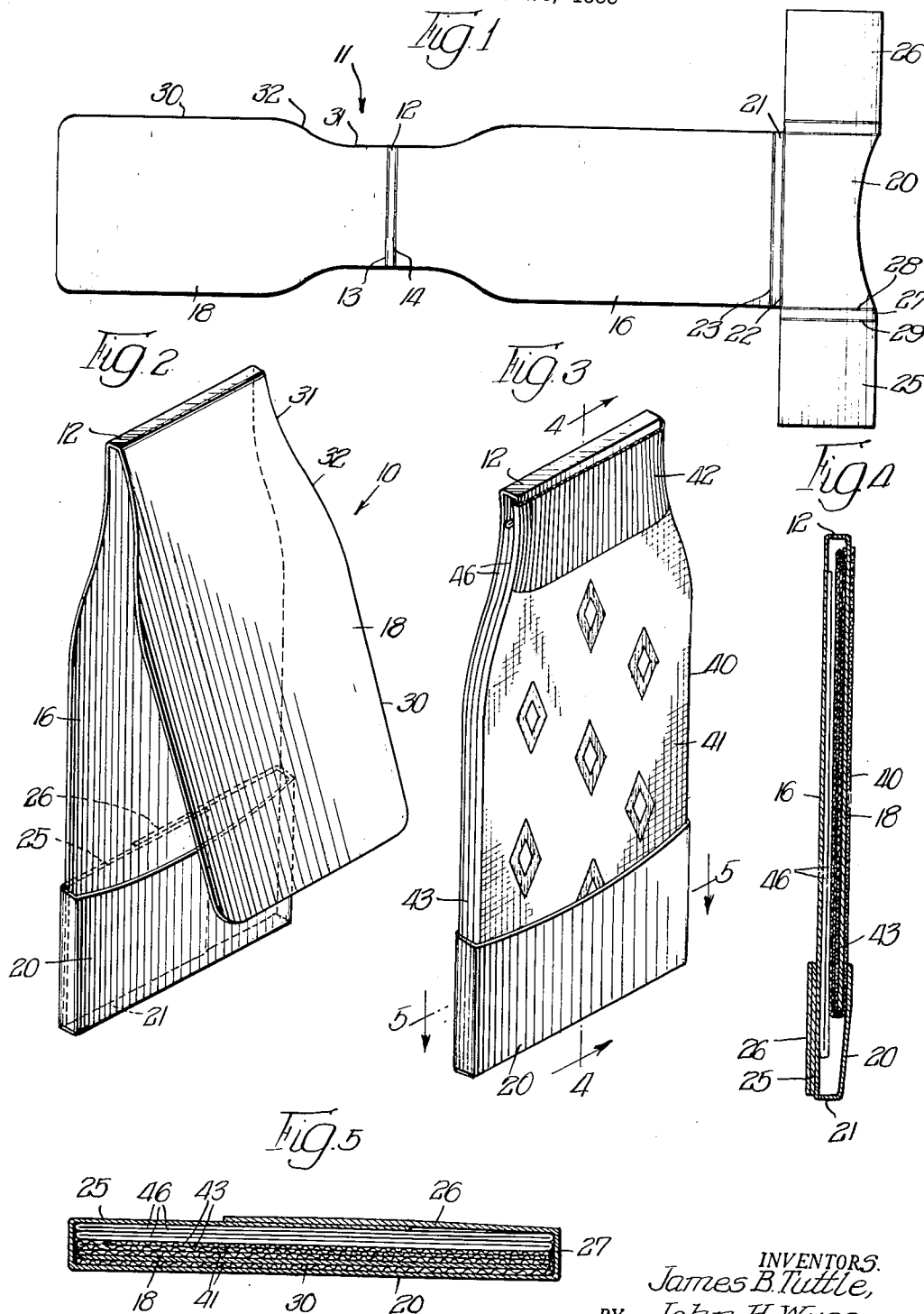
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The present invention relates, as indicated, to a hosiery container, and more particularly to a holder for displaying a portion of a stocking.

It is an object of this invention to contain hosiery in a neat package.

It is a further object of this invention to provide a holder in which to display the leg section of hosiery.

Further objects and advantages of this invention will become evident as the description proceeds and from an examination of the accompanying drawing which illustrates one embodiment of the invention and in which similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the blank from which the package is formed.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the package showing how it is folded from the blank shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the package with a pair of stockings contained therein.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken along line 5—5 of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken along line 5—5 of Figure 3.

Referring now to the drawings, the package 10 of the illustrated form of the invention is made from a relatively long strip or blank 11, of suitable sheet material, such as cardboard, having a transverse fold or hinge 12, dividing the blank 11 into two parts 16 and 18. The hinge 12 is formed by fold lines 13 and 14 so that the front part 18 is spaced from the back part 16 when folded to the position shown in Figures 2 and 3. These parts 16, 18 may be of substantially the same outline so that their side edges coincide when the parts are folded back-to-back.

Integral with the back part 16 is a flap 20 hinged at 21 by two spaced fold lines 22, 23, so that the flap is spaced a short distance from the back part 16 when said flap is folded upwardly and rearwardly to the position shown in Figures 2 and 3. A pair of tabs 25, 26 extend transversely from flap 20 and are mounted to the flap by hinges 27 formed by two fold lines 27, 28. The tabs are folded rearwardly and forwardly behind back part 16 and fastened to hold the flap member in folded position. It will be seen that a box or receptacle is formed by the flap 20, back part 16, and tabs, for receiving and holding the front part 18, as shown in Figure 3.

The front part 18 has a generally bottleneck-shaped outline for holding the leg section of a sock. A body portion 30 of the front part is of a width of at least the width of the leg section of the stocking to be displayed, so that the same is held in a taut condition for a neat

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appearance. The upper extremity of the front part 18, as shown in Figure 2, tapers into a neck portion 31 of a width smaller than the width of the body portion 30. The neck portion supports the elastic band of the stocking, and being of narrower width the band is not stretched unduly. A shoulder 32 on the front part, between the neck and body portions, prevents accidental removal of the sock from the front part 18.

As shown in Figures 3, 4, and 5, one stocking of a pair of hosiery is contained in the package by inserting the front part 18 into the leg section 41 of the sock. The body portion of the front part of the package spreads the leg section of the stocking so that the design of the hosiery is clearly displayed. The elastic band 42 of the sock encircles the neck portion 31 of relatively smaller width than the body portion 30 of the front part 18, so as to avoid stretching said elastic band. The foot section 43 of the stocking is folded rearwardly and upwardly behind the front part 18 and is firmly held in that position when the front part is inserted in the box formed by the flap 20 and back part 16. The second stocking in the pair is folded and held between the front part 18 and back part 16 of the package. Since the front part is inserted in the box formed by flap 20 and back part 16, and the distance between the front and back parts is quite small, the second stocking is snugly held from accidental removal.

In the drawing and specification, there have been set forth a preferred embodiment of the invention, and although specific terms are employed, they are used in a generic and descriptive sense only and not for purposes of limitation. Changes in form and in the proportion of parts, as well as the substitution of equivalents are contemplated, as circumstances may suggest or render expedient, without departing from the spirit or scope of this invention as further defined in the following claim.

I claim:

A container for hosiery comprising a single piece of sheet material having a pair of substantially symmetrical portions on opposite sides of a transverse fold, said symmetrical portions having a body portion of a width of at least the width of the leg section of the hosiery for holding the same taut on a first of said symmetrical portions, a neck portion of a smaller width than said body portion for holding the elastic band of said hosiery on said first symmetrical portion, a flap member integral with the extremity of the second of said symmetrical portions folded forwardly and upwardly to form a receptacle for said one symmetrical portion, and tabs extending transversely from said flap member to be fastened to said second symmetrical portion, said tabs, flap member and said second symmetrical portion forming a receptacle for holding said first symmetrical portion with a leg section of hosiery displayed thereon.

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