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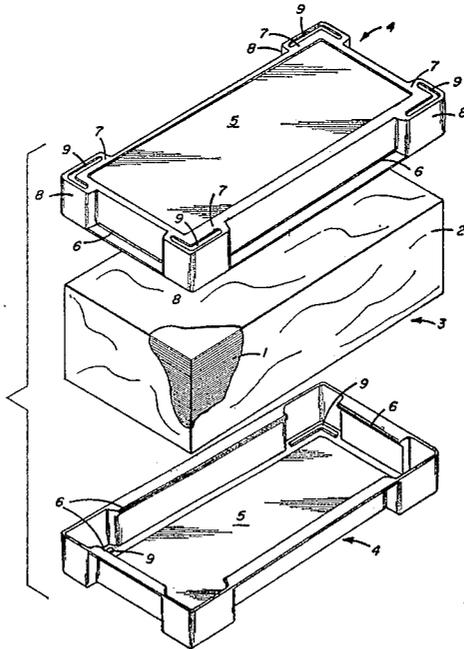
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A method is disclosed for packaging a plurality of flat articles, e.g., microfiche, tabulating cards, slide transparencies, microfilm cards, enclosed substacks of any of these which form a stack (1). The stack (1) is enclosed with a 1½ mil sheet of polyolefin material (2) which is heat-shrunk around the stack to form a relatively rigid subassembly (3). The shrunk enclosure protects the stack from moisture, dust, and the like. Protective caps (4) are



applied to opposite ends of the subassembly (3). The protective caps (4) are vacuum-formed of high-impact polystyrene sheet having a thickness of .025 inch. The caps (4) each include a panel (5) for engaging and protecting the surface of the subassembly (3). Elements (6), extending from the panel (5), grasp the sides and ends of the subassembly to hold the cap (4) in place. Elements, also extending from the panel (5), define walls (7) which overlie the perimeter of the subassembly (3) in spaced relationship with the surface thereof. Likewise, these elements define walls (9) which surround the corners of subassembly (3) in spaced relationship therewith. The walls (7) (8) serve to protect the edges and corners of the subassembly (3) from damage due to impact, abrasion, or the like, which might result from rough handling during shipping and/or storage.

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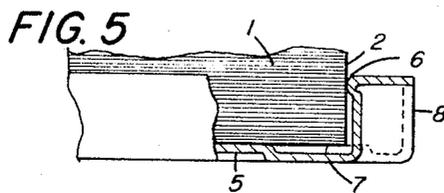
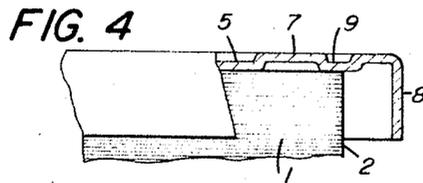
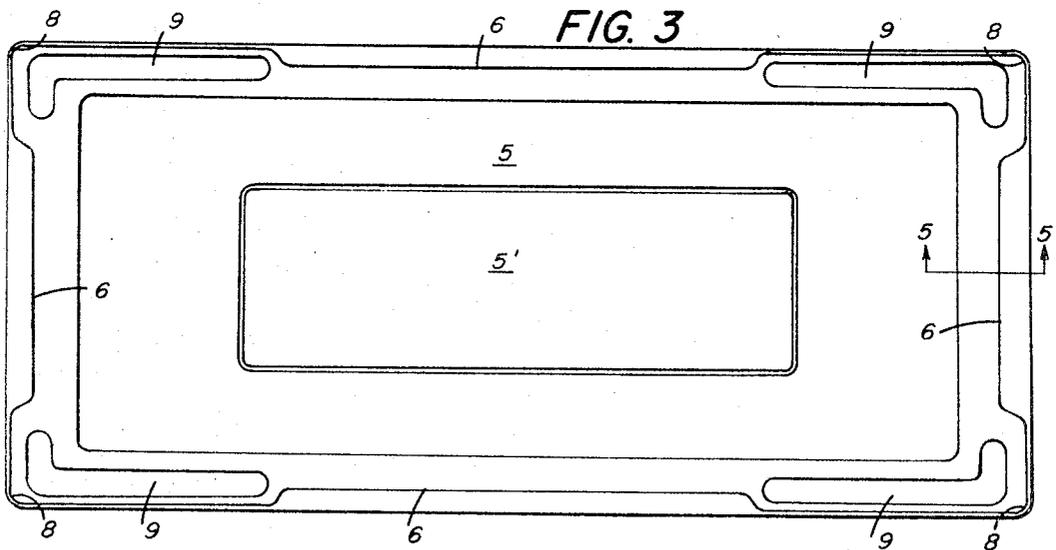
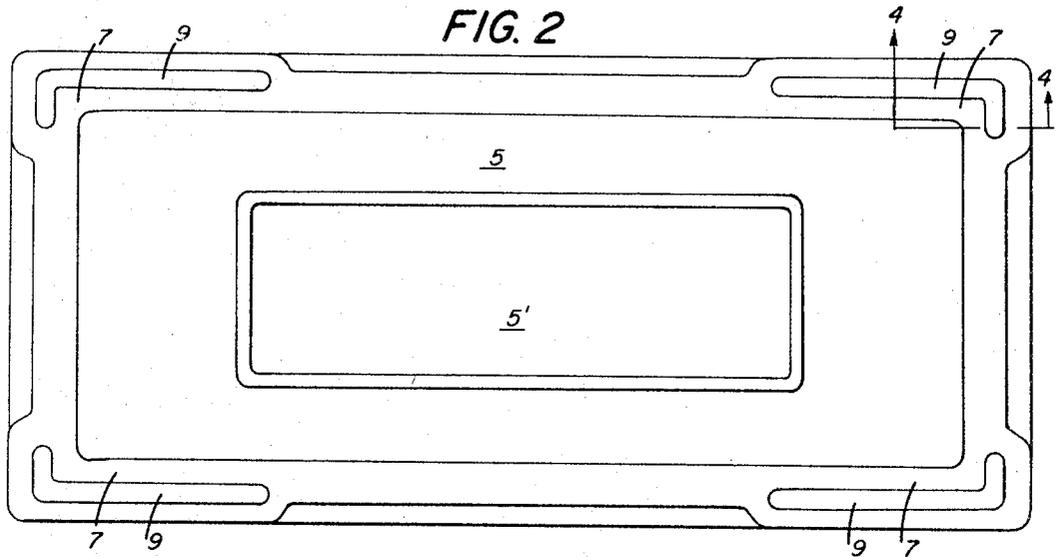
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