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 SANITARY HANDKERCHIEF CONTAINER.
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Fig. 1.

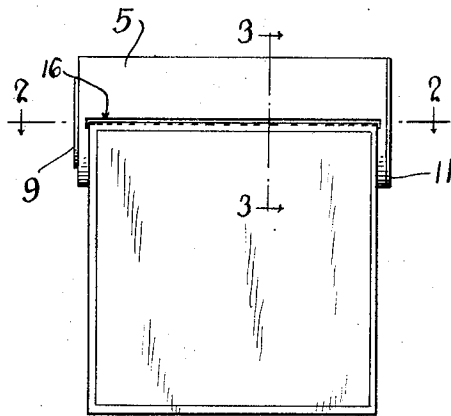


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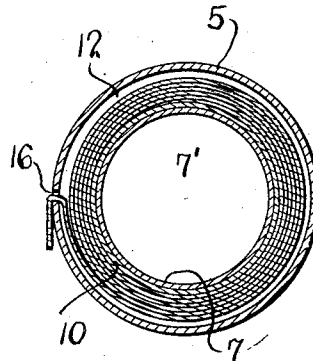


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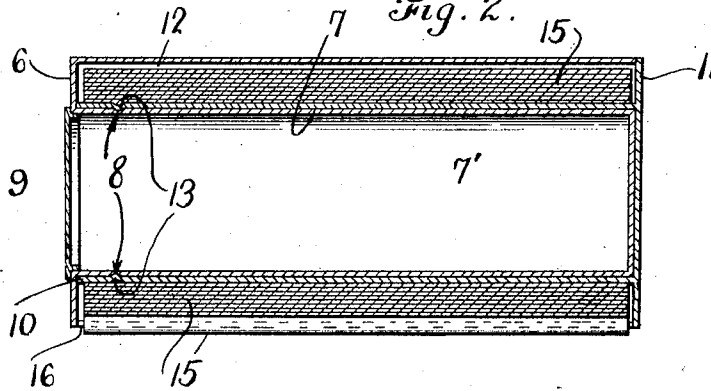


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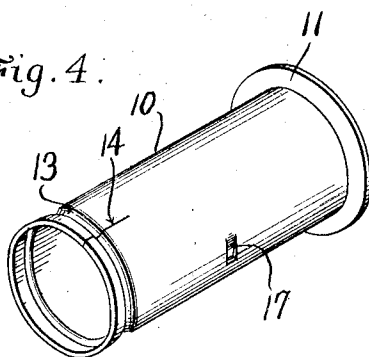
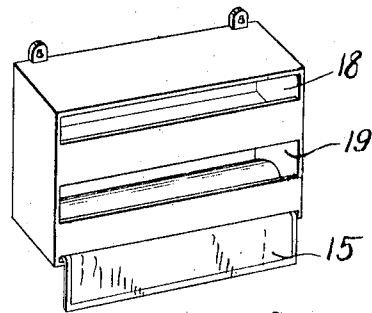


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY HENRIETTA V. OTWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Carlinville, in the county of Macoupin and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sanitary Handkerchief-Containers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to special receptacles and more particularly a handkerchief receptacle.

The primary object of this invention resides in the provision of a receptacle whereby a multiplicity of handkerchiefs may be retained in separate compartments before and after use.

A further object of this invention resides in the provision of a receptacle whereby a plurality of unsoiled handkerchiefs may be retained in a sanitary condition in a compartment from which they may be readily removed as desired.

A further object of this invention resides in the provision of a receptacle, the various elements of which coact in retaining the handkerchiefs within their respective compartments until removed by hand.

With these and other objects in view this invention resides in certain novel features of construction, arrangements and combination of elements to be hereinafter more fully set forth and it is to be understood that certain departures may be resorted to as come within the scope of the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawing,

Figure 1 is a side view of the receptacle showing a handkerchief about to be removed.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged longitudinally sectional view on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the cylinder for holding the handkerchiefs.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a modified form of the receptacle.

In the present embodiment of this invention, the numeral 5 designates a casing which when utilized for transportation in the pocket or pocket book of a person may be ornamentally decorated or covered with any desired fabric or suitable covering.

The aforesaid casing 5 has one end sealed by an apertured cap 6 which may be formed integrally therewith should the cylinder be

pressed from a single piece of material or it may be permanently secured thereto in any approved manner.

Secured to the cap 6 and extending within said cylinder in spaced relation to its walls is a cylindrical sleeve 7 to form a compartment 7' for the reception of soiled handkerchiefs or the like. This sleeve is provided with an annular groove 8 upon its outer periphery adjacent that end which is secured to said apertured cap for a purpose to be hereinafter set forth.

In order to seal the open end of said compartment, a cover 9 is provided which may be secured to the casing in any approved manner and held in closed position by any suitable fastening element.

Surrounding the aforesaid sleeve 7 is a drum 10 having a flange 11 of a sufficient diameter secured to its outer end to extend to the periphery of the casing 5, in order that the entrance to the compartment 12 will be sealed when the above elements are assembled. Adjacent that end of the drum 10 that bears against the cap 6 is an annular bead 13 which is adapted to seat in the annular depression or groove 8, to hold the drum in operative position. In order that the open end of said drum may expand to allow the displacement of the bead, and subsequent removal of the drum, a slit 14 is cut in the drum.

Wound or otherwise retained upon said drum is a multiplicity of handkerchiefs which are retained in the compartment 12 with a portion of the one next to be withdrawn therefrom projecting through a slot 16 in the casing, thus it is apparent that but a single handkerchief can be removed at a time.

In order to retain the handkerchief in a compact condition and to prevent the accidental unwinding of the same, the drum is provided with a resilient tongue 17 that frictionally engages the periphery of the sleeve 7.

As the handkerchiefs employed with this receptacle are to be manufactured of paper, they must necessarily be made attractive in design and may also be perfumed.

In the form shown in Fig. 5 the receptacle consists of compartments 18 and 19, the former of which being utilized for soiled handkerchiefs and the latter for the unused handkerchiefs. This form of receptacle is employed for use in hospitals and is of such

size as to need but a minimum amount of attention.

Having thus fully described this invention, it is apparent that a necessity has been provided which enables the introduction of a material in substitution for fabric handkerchiefs which is more sanitary and inexpensive to manufacture.

What I claim is:

- 10 A non-liquid container comprising a cylindrical member, one end being closed by means of a bottom, the opposite open end being surrounded by means of an outstanding circumscribing flange, a cap closing said container, a tubular casing extending from said

flange and ending in alinement with said cylindrical member, said casing having a longitudinally extending slot, and a drum closed at one end surrounding said cylindrical member and stopped against said flange the other end being closed by means of a plate stopped against said cylindrical member, as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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