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Fig. 1.

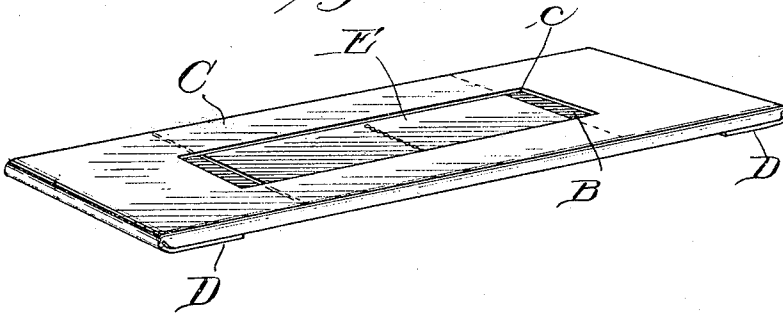


Fig. 2.

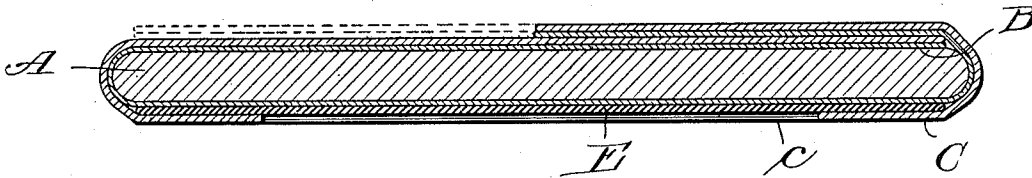


Fig. 3.

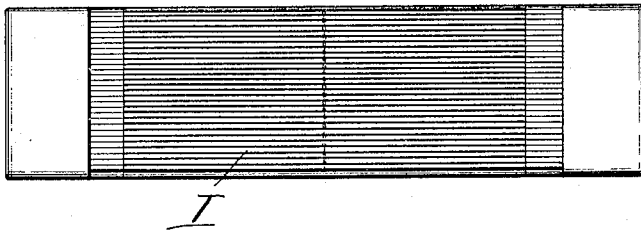
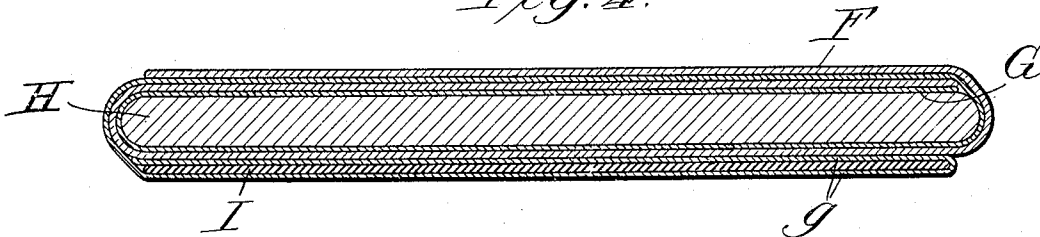


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN O. E. KROHN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Packages of Commodities, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to packages for commodities, such as chewing-gum and the like, that are usually sold in slot machines.

It is the object of my invention to provide a wrapper that can safely inclose and protect one or more postage stamps without affecting its ability to inclose and protect the commodity contained therein.

It is a further object of my invention to utilize the paraffin papers usually employed in these packages to keep the commodity fresh, to back up and prevent the gummed surface of the stamp from sticking to the wrapper whether of paper or other fabric.

Another object of my invention is to prevent the purchaser from tearing or mutilating the stamp or stamps when removing the wrapper from its inclosed commodity.

These objects I accomplish by the means and in the manner hereinafter described, and as more particularly pointed out in the claim, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement applied to an elongated stick of chewing-gum. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section thereof, drawn to a greatly enlarged scale. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a modified construction, and, Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical section thereof, drawn to substantially the same scale as Fig. 2.

For the purpose of convenience, the following description is confined to a package of gum and its wrapper, although it is obvious the same means differing only in dimensions, may be equally well applied to other vendible commodities.

Referring to the drawings, A represents an elongated stick of chewing-gum, which is, preferably, entirely surrounded by a strip of thin paraffined paper B, which, in turn, is enveloped in an outer wrapper C of heavier coarser paper, upon whose exposed outer surface the label or advertising matter relative to the commodity is printed.

In the form of package illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, the paraffin

paper and the wrapper both begin at or near the right-hand longitudinal edge of the flat stick of gum, and, after being folded entirely around it, terminate at a suitable point, preferably, about midway the width of the stick, or, if desirable, it may extend to the left-hand longitudinal edge thereof, as suggested in dotted line in Fig. 2 of the drawings. The ends D of the paraffin and wrapper paper are usually folded back on themselves for the purpose of preventing the unwrapping of the package, and to keep the same intact. The outer wrapper is provided with a suitable elongated opening or slot *e* of such width and dimensions as to permit one or more postage stamps *E* to be retained back of the same between the wrapper and paraffin paper, and at the same time to be readily observed by the purchaser. The stamps, being substantially the same width as the stick of gum, will be securely held in position, and the paraffin paper next the gummed surface thereof will prevent the adhesion of the stamp to the package, while the opening enables the stamps to be seen, so that the purchaser in tearing off the wrapper will use care and avoid tearing them.

In the form of my invention illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawings, the wrapper *F* and the paraffin paper *G* envelop the stick of chewing-gum *H* in substantially the manner as shown and described in connection with Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, but the width of the paraffin paper is much greater than that of the wrapper. The slot in the wrapper, however, is omitted, and in order to provide an envelop for the stamps, *I*, the paraffin paper is made to extend around to the opposite side; the stamps placed upon it, and then it is given a double fold or flap *g*, so as to inclose the stamp thus placed between these layers of paraffin paper. The gummed surface will be next the paraffin paper and the stamp may be observed by the purchaser when buying the package.

In addition to the above methods of safeguarding the stamps by enabling them to be seen from the outside of the package, I can protect and prevent the same from being torn by providing the package with a strip of tin or other light metal of the same dimensions as the stamp or stamps inclosed, and place the stamp against the same and fold the stamps thus backed in the wrapper the same way as the gum or commodity

is now wrapped. All such ways, and any other suitable way for inclosing and protecting the stamps from moisture and from mutilation, I consider within the scope of
5 my invention.

In making up these packages it is intended to wrap either two two-cent stamps or four one-cent stamps with each stick of chewing-gum so that the same may be conveniently disposed of at the rate of five
10 cents a package. In case four one-cent stamps are used they will be so placed in the package that the adjoining corners of the four stamps will be brought into view
15 back of the slot in the preferred form of package.

What I claim as new is:—

A package comprising a commodity, a paraffin wrapper surrounding and entirely

inclosing said commodity, a separate un- 20
sealed outer wrapper surrounding and entirely inclosing said commodity and paraffin wrapper and which is provided with an opening that appears on one side of the package when the wrappers are completely
25 folded, and a second commodity or token interposed between said paraffin wrapper and said outer wrapper that is visible through said opening but which is not removable from the package until the outer
30 wrapper is unfolded or removed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of February, 1910.

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