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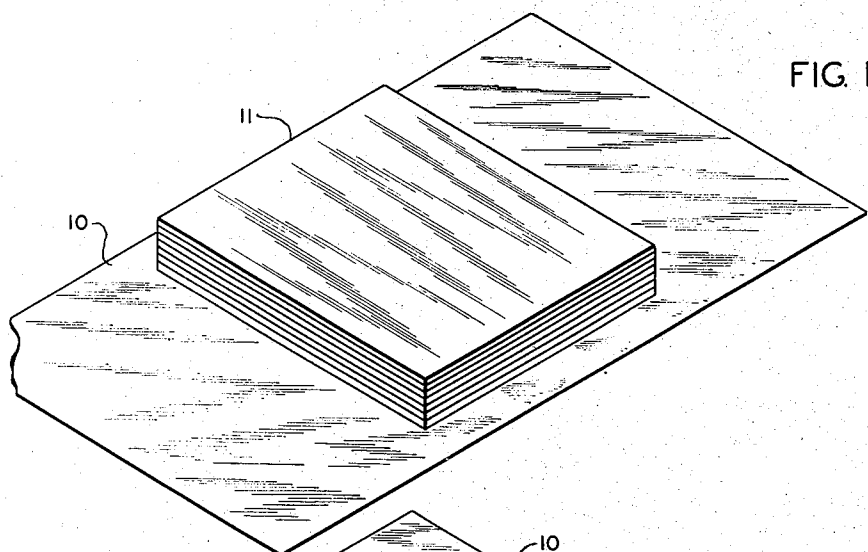


FIG. 1

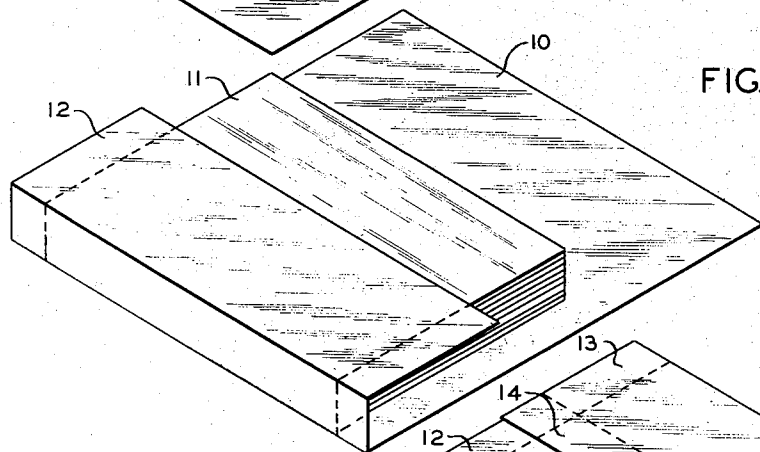


FIG. 2

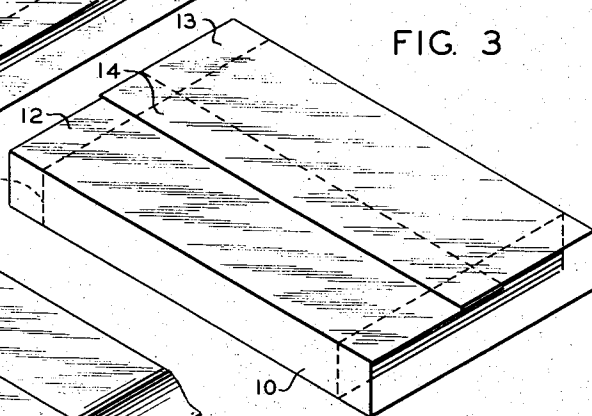


FIG. 3

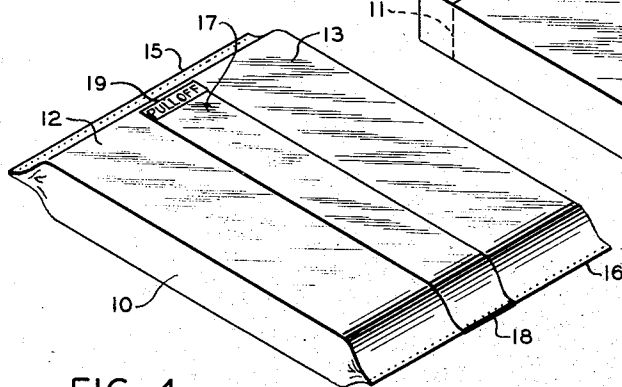


FIG. 4

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This invention relates to improvements in flexible containers, and an improved method of manufacturing the same, and particularly to an improved flexible container or envelope for a pack of absorbent tissues particularly arranged for carrying a package of tissues in a pocket or handbag.

It has been previously proposed to provide a package of absorbent tissues included in an envelope of a size to be conveniently carried in an apparel pocket or handbag. Such previously proposed containers or envelopes, however, have been found to be unduly expensive to manufacture, lacking in strength and durability, so that they are frequently torn or broken and their usefulness destroyed before the supply of tissues has been exhausted, to be unsatisfactory for refilling and continued use, and to fail to protect the tissues from dampness and from being soiled.

It is among the objects of the present invention to provide an improved flexible container or envelope for a pack of absorbent tissues, which envelope is simple to manufacture and so economical that an envelope may be supplied with each pack of tissues and may be discarded after the tissues have been used without undue expense but which, at the same time, is sufficiently durable that it may be refilled and continued in use if desired, which is formed of moisture-proof material and completely protects the tissues contained therein against dampness and contamination, and which is provided with a moisture-proof seal so that the tissues contained therein may be maintained in a sterile condition if desired.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent from a consideration of the following description in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is an isometric view showing an initial stage in the formation of a flexible container or envelope illustrative of the invention;

Fig. 2, an isometric view showing a succeeding stage in the formation of the envelope;

Fig. 3, an isometric view showing another successive stage in the formation of the envelope; and

Fig. 4, an isometric view showing the finished envelope or container.

With continued reference to the drawing, the container or envelope is formed from a somewhat elongated rectangular sheet 10 of a suitable flexible water-proof material, such as certain types of paper, cellophane, oilcloth, Pliofilm, oiled silk, etc.

A convenient method of forming the envelope

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is to place the sheet 10 on a flat surface and place upon the sheet a pack 11 of absorbent tissues or a flexible object of the same dimensions as the pack of tissues to be contained in the envelope.

The sides of the pack or member 11 are located at substantially equal distances from the ends of the sheet 10, and the ends of the member 11 are disposed at substantially equal distances from the side edges of the sheet. One end of the sheet is then raised and folded over the body 11 to form one-half of a top cover, as indicated at 12. The other half of the sheet is then raised and folded over the body 11 to form the other half of the top cover, as indicated at 13 in Fig. 3. The length of the sheet relative to the width and thickness of the body 11 is such that the top cover portion 13 overlaps the top cover portion 12 by an appreciable margin, as is indicated at 14 in Fig. 3. The two ends of the folded sheet are then flattened and secured together, as indicated at 15 and 16 in Fig. 4. These ends may be secured together by stitching, heat sealing, cementing, or other suitable means.

A strip 17 of material having an adhesive coating on one side thereof is secured at one end to one of the end seams of the envelope, as indicated at 18, and overlies the edge of the top cover portion 13. This strip has a length substantially equal to the length of the envelope and is provided at its free end with a tab or cover 19 by means of which the strip can be pulled away from the envelope without having the fingers come in contact with the adhesive material thereon. The strip 17 may be formed from a piece of material known to the trade as "Scotch Tape."

While the envelope may be made of inexpensive materials so economically that they may be used by manufacturers to enclose small packs of absorbent tissues, adding so little to the cost of the tissues that they could be economically discarded when the tissues have been used, it is also contemplated that the envelopes will be made of durable moisture-proof material which will withstand a long period of use without substantial deterioration and can be refilled by the user from a larger supply of tissues.

The envelope provides a soft, flat package which will conveniently fit into a handbag or pocket without causing bulges or taking up an inconvenient amount of space, and protects the tissues from moisture and from becoming soiled or crumpled in the pocket or in the handbag.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art that various changes may be made in the invention without departing from the spirit and scope

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thereof, and therefore the invention is not limited by that which is shown in the drawing and described in the specification, but only as indicated in the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A package of folded tissues which is adapted to be carried conveniently in a purse or pocket, said package comprising a single rectangular sheet of flexible moisture-proof material folded so as to enclose a stack of the tissues snugly on the top, bottom and sides of the stack and so as to overlap for the entire length of the package along the center of the top thereof, the folded sheet projecting well beyond the ends of the stack and the layers of the projecting ends being united leaving the overlapping edges between said united ends free so as to permit free ingress to said package, and a strip of flexible material having an adhesive coating on one side secured on one end to one of said projecting ends and overlying said overlap and held by its adhesive coating to the

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sheet on each side of said overlap, the opposite end of said strip being free of adhesive and forming a tab which may be grasped by the fingers to peel the strip off the package to expose the overlap and give access to the contents of said package.

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