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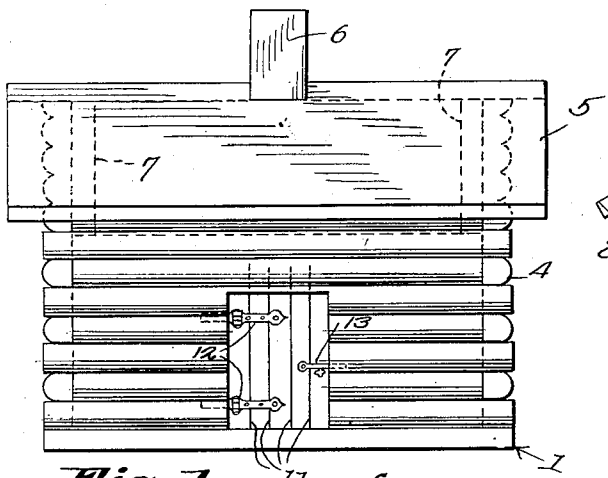


Fig. 1.

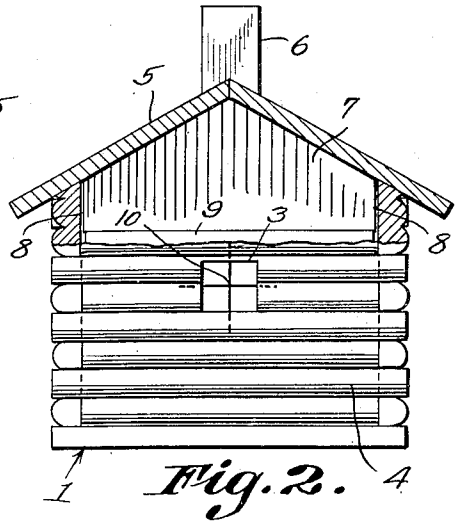
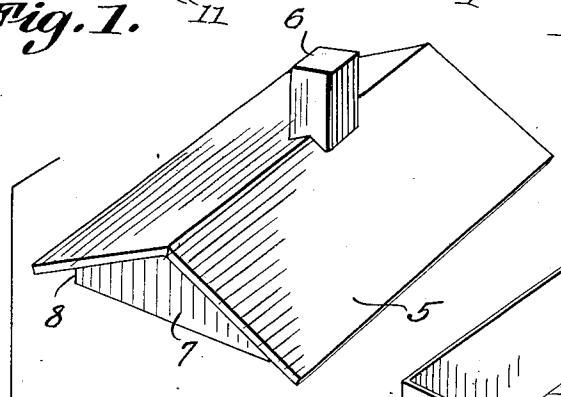


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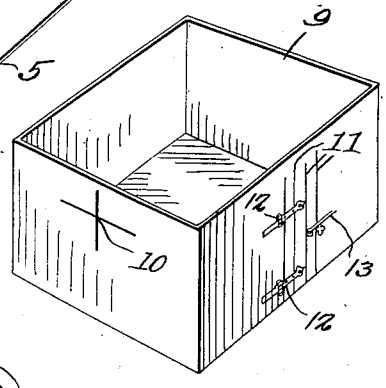
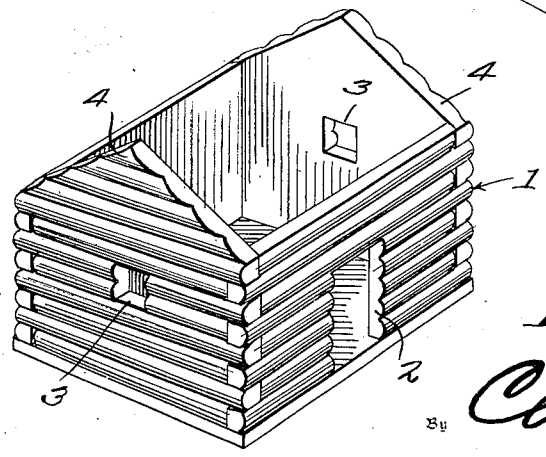


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This invention relates to a container for use in packaging candy and other merchandise.

An object of the invention is to provide a container including an inner box and an outer box, said outer box simulating an incomplete house or other structure in which openings are provided, there being printed or otherwise displayed on the inner box suitable designs which, in themselves, have no significance but, when assembled with the outer box, will cooperate with the openings therein to provide those features necessary to complete the structure simulated by the outer box.

A further object is to locate certain features of the completed structure on an inner box of cardboard or the like so that they can be printed on the box readily and displayed in connection with an outer box of wood or the like.

A still further object is to so arrange the design portions on the inner box that any slight movement of one box relative to the other will not change the correct relative positions of the cooperating portions of the two boxes but, on the contrary, the same design will be displayed properly at all times.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

In the accompanying drawing the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawing:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a complete container constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is an end elevation partly in section.

Figure 3 is a perspective view showing the several parts of the container separated.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates the outer box of the container which, in the present instance, simulates the walls of a log hut having a door opening 2 in one wall and one or more window openings 3. The end walls 4 have peaked top portions which support a cover 5 simulating a roof. A block 6 having the appearance of a chimney, is secured on this roof and constitutes a handle by means of which the lid or roof can be handled easily.

Reinforcing strips 7 are seated in the roof or cover and have their ends cut away to provide shoulders 8. The longitudinal or side edges of the roof or cover extend outwardly beyond opposed walls of the box so that the cover can thus rest on the walls as shown.

The strips 7 serve to strengthen the cover and to hold it properly centered on the box. They are adapted also to rest upon an inner box 9 formed preferably of cardboard which is supported within the outer box 1 and is adapted to hold the packaged merchandise. This inner box is substantially coextensive in width and length with the interior of box 1, there being sufficient clearance to permit its convenient insertion and removal.

When the inner box is in position it of course closes the openings 2 and 3 and ordinarily this would leave blank meaningless surfaces exposed through the openings. In the present instance, however, crossed lines 10 are printed on the box at those points back of the openings 3 while that portion of the inner box displayed within the door opening 2 has printed upon it lines 11 extending vertically or in any other direction, representations 12 of hinges of indefinite lengths, a horizontal line 13 of indefinite length and any other features of design which serve the purpose of this invention. Thus when the inner box is seated in the outer box the lines 10 will intersect the opening 3 and extend beyond the walls of the opening. The exposed portions of the lines will have the appearance of the cross bars of a window and as the lines extend beyond the walls of the opening, any slight shifting of the inner box relative to the outer box will not expose the ends of the lines but, on the contrary, the desired effect will be maintained without being marred.

The printed surface exposed through the door opening 2 will cooperate with the walls of said opening to simulate a door with hinges 12 and a latch 13, the line 11 serving to give the appearance of boards forming the door. As the hinges 12 and the line 13 as well as the upper ends of the lines 11 extend beyond the walls of opening 2 the ends of these lines will not become exposed should the inner box have a slight movement relative to the outer box. Consequently the door opening and that portion of the box exposed therethrough will always cooperate to present the appearance of a complete door structure.

One of the principal advantages in the structure herein described resides in the fact that while the outer box can be made of wood to simulate a log cabin or hut or a structure of any other type, all design features necessary to com-

plete the simulation can be printed readily on the inner cardboard box at the time of its manufacture. Consequently the cost of producing an attractive package is greatly reduced as compared with any structures in which window or door simulations might be displayed on the outer box.

What is claimed is:

1. A container including an outer box, a removable lid, there being an opening in the box and said lid and box cooperating to simulate an incomplete structure of predetermined design, a separate removable inner box for holding merchandise, there being designs displayed on the inner box of no significance in themselves but which, when displayed within and cooperating with the walls of the opening in the outer box complete the simulation of a known structure by the container.

2. A container including an outer box, a removable lid, there being an opening in the box and said lid and box cooperating to simulate an incomplete structure of predetermined design, a separate removable inner box for holding merchandise, there being designs displayed on the inner box of no significance in themselves but which, when displayed within and cooperating with the walls of the opening in the outer box complete the simulation of a known structure by the container, the said designs being proportioned for constant concealment of portions thereof irrespective of any movement of the boxes relative to each other while the container is closed.

3. A container including an outer box simulating an incomplete structure of predetermined design said box having an opening, a lid removably mounted on the box, reinforcing steps secured to the bottom of the lid for insertion into the box and having terminal shoulders for engaging opposed walls of said box to hold the lid against lateral displacement, said strips engaging other walls of the box to hold the lid against longitudinal displacement, a separate removable inner box engaged at the top and held down by the strips and having a portion constantly exposed across the opening, there being a design without significance in itself displayed on the inner box and adapted when displayed through and cooperating with the walls of the opening, to complete the simulation by the container of the predetermined design of structure.

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