

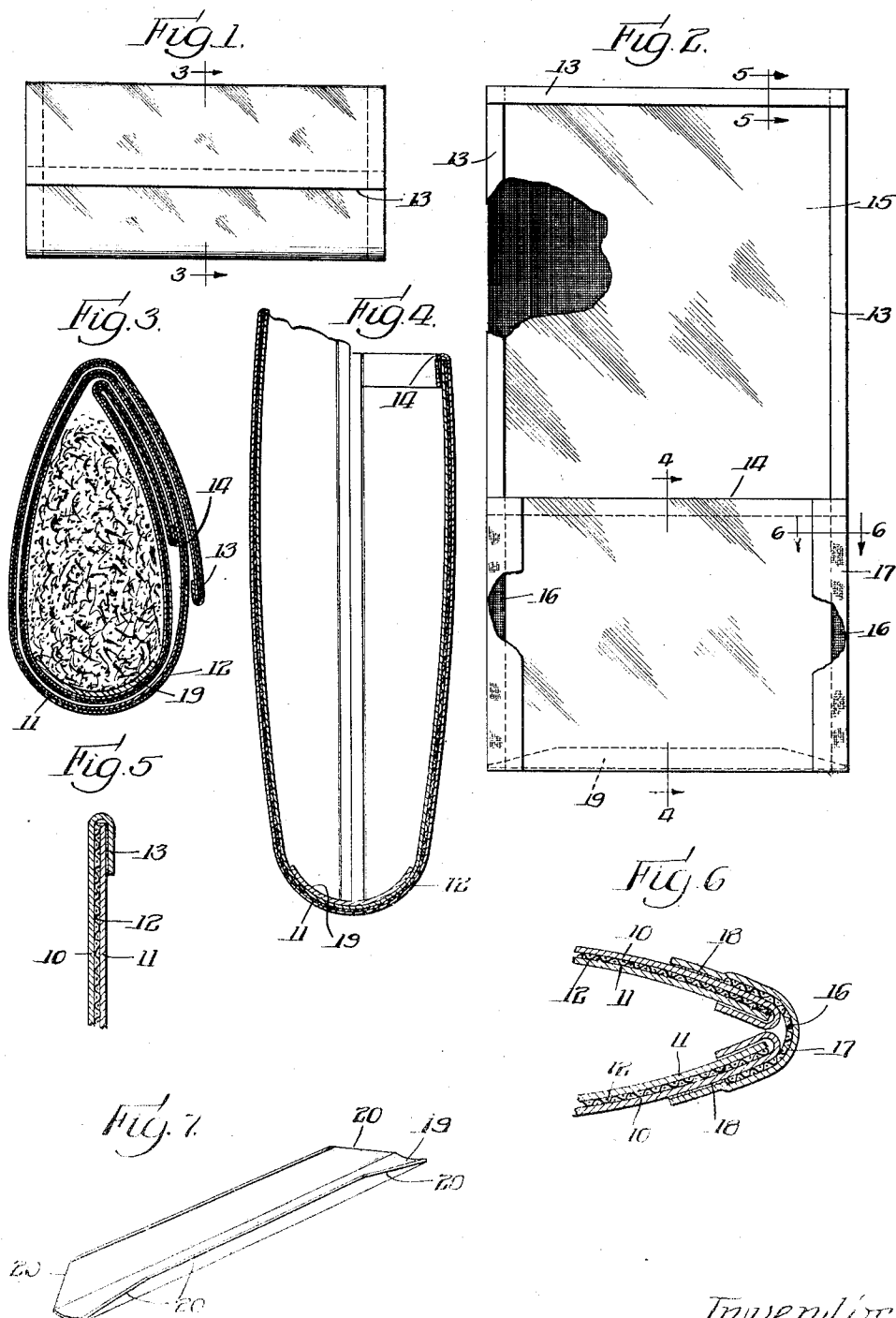
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This invention relates in general to a pouch or container made of a flexible, light, material such as "Cellophane", reinforced by a fabric sheet, and has more particular reference to a tobacco pouch made of such materials.

One of the principal objects of the invention is in the provision of a light, attractive, flexible, moisture proof, pouch or container made of material ordinarily unused as a container but reinforced by a flexible material to provide a temporary receptacle which can be used for a short time without material deterioration.

A further object of the invention is in the provision of a "Cellophane" pouch and container which is reinforced by a loose fabric to give it temporary stability without undue cracking or breaking of the "Cellophane".

A further object of the invention is in the provision of a pouch or container composed of outside layers of a cellulose material with a flexible fabric interior in which at least one of the outer materials is made substantially waterproof.

A still further object of the invention is in the provision of a transparent, flexibly reinforced sheet material in which one of the cover sheets may be colored to impart a pleasing appearance to a pouch or container made of the combined sheets by securing a portion of the folded edges of the combined sheets together.

Other objects of the invention will appear hereinafter, a preferred embodiment of the invention being illustrated in the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing, Fig. 1 is a view of a folded pouch in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 2 is an open or unfolded view of a pouch constructed in accordance with this invention;

Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is a section taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 6 is a section taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 7 is a perspective of the pouch reinforcing device.

The cellulose sheet material "Cellophane" is commonly used for covering all kinds of articles of merchandise but it does not possess sufficient wearing qualities to give it suitable permanence either as a container for continued or repeated use or for any considerable extended use.

The present invention relates to a container, such for example, as a pouch in which tobacco is sold and which tobacco is kept by a user for a

length of time and which such use is possible because of the reinforcing of the "Cellophane" by a layer of flexible fabric, preferably a thin, open meshed, rather stiff, cloth, such as muslin, organdy or voile. The addition of the cloth as a reinforcing element not only adds to the permanence of the "Cellophane" but prevents it from cracking, folding and bending and materially strengthens and lengthens the life or possible usage of a pouch of such material.

By having one of the cover sheets made of moisture or water proof "Cellophane", tobacco or any other product is prevented from drying out or losing its moisture and the contents of such a container are also more or less protected from outside moisture. The reinforcing or the cover sheets may be furnished in attractive colors and designs which give a pleasing appearance to a pouch or container made of such material.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing, a pair of sheets 10 and 11 of "Cellophane" or other similar sheets of cellulose tissue are separated by a flexible fabric sheet 12 of light weight, preferably somewhat stiff and loosely woven material, such as organdy or voile. One of the sheets 10 is cut to a size to overlap the fabric and the other sheet 11 at the edges and the fabric sheet 12 is preferably slightly less in its dimensions than the smaller sheet 11 so that it is not tightly secured nor is it coextensive with either of the cover sheets but lies loosely between them for distending them to their full dimensions but still does not bind at the edges for causing a pucker or break in folding. The overlapping edges 13 of the cover sheet 10 are secured to the outer face of the opposite sheet 11 by any suitable cement or paste.

If one of the cover sheets is colored or if the inner fabric 12 is colored or provided with a design, it will give a pleasing appearance to the combined sheets or any article made of them.

In making a pouch or container of the sheets thus combined, a rectangular piece is folded over upon itself at one end to form a pouch 14 with an extending flap 15. The edges of the pouch are secured together by means of a reinforced pasting strip consisting of an inner fabric 16 and an overlying layer or cover 17 which overlaps the strip 16 and is secured to the outer cover 10.

This construction forms a pouch with an extended flap of reinforced "Cellophane" which will stand considerable usage in folding and unfolding because of the reinforcement of fabric, and it constitutes a moisture proof package particularly designed as a container in which to sell

materials such as tobacco and other materials in which it is desirable to keep the moisture from them by having one or both of the cover sheets made of moisture proof material which prevents the passage of moisture therethrough. This quality also makes the pouch a valuable receptacle for continued use by a purchaser of a container of this kind either with its content or without it.

In order to prevent the undue folding or creasing of the pouch at the bottom, a rounded reinforcement 19 is inserted at the bottom of the pouch 14 and preferably is secured to the inner cover sheet 11 by pasting it thereto. This reinforcement 19 is preferably made of light, flexible, sheet material such as cardboard or thin fabric, it is slightly rounded and the corners 20 are cut off so that it will fold more readily without engaging the adjacent sides of the pocket and when used as a tobacco pouch it forms a sort of a trough at the bottom against which the bowl of a pipe is placed to assist in filling it with tobacco.

In folding this pouch a portion of the upper edge of the pouch itself is folded over against the lower portion and the flap is extended around the pouch providing a closed flexible package which is not likely to become unfolded in the pocket of a user even though no other fastening means is provided.

It should be understood that a container of this kind with one, two, or more layers of "Cellophane" either waterproof or not, reinforced by a flexible fabric, is contemplated by this invention, adapted to be used for coffee, cereals, dried fruits, and other articles, as well as for tobacco.

In providing a reinforced "Cellophane" covered package of this kind, a new use is afforded for "Cellophane", a new package is provided for materials, and an improved covering consisting of the combined sheets is provided which has added permanence for continued use, which the "Cellophane" sheets of themselves could never be expected to have. Semi-permanent pouches, containers, and covers can therefore be made and sold so reasonably that they do not add materially to the cost of the product which they contain.

I claim:

1. A container comprising sheets of transparent "Cellophane" and a reinforcing unattached layer of fabric between and visible through the "Cellophane" sheets.

2. A container pouch having a pocket and a flap comprising layers of "Cellophane" secured together at the edges and one of the layers being moisture proof, and a fabric re-enforcement dis-

posed between the layers but free therefrom and visible therethrough.

3. A container pouch comprising layers of "Cellophane" and an intermediate flexible strengthening fabric disposed loosely therebetween, the layers being joined at the edges and turned together at one end, and means securing the adjacent edges of the layers together to form a pocket and an overlapping flap.

4. A pouch composed of "Cellophane" sheets secured together at the edges with a substantially co-extensive, unattached inner lining of fabric positioned between and visible through the "Cellophane" sheets.

5. A foldable pouch composed of "Cellophane" sheets, an intermediate unattached and substantially co-extensive fabric sheet visible therethrough and for strengthening the cover sheets in bending them.

6. A container comprising a pouch and a flap formed of sheets of "Cellophane" and a reinforcing layer of fabric between the "Cellophane" sheets, the "Cellophane" sheets being secured together at the edges and the fabric sheet being free from attachment therewith so that it will not distort the cover sheets when the container is folded.

7. A foldable pouch container composed of more or less fragile sheets of "Cellophane" and a permanently trough-like reinforcement of tougher material secured to the inner "Cellophane" sheet at the bottom of the pouch and curved to prevent the container from sharply folding and unduly wearing at the place where the reinforcement is secured.

8. A tobacco container pouch of "Cellophane" and the like, having a pocket with an inside of permanently curved tougher material secured in the bottom to prevent the pouch from folding sharply and to afford a protecting contact and filler plate for a pipe inserted in the pocket.

9. A container pouch comprising layers of "Cellophane" and an interior layer of fabric, the edges of the cover sheets being folded over and secured to the opposite face of the other sheet, and the fabric sheet being free from connection with either of the sheets and means for securing the adjacent folded edges of the combined sheets together to form a pouch, said means comprising a fabric tape applied over and secured to the adjacent edges and a covering tape of "Cellophane" or similar material extending over the fabric tape and secured to the sides of the pocket adjacent the fabric tape.

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