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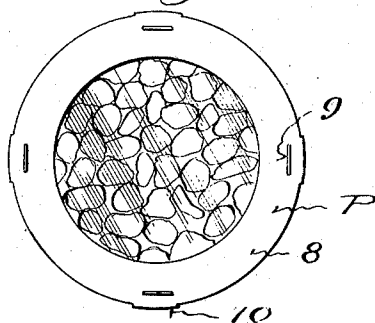


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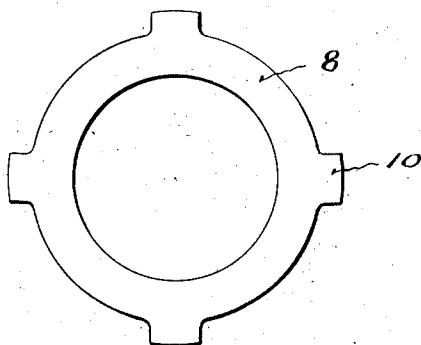


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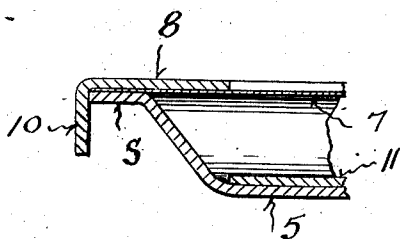


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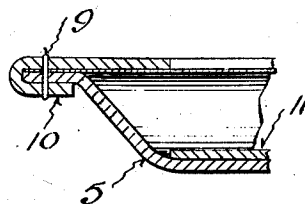
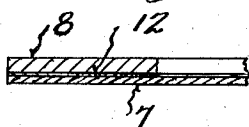
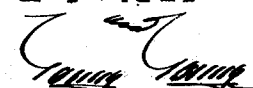


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1 Claim. (Cl. 206—44)

This invention appertains to dispensing packages, and more particularly to means for serving candies, shelled nuts and the like over a counter in an attractive, novel and sanitary manner.

5 One of the primary objects of my invention is to provide a package in which the entire contents thereof will be exposed to the view of the purchaser in an attractive manner and still be kept in a fresh and sanitary condition.

10 Another salient object of my invention is to provide a package for loose candies and nuts embodying a fibrous pie plate for holding the goods to be dispensed, and a transparent cover for the plate, whereby the goods will be displayed, with means for holding the transparent sheet or cover in intimate contact with the peripheral flange of the plate to maintain the goods in a fresh and sanitary condition.

20 A further object of my invention is the provision of a flat retaining ring for resting on top of the flange of the plate over the transparent sheet or cover, with means for drawing and holding the ring tight on the sheet against the flange to form substantially an air-tight package.

25 A further important object of my invention is the provision of bendable tabs formed integral with the margin of the retaining ring for engaging the edge of the flange of the plate to facilitate the centering of the ring on the plate with wire staples for extending through the ring, sheet, plate and tabs, the tabs functioning to draw the ring down tight during the stapling process and for reinforcing the plate and ring to prevent the accidental tearing loose of the staples.

35 A still further object of my invention is to provide a novel package of the above character for dispensing candies and nuts in small quantities, which will be durable and efficient in use, one that will be simple and easy to manufacture, and one which can be placed upon the market at a small cost.

45 With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement, and formation of parts, as will be hereinafter more specifically described, claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which drawing:

50 Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved package.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the retaining ring prior to being fastened in place.

Figure 3 is an enlarged detail section through the package prior to the stapling process.

55 Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 3 showing

the retaining ring secured in place and drawn down tight on the transparent sheet or cover.

Figure 5 is an enlarged detail sectional view through the retaining ring, showing the transparent sheet secured to the under-surface of the ring by an adhesive.

Referring to the drawing in detail, wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the letter P generally indicates my improved package, which is particularly designed for dispensing loose candies and nuts, but which is adaptable for serving any pastry or confection over a counter.

The package P comprises a main body portion 5, which is in the form of a small fibrous pie plate. A fibrous pie plate is utilized in view of the cheapness thereof and the fact that the same lends a novel and attractive appearance in the dispensing of candies and shelled nuts.

20 The body portion 5 has formed thereon the usual outstanding peripheral flange 6, and after the body portion or pie plate 5 has been filled with the candy or nuts, a transparent sheet 7 is placed over the top of the pie plate against the flange 6 to form a cover for the package. This sheet can be formed from any desired material, such as "cellophane."

In order to hold the transparent sheet or cover in intimate contact with the upper surface of the flange 6 and to add to the attractive appearance of the package, I utilize a flat retaining ring 8, which can be formed from cardboard. This retaining ring 8 is of substantially the same size as the flange of the pie plate, but preferably extends slightly inward of the flange and is struck out from a single sheet of material in its annular form. The portion of material struck out from the center of the ring is placed on top of the bottom wall of the plate to substantially hide the rough appearance of the plate after the contents of the package has been used. This portion is shown at 11 in Figures 3 and 4. Both the retaining ring and the portion struck out from the center of the ring can carry any preferred type of advertising matter.

The retaining ring is adapted to be secured to the peripheral flange 6 of the pie plate by means of wire staples 9, and these staples are adapted to extend through the ring, the Cellophane sheet 7, and the flange 6.

In order to center the rings on the pie plates and to facilitate the drawing of the rings down tight on the flange and to prevent the tearing out of the staples, I form integral with the mar-

ginal edge of the ring 8 tabs or tongues 10. As shown in Figure 3, the tabs 10 can engage the edge of the flange and thus guide the ring in place on the plate. These tabs 10 are adapted to be folded under the flange, and when the staples 9 are driven home the tabs tend to draw down on the ring, and as the wire staples pass through the tabs, the tabs reinforce the package and prevent the accidental tearing out of the staples.

While I have shown the pie plate as being of a circular form and the ring of annular form, it is to be understood that the plate and the retaining member 8 can take other shapes, such as, for example, square, triangular or the like.

Hereinafter the member 8 is referred to solely as a ring, but it is to be understood that this term intended to describe the element, whether the same is square, triangular, oval or the like, as well as when it is circular.

If preferred, the Cellophane sheet can be glued to the under-surface of the ring 8 prior to the placing of the ring in position on the body portion of the package. Thus, the ring,, in effect,

forms a frame for the sheet of Cellophane and facilitates the placing of the Cellophane in position on the body. The adhesive is shown by the numeral 12 in Figure 5 of the drawing.

From the foregoing description it can be seen that I have provided an exceptionally simple and attractive package for dispensing loose candies and nuts over a counter.

Changes in details may be made without departing from the spirit or the scope of this invention, but what I claim as new is:

A dispensing package for nuts, candies, and the like, comprising, a body of pie-plate-like form having an outwardly projecting flange provided with a flat upper surface, a sheet of transparent material placed over the top of the plate in intimate contact with the flat upper surface of the flange, a flat annular finishing and retaining ring fitted over the transparent sheet against the flange, means securing the ring, sheet, and flange together, the inner edge of said ring projecting a material distance inwardly of the flange and over the body.

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