

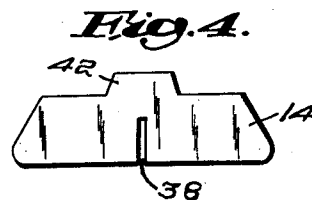
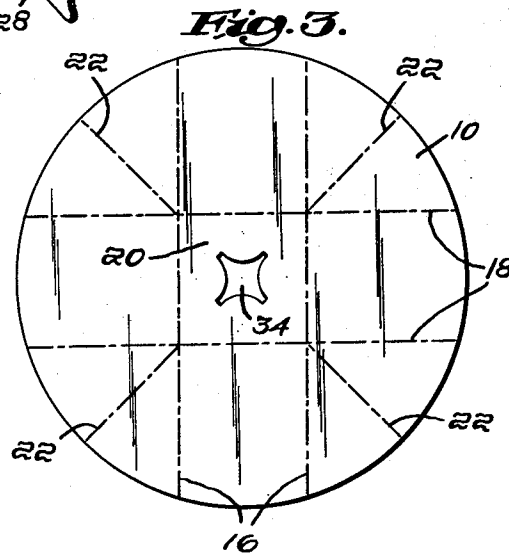
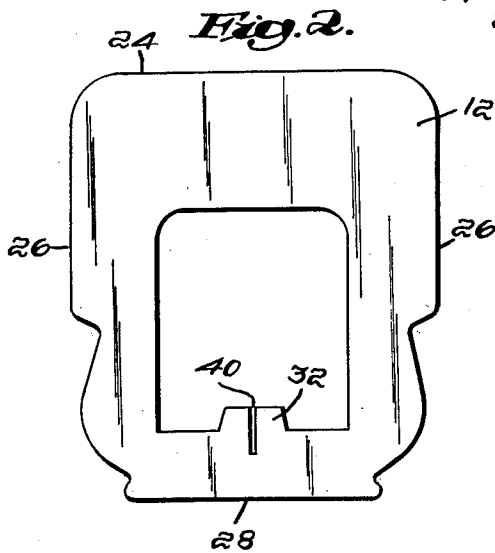
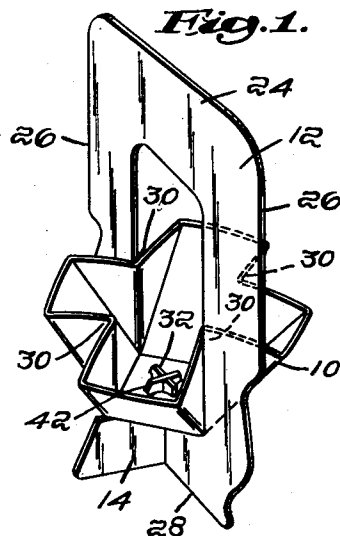
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This invention relates to baskets and pertains more particularly to an improved novelty basket of the party type.

The principal purpose of the invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive but serviceable and attractive basket especially suitable for advertising purposes and as a decorative favor at social functions, the basket serving as a handy container for dispensing nuts, candy and the like.

Another purpose of the invention is to provide a basket capable of being manufactured from flat sheets of paper, cardboard or other suitable sheet material, the various pieces comprising the basket being shipped in their flat form to conserve space and, when desired, readily transformed into an assembled basket by the purchaser or user.

Still other advantages of my invention will become more apparent by referring to the following description and accompanying drawing, showing a recommended embodiment of the invention, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the assembled basket;

Fig. 2 is an elevational view of a frame part of the basket;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which the receptacle part of the basket is formed by folding along the dotted lines; and

Fig. 4 is a plan view of an auxiliary foot piece or base part of the basket.

The three separable parts of the improved basket may be stamped, cut or molded from any suitable material, the selection of material depending upon the use for which the basket is intended. When the parts are cut from cardboard or other pliable material, it will be understood that they may be retained in their flat state during storage or shipment and ultimately assembled by the purchaser or user.

A preferred basket construction comprises three flat members; a receptacle blank 10, a frame 12 and a foot or base piece 14. The blank 10 is in the form of a round disc, but it will be understood that other contour variations are possible in order to produce a receptacle having a desired shape or size. As the illustrated embodiment is intended to be assembled by the purchaser, two pairs of spaced, intersecting fold lines 16 and 18 are disposed across one face of the disc 10. These fold lines may be suitably weakened by creasing, scoring or perforating the material along the designated lines. The center section 20 which is to eventually become the bottom of the receptacle is thus defined, and additional fold lines 22 are disposed radially inwardly from the periphery of

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the blank toward each corner of the bottom 20, the purpose of which will presently be described.

The frame 12 is cut with an opening through its center, thus forming the top, side and bottom portions of the frame and which are respectively indicated by the reference numerals 24, 26 and 28. The external contour of the frame may be of any desired shape to enhance the attractiveness of the assembled basket. By properly folding the disc 10 along the provided fold lines 16 and 18, the blank may be made to assume the volumetric shape illustrated in Fig. 1 to fit within the frame. It will be observed that the radial fold lines 22 allow the blank to be infolded along these lines, thus forming four recesses 30, two of which serve as a means for retaining the receptacle 10 upright in the frame when the recesses are engaged by the spaced side portions 26 of the frame.

While many of the materials that might be selected for the receptacle 10 will possess sufficient inherent resiliency to maintain a relatively tight engagement between the vertices of the two recesses or notches 30 and the side portions 26, the invention contemplates the provision of a key 32 on the upper edge of the bottom portion 28. It will be noted that the key is slightly tapered, being larger at its point of juncture with the bottom portion 28, so that a keyway 34, provided in the bottom section 20 of the receptacle, may be forced downwardly into tight engagement with the key, the keyway being purposely made slightly smaller than the largest part of the key. Thus, it will be seen that the receptacle is held against any displacement or accidental dislodgement without having to employ separate fastening means, a factor which is important in reducing the cost of manufacturing and assembling baskets of this type.

The foregoing description has been concerned mainly with a basket that is to be carried by the top handle portion 24 of the frame 12, but in many instances it will be desirable to have the basket adapted for placement in an upright position upon a table. For that purpose, the auxiliary base piece 14 serves as a transverse foot member in relation to the bottom portion 28 of the frame 12 to maintain the basket erect. The foot piece 14 is provided with a slot 38 and the bottom portion 28 of the frame is formed with a slot 40, so that the two sections may be fitted together at right angles with each other to form a supporting base.

The foot piece 36 is also provided with a key member 42, as the receptacle 10 is firmly retained

against angular displacement by the key 32, the key 42 will maintain the foot piece 14 in normal right-angled relationship with the bottom portion 28. In this way, although resilient sheet material, such as paper or cardboard, is used for all the parts comprising the basket, the basket is rendered sufficiently rigid by the interfitting elements to serve as a holder or carrier for confections, without danger of accidental displacement of its separable parts. However, as previously indicated, additional rigidity may be obtained by employing stiffer materials in the manufacture of the several parts comprising the basket.

I claim:

1. A basket comprising an upright frame member having an opening therethrough, an upright receptacle removably received in the opening of the frame, and a base member removably engaging the bottom of the frame at right angles thereto, said parts being formed of sheet material, the receptacle having infolded recesses in its sides receiving the side portions of the frame, the receptacle having a keyway in its bottom and the bottom of the frame and said base member having complementary key members engaged in said keyway.

2. A basket comprising an upright frame member having an opening therethrough, an upright receptacle removably received in the opening of the frame, and a base member removably engaging the bottom of the frame, said parts being formed of sheet material, the receptacle having infolded recesses in its sides receiving the side portions of the frame, the receptacle having a keyway in its bottom and the bottom of the frame having a key member engaged in said key-

way, the bottom of the frame having a slot extending downwardly into its key member and receiving the base member, and the base member having a bottom slot receiving said frame bottom.

3. A basket comprising an upright frame member having an opening therethrough, an upright receptacle removably received in the opening of the frame, and a base member removably engaging the bottom of the frame, said parts being formed of sheet material, the receptacle having infolded recesses in its sides receiving the side portions of the frame, the receptacle having a keyway in its bottom and the bottom of the frame having a key member engaged in said keyway, the bottom of the frame having a slot extending downwardly into its key member and receiving the base member, and the base member having a bottom slot receiving said frame bottom, said base member also having a key member disposed at an angle to the key member of the frame, and the keyway of the receptacle being shaped to receive both key members.

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