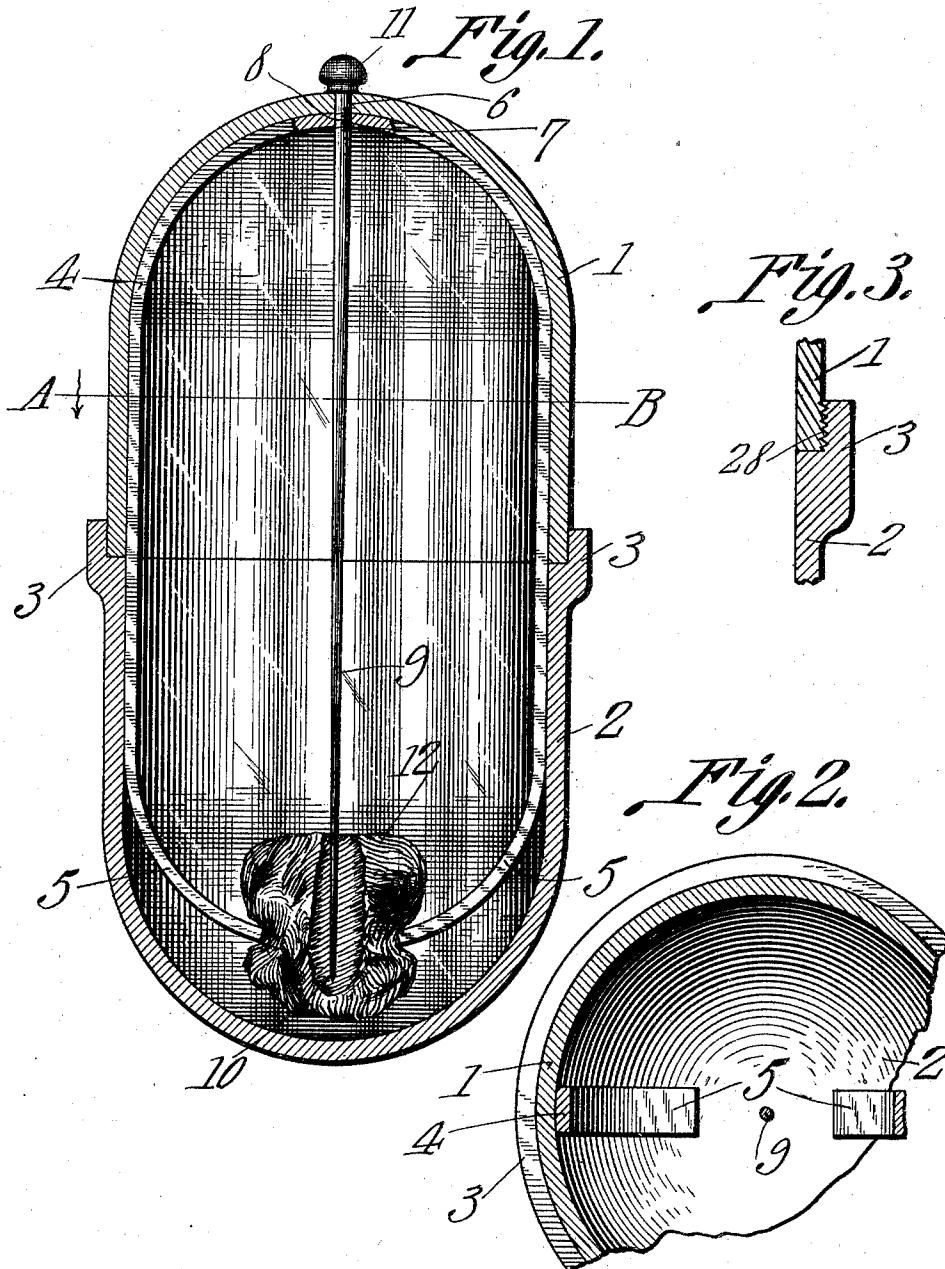


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH TAYLOR, JR., a citizen of the United States, residing at Saco, in the county of York and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Gum-Box, of which the following is a specification.

It is the object of this invention to provide, in a simple, merchantable, and inexpensive form, a box adapted to hold in a sanitary manner chewing gum and the like.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel means for holding the gum in place.

Another object of the invention is to provide novel means for retaining the gum-holding element within the box, and to provide novel means for separating the constituent elements of the box.

The drawings show typical embodiments merely, and it is to be understood that changes, properly falling within the scope of what is claimed, may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings,—Figure 1 is a longitudinal section, parts being shown in elevation; Fig. 2 is a fragmental transverse section on the line A—B of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a fragmental section showing a modification.

The box proper comprises separable parts, denoted generally by the numerals 1 and 2. These box-forming parts 1 and 2 are preferably circular in cross section, and domeshaped in general outline. The part 2 may be provided, at its open end, with a flange 3, within which the open end of the part 1 is adapted to be received.

Mounted within the portion 1 of the box is a resilient arcuate member 4, the free ends of the resilient member 4 constituting arms adapted to receive the piece of gum 12 between them. The extremities of the arms 5 are, as shown, curved slightly toward each other. These arms 5 are of sufficient length to extend, when the parts 1 and 2 are in abutment, well into the part 2. The arms 5, moreover, bear against the side walls of the part 1.

In its curved portion, the part 1 is provided with a smooth opening 6, adapted to be alined with a threaded opening 7 in the curved portion of the resilient member 4. A prong is provided, which, adjacent its upper end, is threaded, as shown at 8, to engage the opening 7 in the part 4, thereby to

hold the resilient member 4 in place within the box. This prong tapers, as shown at 9, from its threaded portion 8 to its free pointed end 10. This pointed end 10 of the prong is disposed between the extremities of the arms 5, and is adapted to cooperate with them in holding the gum 12 in place. The prong is extended through the part 1, and provided in its protruding portion with a boss 11, adapted to engage the outer face of the part 1.

When the gum 12 is mounted upon the arms 5 and the extremity 10 of the prong, the arms may be thrust within the part 2, the arms engaging the inner surface of the part 2 and serving to guide the same into abutment with the part 1. This guiding function of the arms 5 is enhanced by reason of the fact that the arms 5, adjacent their free ends are curved toward each other, as shown.

If desired, the prong may be removed from the box, and employed as a tooth pick or the like. Moreover, by reason of the presence of the boss 11 upon the end of the prong, the prong constitutes a means for lifting the part 1 of the box off the part 2. By removing the resilient member 4 and the prong from the box, the box obviously may be employed for any purpose, other than a gum container.

As shown in Fig. 3, and there denoted by the numeral 28, the parts 1 and 2 may be threaded together within the flange 3.

Having described the invention, what is claimed is:—

1. A box for chewing gum, comprising separable parts, one of which is provided in its interior with a resilient arcuate member including gum-holding arms; and a removable prong located between the arms and cooperating therewith to engage the gum; the prong, the arcuate member and the said part having cooperating elements to hold the arcuate member and the prong in place within the box; the prong being prolonged through the part in which it is mounted, to constitute a handle for removing said part from the other part.

2. A box for chewing gum, comprising separable parts, one of which is provided in its interior, with a resilient arcuate member including gum-holding arms adapted to bear against the other of said parts to guide the parts into abutment; and a removable prong located between the arms and coop-

erating therewith to engage the gum, the prong, the arcuate member, and the first named part being provided with cooperating elements to hold the arcuate member
5 in place within the box, and to position the arms of said member to engage the other part of the box.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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