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Description

This invention relates to a package particularly suitable to hold lady's stockings or pantyhose, in a way that enables the quality, i.e. the fabric type, and the colour of the stockings to be evaluated, before the purchase is made, and at the same time said package is provided with a support adapted to hold the stockings hanging therefrom, to be stored in a tidy fashion at home, after the purchase. Therefore, said package provides the double advantage of being enclosed in a bag whose shape is such as to enable the quality of stocking to be evaluated, and being adapted at the same time, once it has been removed from the bag, to be used at home as a means for hanging the various stockings on said support.

Said advantages are obtained by a package including a rigid support around which a pair of stockings or pantyhose is wrapped and being enclosed in a bag, characterized in that on the first formed wrapping there being fitted a ring portion comprised of the same material of the stockings or pantyhose, identical as per as both fabric and colour are concerned, and protruding from said support, said bag being provided with an opening that leaves uncovered an extended part of said ring portion, and said support having an holder to hang stockings or pantyhose thereon once the bag has been removed from the support.

A package is known from the previous art that enables only the quality of the stocking to be evaluated, in that said stocking is enclosed in a bag comprised of the same fabric of the stocking, protruding out of the package, no possibility being provided of using the same package for hanging the stocking thereon.

This known package was previously put in commerce by the French Firm "DIM".

The known GB-A 1 109 000 and DE-A 2 045 935 relate to packages including a support around which a pair of stockings or pantyhose is wrapped and being enclosed in a bag of transparent material.

Both such Patents do not provide the cited advantages obtained by the present invention.

The package of this invention will be discussed in more detail in the following, as a non-limiting example of the scope of this invention, and it is shown in the attached drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is an exploded view of the various component parts of the package;

Figure 2 is a plan view of the package in the closed condition thereof;

Figure 3 shows the package in plan view, without the bag, with the stockings hanging therefrom; and,

Figure 4 shows a cross-section of Fig. 3, along line IV-IV, on an enlarged scale.

Rigid support 1, made for example of plastic material, is comprised of an A-shaped plate, and a pair of stockings or pantyhose 3 is wrapped around the side arms 2 thereof. Said support 1 is provided, at the upper part thereof, with an extension 4 having an eyelet opening 5, and at the lower part thereof, it is provided with an open portion 4'. On the stock-

ings wrapper around support 1 as shown, a ring portion 6 is fitted, of the same material of the previously wrapped stockings, identical thereto as far as both fabric and colour are concerned, protruding relative to said support 1 according to the extended part 7. At the position of said extended part 7, support 1 is externally provided, on the lower stretch of said side arms 2, with a serrated or knurled area 8, adapted to hold in a fixed position said extended part 7, i.e. to prevent it from sliding down.

The above assembly, including support 1 with stockings 3 wrapped thereon, and a ring part 6 fitted on the stockings, is enclosed in a bag 9, provided with an opening 10, with sealed extensions 11 lying on the side of said opening, and with a flap 12 on the side 13 of bag 9 opposite to opening 10. Package 14 is thereby completed and the component parts thereof are proportioned in such a way that when ring part 6 is fitted through the upper part of support 1, extension 4 is left free, and the lower open region 4' is in registry with opening 10 of bag 9, as it can be seen from Fig. 2 when said bag 9 encloses support 1, whose lower ends 2', provided with the knurled area 8, lean on sealed parts 11 located on the sides of opening 10 of bag 9.

To complete the subject package, flap 12 is passed through opening 5 and after having been properly folded it is fastened, for instance by gluing, to the opposite side 13' of bag 9, so that said eyelet opening 5 can be hanged on holder 15 having for instance the form of a stick.

The plurality of packages for stockings or pantyhose of various colours and sizes are hanged on said holder and said packages are thereby displayed in a store with the extended part 7 of ring 6 showing out, so that the fabric type and the colour of the stockings held in the package bag can be felt and appreciated before the purchase is made.

Once the bag 9 has been removed, ring 6 withdrawn, and the pair of stockings or pantyhose 3 has been unwrapped from support 1 for usage, said support is used to hold one or more pairs of stockings to be hanged on the brace or cross-member 16 provided on support 1, as can be seen on Figure 3.

Advantageously support 1, without bag 9, can be hanged on holder 17 comprising a stick properly fastened at home, for instance a closet.

The two side arms 2 of support 1 have contoured peripheral portions 18 thereof, as it is clearly seen on Fig. 4, so that any thread pulling of stitches of the stockings wrapped around said support can be prevented.

Claims

1. A package for lady's stockings or pantyhose including a rigid support (1) around which a pair of stockings or pantyhose (3) is wrapped and being enclosed in a bag (9), characterized in that on the first formed wrapping there being fitted a ring portion (6) comprised of the same material of the stockings or pantyhose, identical as far as both fabric and colour are concerned, and protruding from said support, said bag (9) being provided with an opening (10) that leaves uncovered an extended part (7) of

said ring portion (6), and said support (1) having a holder (16) to hang stockings and pantyhose thereon once the bag (9) has been removed from the support.

2. The package according to claim 1, characterized in that said support (1) is provided, in the upper part thereof, with an extension (4) having an eyelet opening (5) through which a flap (12) of said bag (9) is passed, to be fastened on a side (13') of bag (9) on the opposite side of said opening (10).

3. The package of claim 2, characterized by said eyelet opening (5) being adapted for hanging support (1) either associated with bag (9) or without it.

4. The package according to claim 1, characterized in that said support (1) is provided with a serrated or knurled area (8) at said extended part (7), to keep said extended part (7) in position, when said ring portion (6) is fitted on support (1).

5. The package of claim 2, characterized in that said support (1) is comprised of a rigid A-shaped plate including the following parts: two side arms (2) around which the stockings or pantyhose (3) are wrapped, a lower open portion (4') corresponding to opening (10) of bag (9) when the latter encloses support (1), whose lower ends (2') lean on sealed portions (11) of bag (9), lying at the sides of opening (10), and a horizontal cross-member (16) overlying said lower open portion (4') and acting as a holder to hang stockings or pantyhose (3) thereon.

6. The package of claims 5, characterized in that the peripheral parts of said side arms (2) are contoured.

Patentansprüche

1. Verpackung für Damenstrümpfe oder Strumpfhosen, umfassend einen starren Träger (1), um welchen ein Paar Strümpfe oder eine Strumpfhose (3) gewickelt wird und welcher von einer Tasche (9) umhüllt wird, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass auf diesem zuerst gebildeten Wickel ein ringförmiger Teil (6) angebracht ist, der aus demselben Material wie die Strümpfe oder Strumpfhose besteht, dieselbe Struktur und Farbe hat und vom genannten Träger vorsteht, wobei die Tasche (9) mit einer Öffnung (10) versehen ist, die einen verlängerten Abschnitt (7) des ringförmigen Teiles (6) freilässt, und der Träger (1) einen Halteteil (16) umfasst, über den die Strümpfe oder Strumpfhose nach dem Entfernen der Tasche (9) vom Träger gehängt werden können.

2. Verpackung nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass der genannte Träger (1) an seinem oberen Teil eine Verlängerung (4) mit einem Loch (5) aufweist, durch das eine Klappe (12) der Tasche (9) geführt wird, die an einer Seite (13') der Tasche (9) auf der gegenüberliegenden Seite der genannten Öffnung (10) zu befestigen ist.

3. Verpackung nach Anspruch 2, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass das Loch (5) so beschaffen ist, dass der Träger (1) entweder zusammen mit der Tasche (9) oder ohne sie aufgehängt werden kann.

4. Verpackung nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass der Träger (1) an seinem verlängerten Abschnitt (7) einen gezahnten oder gerän-

delten Bereich (8) hat, um diesen verlängerten Abschnitt (7) festzuhalten, wenn der ringförmige Teil (6) auf dem Träger (1) angebracht wird.

5. Verpackung nach Anspruch 2, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass der Träger (1) eine A-förmige Platte mit den folgenden Teilen ist: zwei Seitenarme (2), um welche die Strümpfe oder Strumpfhose (3) gewickelt werden, einen unteren offenen Abschnitt (4'), der der Öffnung (10) der Tasche (9) entspricht, wenn die letztere den Träger (1) umgibt, dessen untere Enden (2') auf geschlossenen Abschnitten (11) seitlich der Öffnung (10) aufliegen, und einen horizontalen Verbindungsteil (16), der über dem unteren offenen Abschnitt (4') liegt und als Halterung zum Aufhängen von Strümpfen oder einer Strumpfhose (3) dient.

6. Verpackung nach Anspruch 3, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass die Randteile der Seitenarme (2) profiliert sind.

Revendications

1. Emballage pour bas et collants de femmes incluant un support rigide (1), autour duquel une paire de bas ou un collant (3) est enroulé, tout en étant renfermé dans un sachet (9), caractérisé en ce que sur le premier enroulement formé se trouve disposée une partie annulaire (6) constituée par le même matériau que les bas ou le collant, identique pour ce qui concerne à la fois le tissu et la couleur, et faisant saillie hors dudit support, ledit sachet (9) comportant une ouverture (10) laissant découvrir une partie étendue (7) de ladite partie annulaire (6), et ledit support (1) comportant un élément de support (16), servant à y suspendre les bas et le collant une fois que le sachet (9) a été retiré du support.

2. Emballage selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que ledit support (1) comporte, dans sa partie supérieure, un prolongement (4) possédant une ouverture en forme d'œillet (5), que traverse une patte (12) dudit sachet (9) pour être fixée sur un côté (13') du sachet (9), du côté opposé à ladite ouverture (10).

3. Emballage selon la revendication 2, caractérisé en ce que ladite ouverture en forme d'œillet (5) est adaptée pour permettre une suspension du support (1) associée ou non au sachet (9).

4. Emballage selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que ledit support (1) comporte une zone dentelée ou moletée (8) prévue sur ladite partie étendue (7) et retenant cette dernière en position lorsque la partie annulaire (6) est mise en place sur le support (1).

5. Emballage selon la revendication 2, caractérisé en ce que ledit support (1) est constitué par une plaque rigide en forme de A comprenant les éléments suivants: deux branches latérales (2) autour desquelles les bas ou le collant (3) sont enroulés, une partie inférieure ouverte (4') correspondant à l'ouverture (10) du sachet (9), lorsque ce dernier entoure le support (1), dont les extrémités inférieures (2') s'appliquent sur des parties scellées (11) du sachet (9), et situées des deux côtés de l'ouverture (10), et un élément transversal horizontal (16) recou-

vrant ladite partie inférieure ouverte (4') et agissant en tant qu'élément de support pour y suspendre des bas ou un collant (3).

6. Emballage selon la revendication 5, caractérisé en ce que les parties périphériques desdites branches latérales (2) sont profilées.

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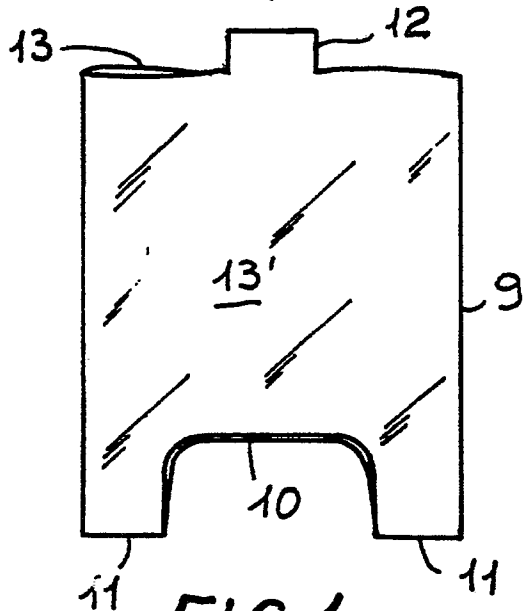
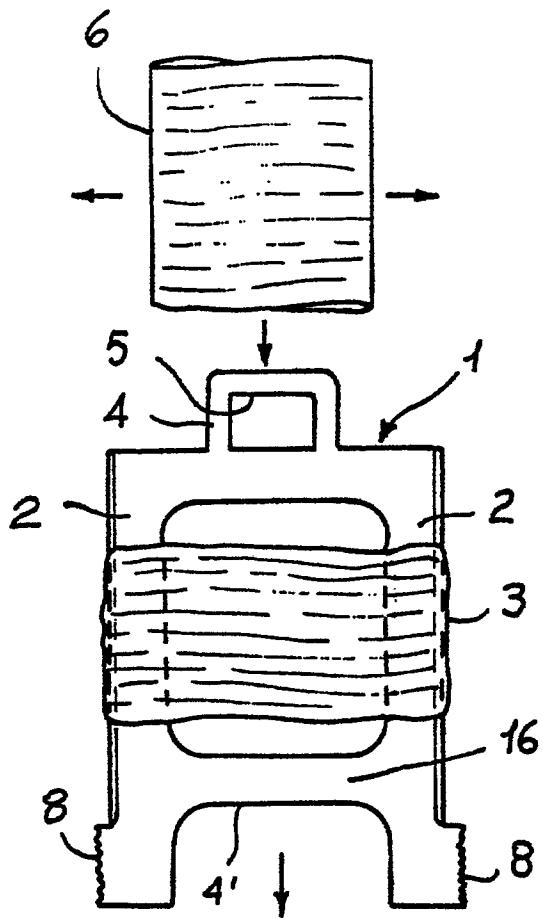


FIG. 1

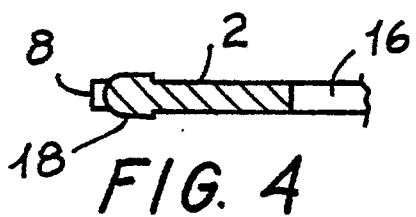


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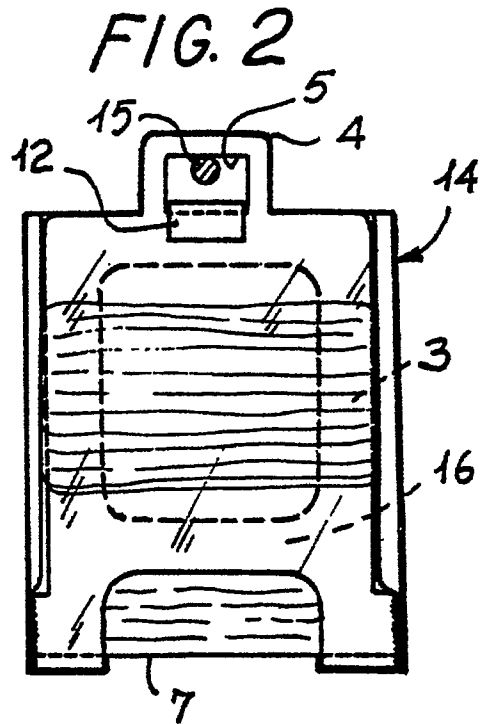


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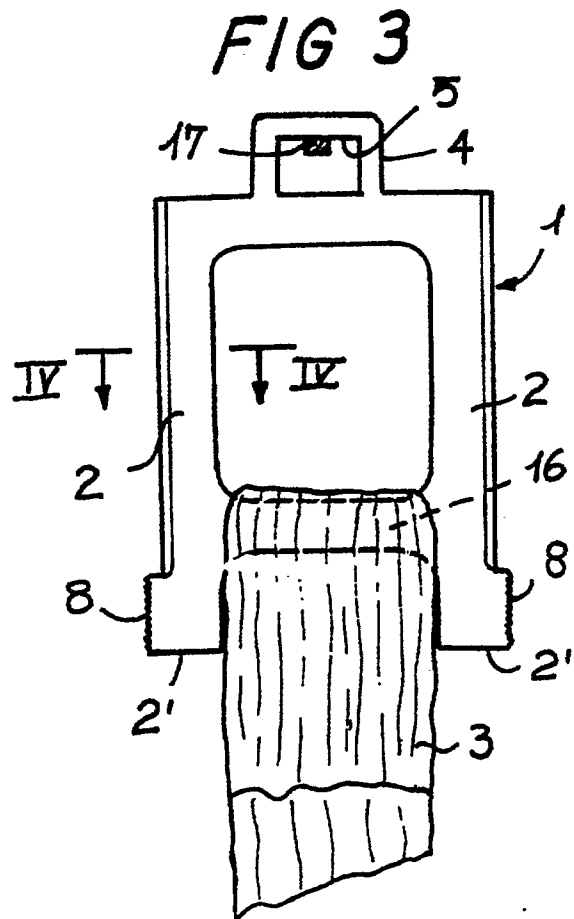


FIG. 3