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Fig. 1

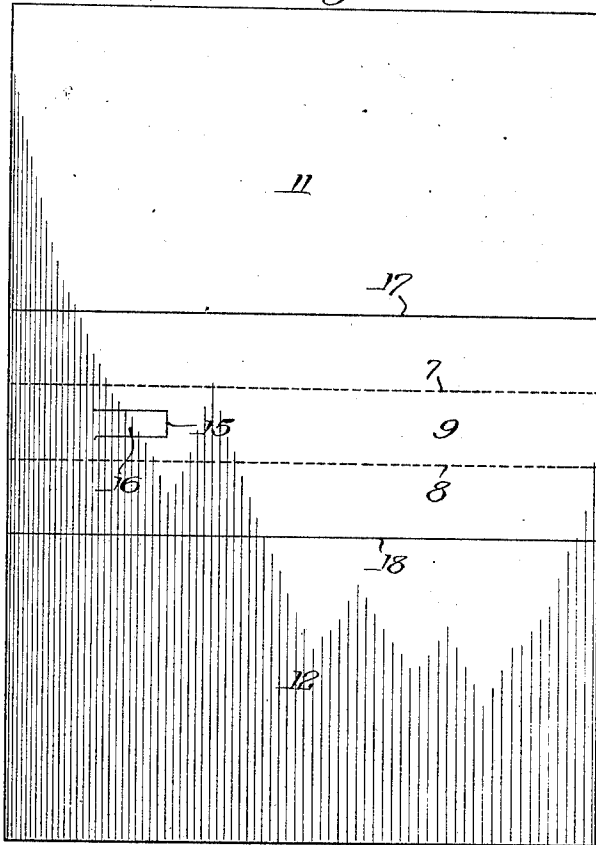


Fig. 2



Fig. 4

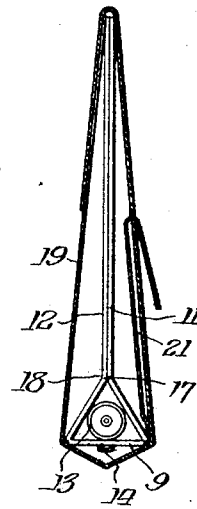


Fig. 5

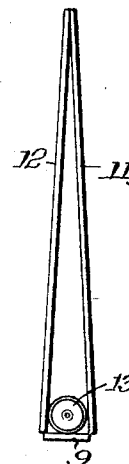
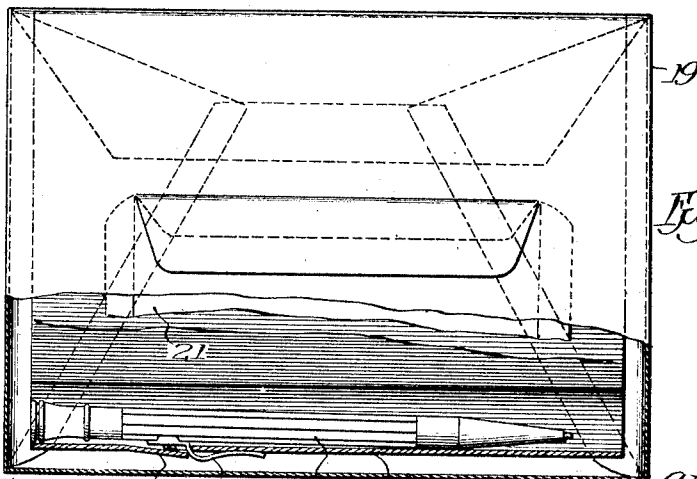


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to containers for pencils, fountain pens and other articles which it is frequently desirable to ship or mail individually. While the word "pencil" will be used throughout the specification and claims it should be understood that the word is employed generically and merely as illustrative of the articles for which my invention is designed.

Heretofore fountain pens, pencils and other articles when shipped individually, have customarily been sent through the mails in small pasteboard boxes and the postal regulations prohibit the inclosing of a letter with the article which is often very desirable, unless letter rate postage is applied.

My present invention aims to provide a container in which a pencil or other article may be shipped in a duplex envelope, thereby enabling the recipient to receive the article and the letter at the same time at their respective postal rates.

Another object of my invention is to provide a container which will adequately protect the article against injuries from crushing strains in transit, and one which will fit an envelope and will not be liable to tear or rupture the envelope.

Another object is to provide a container which can be manufactured very rapidly and economically and which will be capable of carrying considerable advertising or other printed matter and one which will be neat in appearance and will produce a pleasing impression upon its recipient.

Other objects and many inherent advantages of my invention will be readily appreciated as the same becomes better understood by reference to the following description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawings.

Referring to the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a blank from which my container is made,

Fig. 2 is an edge view thereof,

Fig. 3 is a side view showing my container with a pencil therein disposed in an envelope for mailing, portions of the envelope and of the container being broken away to more clearly illustrate the invention,

Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view through the envelope and container shown in Fig. 3, and

Fig. 5 is a detailed end view of a slightly modified form of container.

Referring to the drawings more in detail reference character 6 indicates generally a flat blank or sheet of suitable material, such for instance, as a good quality of heavy cardboard or other relatively stiff and light material. This blank of suitable proportions and rectangular in shape is provided with a cut or bruised score along a plurality of parallel lines 7 and 8 spaced apart, as indicated in Fig. 1 to facilitate the folding of the blank along these lines. The intermediate portion 9 between these scorings forms the back wall of the container when the side walls 11 and 12 are bent or folded together as illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5. The edges of these side walls are connected together and held apart by this back wall forming a container or compartment triangular in cross section adapted to accommodate an article 13. The back wall serves to protect the article against crushing strains exerted transversely of the side walls and the side walls protect the article so that it may be shipped without danger of breakage or injury. To facilitate the attachment of the pencil to the container one of the walls, preferably the back wall 9, is provided with an opening through which the pencil clip 14 may be inserted, as shown in Fig. 3. A slot or opening for this purpose may be formed in the back wall or it may be provided with a U-shaped slit 15 forming a movable tab 16 which may be displaced to accommodate the entrance of the pencil clip through the opening.

In one form of my invention the side walls 11 and 12 are also scored by bruising or cutting, as indicated by reference characters 17 and 18 respectively, permitting these walls to lie parallel and contiguous to each other during the greater portion of their area and forming a relatively small triangular container for the article which affords maximum protective strength. These score lines may, however, be omitted, in which event the side walls will assume the position illustrated in Fig. 5.

The container, such as described with a pencil therein, may be shipped through the mail in a duplex envelope of proper size to receive the same. One of such envelopes is

indicated generally by reference character 19 in which the compartment for the first class mail matter, such as a letter accompanying the pencil, is indicated by reference character 21.

It will be observed that a container constructed in accordance with my invention fits within the envelope so that it will not move about sufficiently to wear a hole in the envelope, that the side walls of the container lie substantially flat against each other at the edge where the stamp is applied to the envelope and, that the container is adapted for mailing, together with a letter in a duplex envelope. The container affords adequate protection to the pencil or pen so as to preclude injury thereto in shipment, it is light, thereby reducing the postage to a minimum and it is also very economical to manufacture and easy to fold in shape and insert in an envelope.

When it is received the container is removed from the envelope and when opened out, presents an attractive book shaped appearance, the attractiveness of which may be further enhanced by suitable decorations or ornamentations upon the inside or outside of the container and both the inside and outside faces of the side walls may also carry printed advertising matter or other message which it may be desirable to convey to the recipient.

Other advantageous features of the inven-

tion will be apparent to those skilled in the art and the details of construction may obviously be varied within wide limits without departing from the scope of the invention as defined in the following claims.

I claim:

1. A pencil container comprising a pair of side walls connected together at one edge only and spaced apart at said edge by an intervening transversely disposed back wall adapted to prevent the approach of said connected edges of the side walls, said wall being made of relatively stiff material and arranged to form an open ended container substantially triangular in cross section, said back wall being adapted for the attachment thereto of a pencil or the like, and means whereby a pencil may be secured to said back wall.

2. A pencil container comprising a sheet of stiff material bent along parallel lines to provide integral back and side walls forming a triangular container adapted to receive an elongated article, said back wall being disposed transversely to the side walls and adapted to protect the inclosed article from crushing strains, and said back wall being perforated for the reception of a clip whereby the article is held against displacement.

In witness of the foregoing I affix my signature.

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