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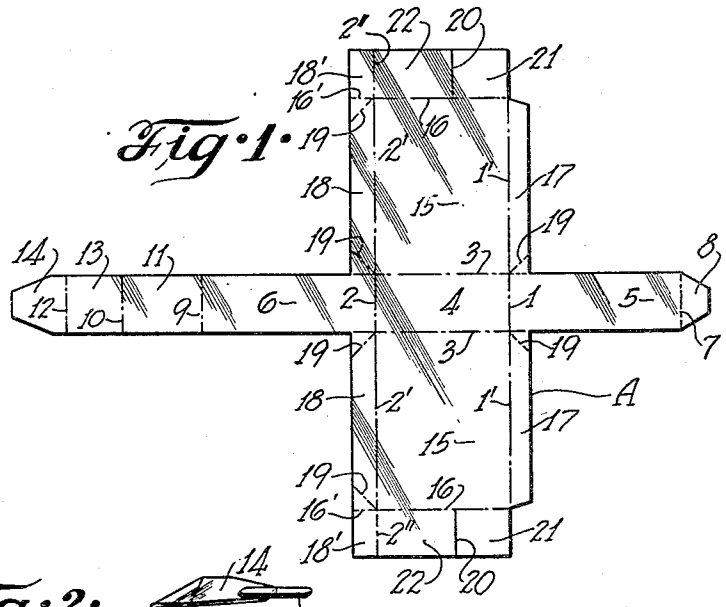


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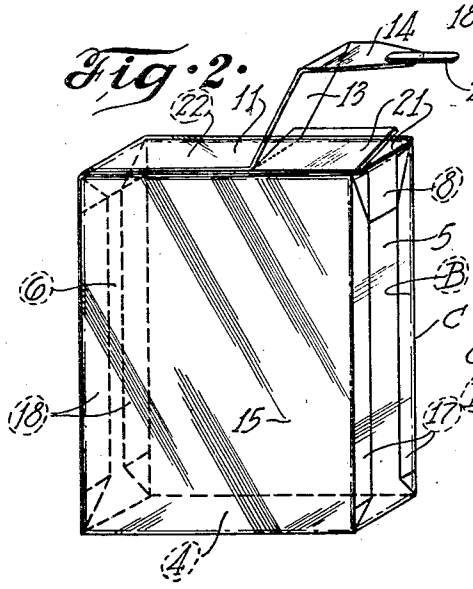


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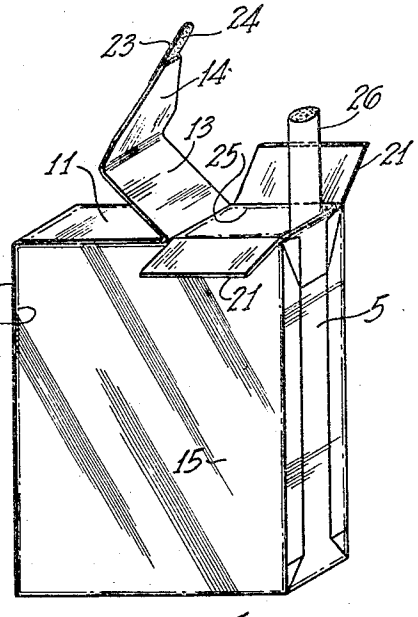
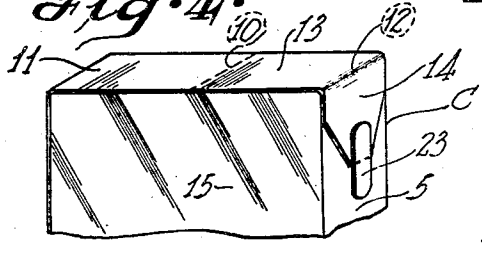


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This invention relates generally to package wrappers. More particularly, my invention has reference to a wrapper for enclosing a cigarette package and the like and has for its object the provision of a wrapper for completely enclosing the package and having releasably sealed portions for permitting convenient access to a corner of the enclosed package for ready removal of the contained cigarettes, such releasable portions of the wrapper being sealed by means having repetitively adhering characteristics, whereby reclosable access may be had repeatedly to the cigarettes in the package without destroying or impairing the wrapping and enclosing efficiency of the wrapper.

And with the above and other objects in view, my invention resides in the novel features of form, construction, arrangement, and combination of parts hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing,—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a scored or creased blank for the construction of a package-wrapper of my invention;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of a finished wrapper embodying my invention, the wrapper being shown as enclosing a cigarette package and its access-providing flap being in unsealed open condition;

Figure 3 is a view similar to Figure 2, showing the wrapper-releasable parts unfolded for exposing a corner of the contained package and the latter being, in turn, torn-away for exposing and facilitating the removal of the cigarettes therefrom; and

Figure 4 is a fragmentary exterior view of the wrapper of Figures 2 and 3, shown in closed and sealed condition.

Referring now more in detail and by reference characters to the drawing, which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, A designates a blank of flexible and preferably transparent material, such as and preferably "Cellophane" or the like, the body portion of which is provided with a pair of suitably spaced longitudinal front and rear creases or score-lines 1, 2, respectively, and a pair of spaced transverse score-lines 3 intersecting the score lines 1, 2, for defining a rectangular bottom-portion or wall-section 4.

Integral with and laterally extending from the opposite ends of the bottom-section 4, are front and back wall-forming sections 5, 6, respectively, whose side-edges are prolongations of or register with the score lines 3.

The front wall section 5 is provided adjacent its free end with a transverse score line 7 defining an integral lock-member or flap 8.

The back-wall section 6 is provided with suitably located and spaced transverse score-lines 9, 10, defining therebetween a cover or top wall section 11, which is integrally extended to provide and include a closure strap-extension having a transverse score line 12 defining a top-closure flap 13 between the score-lines 10 and 12, and a sealing flap 14 joined to the top-closure flap 13 at the score-line 12.

Also integral with and extending into the body of the blank A from opposite sides of the bottom-section 4, are respective side-wall sections 15 defined by and between the bottom score-lines 3 and additional top-score-lines 16 suitably spaced from and preferably parallel to the score-lines 3.

Side marginally bounding the side-sections 15, are extensions 1', 2', of the score-lines 1, 2, defining front and rear corner-flaps 17, 18, respectively, integral with the side-sections 15, the corner flaps 17, 18, being at their respective bottom ends joined respectively with the front and rear-wall sections 5, 6, at extensions 3' of the score-lines 3.

Joined to the top of the back corner-flaps 18, as by extensions 16' of the score-lines 16, are top-corner flap extensions 18', and extending diagonally across the corner-flaps 17, 18, from the junctions of the front and back score-lines 1', 2', with the bottom score-lines 3' and the junction of the back score-line 2' with the top score-lines 16', respectively, are mitering score-lines 19 for folding the corner flaps 17, 18, upon their connected sections 5, 6, and the top-corner flap 18', respectively.

Integrally joined to the free margins of the respective side-sections 15, are also respective end marginal members each intermediately slit or perforated for separation, as at 20, between their end-edges and the score-lines 16 for providing front closure flaps 21, which are separable from the front corner-flap 17 and have their front edges defined by prolongations of the front score lines 1', and rear top-flaps 22 joined by extensions 2'' of the back-score-line 2' to the top-corner-flaps 18'.

The so-formed or constructed and scored blank A is then folded enclosingly upon a cigarette package, as B, forming a package-enclosing wrapper C, in which the corner flaps 17, 18, being tucked at the miter-lines 19, are secured or attached, as by an adhesive or other suitable means, to the respective front and back walls

5, 6, and the lock-flap 8 of the front wall 5 being folded over and secured to the tops of the corner flaps 17. The top-cover flaps 22 are folded over from the side-walls 15 and overlapped and likewise secured or attached together, and the top-cover section 11 is brought foldingly over from the back-wall 6 for residing strap-wise upon and then secured to the cover flaps 22, the closure flaps 21, however, being unattached either to themselves or to the cover-strap-closure-flap 13, as will be understood from Figure 2.

A backing strip or member 23, having applied to one face thereof an adhesive 24 of the type having repetitive adhering characteristics, is then by such adhesive attached to the sealing-flap 14 for projecting endwise therefrom, the closure flap 13 being then overlaid on the closure flaps 21 for retaining the same in folded or closed position, and the sealing-flap 14 folded over upon the front wall 5 with its carried adhesive-strip 23 engaged with the wall 5 for releasably sealing the closure flaps 21 for entirely closing the wrapper C on the package B, as shown in Figure 4.

In use, the adhesive-strip 23 is detached from the wall 5, whereby the retaining flap 13 may be rearwardly unfolded or lifted from the underlying closure-flaps 21 for, in turn, releasing the latter for separation and lateral unfolding thereof for thereby permitting ready access to a corner of the enclosed cigarette-package B. The user then preferably tears off such exposed corner of the package B, as shown at 25 in Figure 3, thereby exposing, in turn, the cigarettes contained in the package B for facilitating the convenient removal of a cigarette, as 26, through the thus provided package opening 25.

The adhesive strip 23 may, without impairing its adhesive qualities, be repeatedly attached and detached from the wall 5 for with the utmost facility and convenience permitting access to the cigarette-contents of the package B. When a cigarette 26 is obtained, the wrapper is again sealed, as described and shown in Figure 4, the cigarettes in the package B being then so enclosed and protected from the atmosphere as to retain their freshness for a relatively longer time than would be the case if the package-opening 25 were not so covered by the closure flaps 21 and closure-retaining flap 13.

The wrapper may be inexpensively constructed, is quite durable, is readily positioned upon the inner package or container, and is exceedingly efficient in the performance of its intended functions.

It will be understood that changes and modifications in the form, construction, arrangement and combination of the several parts of the wrapper may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent is,—

1. A wrapper for a cigarette package and the like comprising portions folded and attached together for enclosing the package, the wrapper including a first pair of top members permanently secured together and a complementary pair of separably overlapping members unfoldable for exposing a corner of the wrapper-contained package, and a flap foldable over said separable top-members for closing the wrapper on the package.

2. A cigarette-package wrapper comprising a one-piece blank folded for enveloping the package, the side-walls of the wrapper having pairs of flaps, one pair thereof being foldable for permanent securement in overlapping relation, and the other pair thereof being separably foldable in opposed relation, the top wall of the wrapper including a closure strap for overlying the separable flaps, and means for releasably sealing the strap over the separable flaps.

3. A wrapper comprising a flexible sheet having intersecting score lines defining bottom, sides, front, and back members, the side members having pairs of integral top-forming flaps, the flaps of each pair being foldable in overlapping relation and the flaps of one pair being permanently secured together, the back-member having a strap-extension for overlying for closure the other pair of said flaps, and means including a sealing member on the strap for releasably engaging the same with the front member.

4. A wrapper for a cigarette package comprising a blank cut and creased for foldingly enclosing the package, the blank including a bottom wall having integrally attached front, back, and side walls, the side walls also having integral corner-flaps adheringly attached to the front and back walls, and wrapper closure means including adhesively connected overlapping top-flaps joined to the side and rear walls resepctively, and a flap on the back-wall for overlying said top-flaps, said back-wall flap having an extension for releasable closure-engagement with the front-wall and portions of said top-flaps being arranged in opposed overlapping unattached relation for providing access to a corner of the enclosed package on release of the flap extension.

5. A rectangular package wrapper including opposed side walls, a front wall, a back wall, and a top wall, the latter being constructed of and comprising pairs of flaps extending upwardly from the side-walls and folded right angularly thereto in opposed overlapping relation, one of said pairs of straps being separable, and a closure-strap extending from one of said walls over the separable pair of flaps for closure thereof.

6. A rectangular package wrapper including opposed side walls, a front wall, a back wall, and a top wall, the latter being constructed of and comprising pairs of flaps extending upwardly from the side walls and folded right-angularly to the side walls in opposed overlapping arrangement, one of said pairs of flaps being permanently secured together and the other pair of flaps being separable, and a strap extending from one of said walls over said separable flaps forwardly for closure thereof.

7. A rectangular package-wrapper including opposed side walls, a front wall, a back wall, and a top wall, the latter being constructed of and comprising pairs of flaps extending upwardly from the side walls and folded right-angularly to the side walls in opposed overlapping arrangement, one of said pairs of flaps being permanently secured together and the other pair of flaps being separable, and a strap foldably extending over said separable flaps forwardly from the back wall for releasable closure engagement with the front wall.

8. A rectangular package-wrapper including opposed side walls, a front wall, a back wall, and a top wall, the latter being constructed of and comprising wall-extensions projecting upwardly from, and permanently secured together in overlapping relation right-angularly to the side walls, flaps also extending upwardly from the side walls and folded right-angularly to the

side walls in opposed separable overlapping relation, and a strap foldably extending over said extensions and flaps forwardly from the back-wall for releasable closure engagement with the front wall.

9. A rectangular package-wrapper including opposed side walls, a front wall, a back wall, and a top wall, the latter being constructed of and comprising wall-extensions projecting upwardly from the side walls and folded right angularly to the side walls in opposed overlapping arrangement, said extensions being transversely slotted and thereby divided to provide pairs of co-operable flaps, one pair thereof being permanently secured together and the other pair being separably superposed, and a strap foldably extending over said extensions forwardly from the back wall for releasable closure engagement with the front wall.

10. A rectangular package-wrapper including opposed side walls, a front wall, a back wall, and a top wall, the latter being constructed of and comprising wall-extensions projecting upwardly from the side walls and folded right angularly to the side walls in opposed overlapping arrangement, said extension being transversely slotted and thereby divided to provide pairs of co-operable flaps, one pair thereof being permanently secured together and the other pair being separably superposed, a strap foldably projecting from the back wall over said secured extension-flaps, and a bendable continuation projecting forwardly from said strap over said separable extension-flaps for releasable flatwise closure-disposition at its end on the front wall.

11. A rectangular package wrapper comprising a front wall, a back wall, opposed side walls pairs of flaps on the side walls foldable in overlapping opposed relation, one of said pairs being permanently secured together and the other pair being separable and an adhesive-bearing flap-continuation on the back wall foldable over the side-wall flaps an engageable with the front wall for releasably sealing the separable side wall-flaps in folded condition.

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