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Fig. 1.

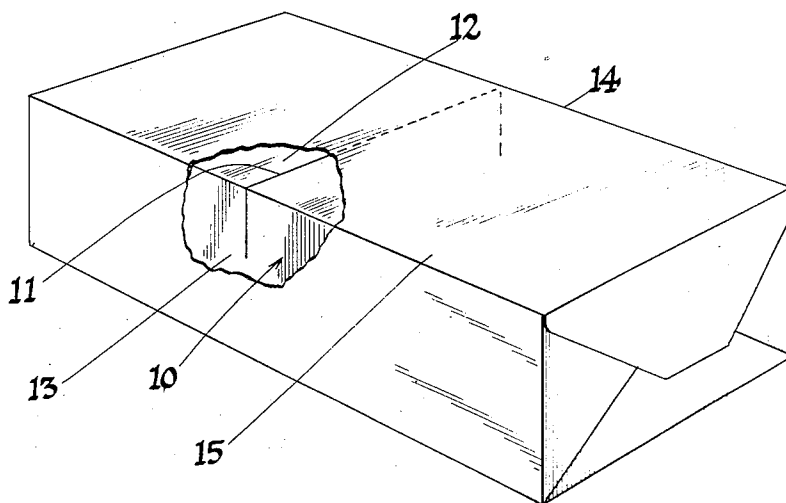
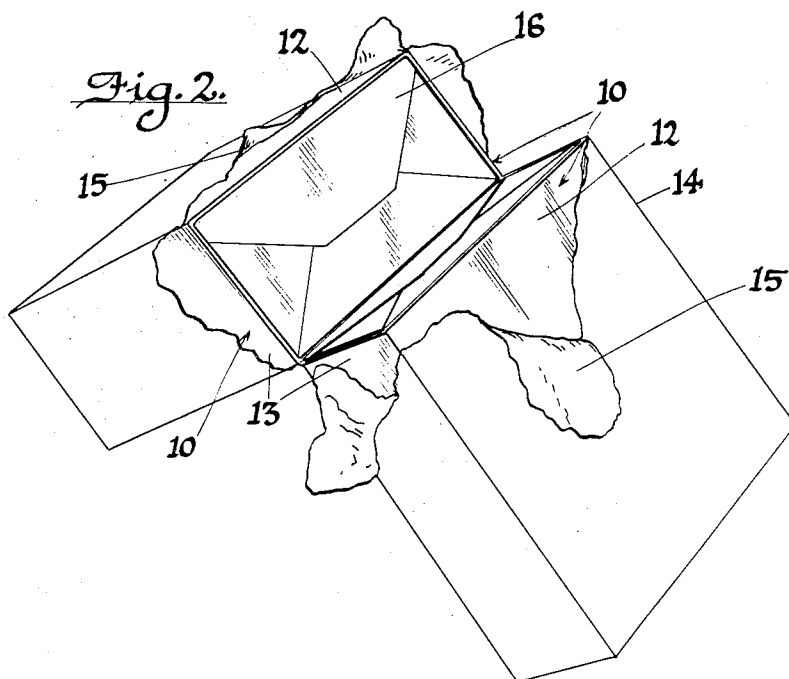


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. H. BOLINGBROKE, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Containers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in cardboard or paper containers.

It is an object of the invention to provide an improved container which may be readily broken so that the articles within the containers may be easily removed.

A further object of the invention is to provide a container which is adapted to be broken upon a transversely extending plane through the container, by providing a cut in the container extending transversely across the top and partially down upon the sides of the container. By having the cut extend across the top and only partially down the sides the material of the bottom and the remainder of the sides affords sufficient strength to hold the halves of the container in their original position until the container is broken.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will be made manifest in the following detailed description, and pointed out in the appended claim, reference is had to the accompanying drawings for an illustrative embodiment of the invention, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved container or carton.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the container or carton as having been broken.

Referring to the accompanying drawings wherein similar reference characters designate similar parts throughout.

The improved container may be made of paper, paper board, fibre board, or cardboard, or of any other material which may be readily torn.

The container, designated at 10, may be of any conventional construction, and is preferably rectangular in form, the improved container being primarily designed to hold quarter pounds of butter or similar articles.

The container or carton 10 has a continuous cut 11 extending transversely and centrally across the top 12 of the container.

The cut 11 extends downwardly upon the sides 13 and 14 and terminates about halfway down the sides.

As will be understood, when it is desired to open the container, the ends of the container or carton are bent, thereby opening the cut 11 and tearing the remainder of the sides 13 and 14, the bottom of the container being thereby creased and serving to rigidly connect the two halves together.

If desired, a waxed paper wrapper 15 may be placed about the container or carton 10, and have its ends folded over and sealed together upon the ends of the carton.

As illustrated in Fig. 2, the container 10 contains four quarter pounds of butter, which pieces are wrapped with separate wrappers 16, and present rectangular abutting faces. The cut 11 is so positioned upon the container so as to register with or be disposed in the plane of the abutting faces.

It is known that similar cartons have been previously made which have a row of perforations extending centrally of and completely around the container. The construction shown in this invention differs from the prior construction by the fact that the bottom constitutes a hinge and that the cut 11 is a continuous cut instead of a plurality of small cuts or perforations. Furthermore, the continuous or unbroken material formed in the bottom of the container and extending upwardly upon the sides serve to rigidly strengthen the container before having been broken. Providing a row of perforations does not afford this extra strength.

It is also known that tin cracker boxes have been previously devised which open in a similar manner and have the cut equivalent to the transverse cut 11 sealed by a removable tin strip. In the improved container or carton, the carton itself is made of cardboard or some paper product and is provided with a waxed wrapper 15 which serves to additionally hold the sections in their original unbroken position in addition to the material afforded by the bottom and the sides 13 and 14.

The waxed paper wrapper 15 is unperforated and uncut, so that the contents of the container 10 are protected from the air by the wrapper. The wrapper 15 is torn upon bending or breaking the sections of the container relatively to each other.

Various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention as defined by the appended claim.

5 I claim:

A package comprising a rectangular container, a plurality of rectangular articles disposed within said container presenting rectangular abutting faces therein, a continuous cut formed transversely across the

top of the container registering with said abutting faces, said cut extending vertically and at least partially down the sides of said container, and a paper wrapper disposed about said container constituting the sole closure for said cut. 15

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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