The invention relates generally to packages for confections, nut products and other edibles which should be carefully protected against contamination and changes in moisture content, but which should be so packaged that they may be attractively displayed. The attractiveness of such packages and their effectiveness in promoting sales may be enhanced by providing at least one transparent side in the package, but when such a package is provided in accordance with past practice it involves a complicated box structure which increases materially the cost of the completed package.

One important object of the invention is to provide a new and improved package of this character, arranged to attractively display the contents of the package and of such a character that it may be economically produced.

Another object of the invention is to provide a new and improved package formed from comparatively inexpensive material so as to display the contents of the package and arranged to conceal the space within the package which may be formed due to compaction or shrinkage of the contents.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a package embodying the invention in its preferred form.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the wrapper used in forming the package, the view being shown on a reduced scale.

Fig. 3 is a fragmental perspective view showing the back side of the package illustrated in Fig. 1, with the edges of the wrapper partially folded.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the package.

While I have shown in the accompanying drawing and will herein describe in detail the preferred embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that this disclosure is given for the purpose of illustrating the invention and is not intended as a limitation of the invention to the construction disclosed. In the appended claims I aim to cover all modifications and alternative constructions falling within the scope of the invention.

There is at the present time available a thin, flexible, tough, moisture-proof and transparent sheet material formed from cellulose and known to the trade as Cellophane. This material, which is manufactured by the Du Pont Company, is particularly adapted for covering and protecting various edibles and the present invention utilizes this material to form an unusually economical and attractive package. In the form shown in Fig. 1 the package embodies a flat box 10 which may be formed from cardboard in the well known manner, one side of the box being open as shown in Fig. 1. Such a box forms a rugged container for the edible to be wrapped, and to close the open face of the box 10 a wrapper 11 in the form of a rectangular sheet of Cellophane is employed.

The wrapper 11 is positioned so that it extends across the open face of the box 10, and opposite edges 12 and 13 (Fig. 3) are overlapped along the closed bottom of box 10, the two edges preferably being secured together by means of a suitable adhesive substance. The projecting edges 14 and 15 (Figs. 2 and 3) are then folded as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3 to close the end of the package and the outer fold 15 of each end is secured in position by means of a suitable adhesive substance. If desired, a second sheet 11a of Cellophane may be used beneath the wrapper 11, the edges of the sheet 11a being overlapped as shown in Figs. 2 and 3 so as to be held in position solely by the outer wrapper 11. The use of such a second sheet 11a increases the strength of the package and also increases its resistance to the passage of moisture or dirt.

When edibles such as nuts are placed in a container of this character the compaction of the contents, due to handling, may result in the formation of spaces along the top of the package when the package is placed on its edge for purposes of display. Such spaces create an undesirable impression upon the minds of prospective buyers of the goods, and means is preferably provided to form opaque end caps for concealing such spaces. This means must be of a simple and inexpensive character and in the preferred form is provided by applying a strip 16 of either opaque or translucent coloring matter to the wrapper adjacent to the opposite edges 14 and 15 so as to form a pair of non-transparent panels thereon. By properly positioning the strips 16, the adjacent edges 17 of the strips 16 may be arranged in the finished package so as to project inwardly from the ends of the box 10 so that when the package is placed in the upright position shown in Fig. 1 any relatively small spaces formed in the box due to settling of the contents will be concealed by the inwardly extending edge 17 of the upper strip 16.

In addition to concealing the spaces which may be formed near the edges of the package the end caps formed by the colored strips 16 also serve...
to provide contrasting ends for the package so as to render the same more attractive.

The colored strips 16 may be applied economically to the wrappers by a printing process or the like and in the same operation suitable advertising matter may be placed on the wrapper. Thus it will be apparent that the invention provides an unusually economical package and that the wrapper employed may be used to wrap packages of varying thicknesses so as to provide contrasting ends thereof. It will also be seen that the wrapper will conceal the spaces which may be formed along the sides of the package so as to increase the effectiveness with which the goods are displayed.

I claim as my invention:
1. A package comprising walls forming an open faced box, and a transparent cellulose sheet wrapped about said box to close the open side thereof, said sheet having coloring matter thereon forming a border on the sheet along two parallel edges of the open side of the box, said border being of sufficient width to conceal the space which may be formed by compaction of the contents of the box.

2. A package comprising walls forming an open faced box, and a transparent cellulose sheet wrapped about said box to close the open side thereof, said sheet having coloring matter thereon extending along one edge of the open face of said box and being of sufficient width to conceal the space which may be formed adjacent said edge by compaction of the contents of the box.

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