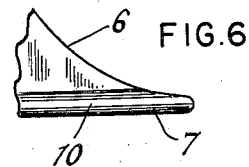
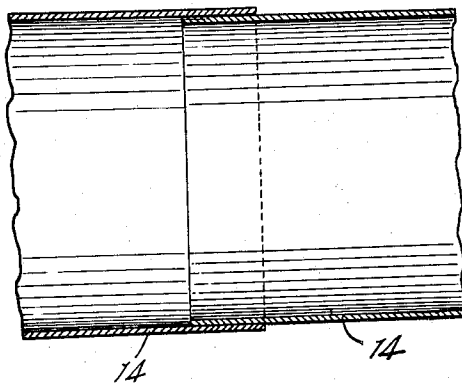
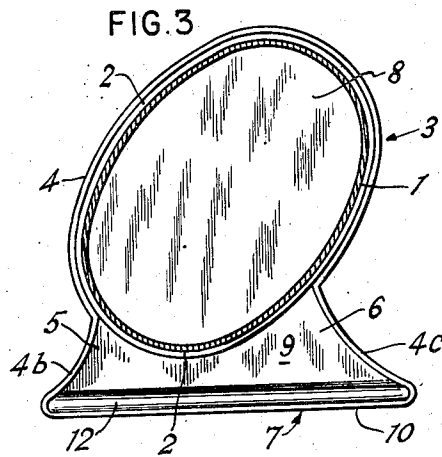
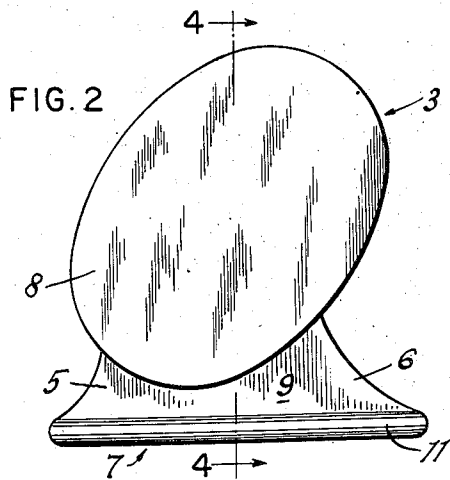
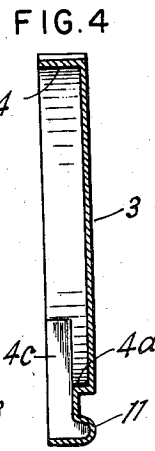
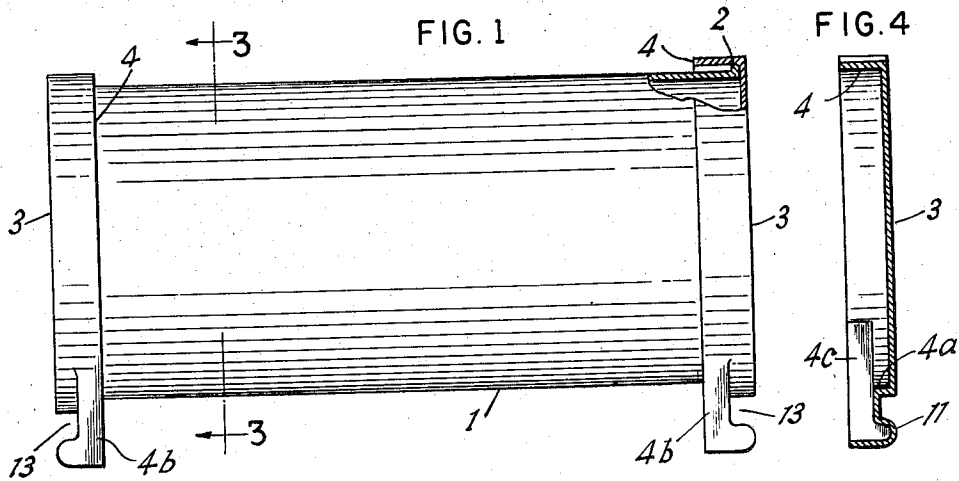


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My invention is an improved receptacle, particularly a receptacle that is quite ornamental in appearance and is adapted to contain and display enclosed merchandise.

An important object of this invention is to provide a receptacle having a transparent tubular body with closures fitting the ends thereof, said closures being designed to permit the receptacle to stand upon a horizontal support or be easily secured upon an upright or other panel in a conspicuous position to attract the eyes of prospective purchasers.

Another object is to provide such a receptacle having a tubular body, the shape of which can be varied, and with the closure members for the ends formed accordingly, so that the body and ends can be quickly and neatly assembled as required.

Other objects and the advantages of my invention are fully described herein and the characteristics are defined in the appended claims. The drawings show one embodiment of my invention, but changes in size, configuration and other respects may be adopted within the meanings of the general terms in which the claims are expressed.

On said drawings,

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a receptacle having the novel structural features of my invention;

Figure 2 is an elevation of either end thereof;

Figure 3 is a cross section on line 3—3 in Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a vertical section through one closure on the line 4—4 of Figure 2;

Figure 5 is a detail showing a modified portion of the receptacle; and

Figure 6 illustrates another modification.

The numeral 1 indicates the tubular body of the receptacle with a reinforcing bead at each end. This body is transparent and is produced from a sheet of plastic, for example, bent to cause the opposite edges to overlap, said edges then being secured to each other, and the extremities of the body remaining open. The receptacle is completed by attaching a closure 3 to each end of the body 1.

The closure members have rims 4 and are fitted upon the body so that the rims snugly encircle the beads 2 all around the body 1. As shown, the body 1 is elliptical or oval in cross section, but it can be rectangular or have any other cross sectional form desired. The rims 4 on the caps or covers 3 of course have the same outline as the ends of the body 1 and fit snugly over said ends when the receptacle is closed.

Each cap or cover 3 has an extension 5 projecting in one direction and another extension 6 projecting in the opposite direction and aligned with the projection 5. These two extensions on each cover make up a foot 7, and by means of these feet 7 the receptacle can be supported at both ends when placed upon any horizontal surface, or mounted and attached to an upright surface.

The upper part of the rim 4 of each cover overhangs one extension such as the extension 6, more than the other. This extension 6 may be taken as the rear extension, and the rims 4 are so disposed on the covers 3 that

they maintain the body 1 with its longer transverse axis tilted backward over the extension 6. Each cover has a portion 8 forming a continuous web from the peripheral edge of which the rim 4 projects and this web 8 of course has the same outline as the cross section of the body 1. The feet are united to the webs 8 and rims 4 by flat connecting sections or webs 9, which are parallel to the webs 8 but not in the planes thereof. The extensions 5 and 6 are hollow and are joined along the lower portions by a common rim 10 perpendicular to the webs 8 and 9 and extending out laterally in the same direction as the rims 4. The extensions 5 and 6 have a common rib 11 on their outer faces, as long as the rim 10, and this rib is hollow, so that the inner face of each foot 7 presents a full length groove 12 above the bottom rim 10. Along its lower portion the rib 11 merges with the rim 10.

The outer face of each rib 11 is in the same plane as the adjacent web 8 and the edges of the rims 4 and 10 on each cap 3 also lie in a common plane parallel to the web 8. The connecting portion or web 9 of each cover is located about midway between said planes. The part 4a of each rim 4 along the adjacent web 9 is of less width and is on the outer face of the cover, and the short rims 4b and 4c, which line the edges of the extensions 5 and 6 respectively, between the webs 8 and ribs 11, and are connected to the lowermost rim 10, are also of less width and, like the greater part of the rims 4, project from the opposite or inner face of each cover. The rims 4, 4a, 4b, 4c and 10 are actually one continuous rim, with all parts projecting from the inner face of the cover, and having their edges in the same plane, with the short rim portion 4a forming a loop with each rim 4 on the outer face and above the rib 11. Between this rim portion 4a and the rib 11 is a space 13. The web 8 and rim portion 4a of the rim, together with the parts of the rim 4 united to the remainder of the web 8 thus form a hollow recess in which the ends of the body 1 are seated.

The body 1 being oval in cross section, this recess is likewise oval, and so disposed relative to the extensions 5 and 6, that the longer transverse axis of the body is tilted backward over the extension 6. When the receptacle stands on a horizontal support, the contents are thus exhibited at an advantageous angle for inspection. The same result is obtained if the receptacle is attached to an upright support. The receptacle can be held on an upright panel by means of hooks on the panel inserted into the hollow corners at the extremities of the extensions 6; or by clips on the panel engaging the rims 10. Also the receptacle can be mounted with the assistance of two parallel strips affixed to a panel, with an edge of each strip disposed in one of the spaces 13. Both upright and horizontal panels may thus be utilized. Also the rear extension 6 can be elongated and tapered as shown at 14 in Figure 6, if desired, and the receptacle can then be mounted on an upright panel by inserting such tapered ends into openings in such a panel.

One cover 3 is usually attached permanently and the other detachably to the body 1, particularly if this body is in one piece. The body can also be made in two telescoping sections 14 with a cover secured to the opposite ends of the sections, as illustrated in Figure 5.

The covers or caps 3 can readily be obtained by working a sheet of plastic. In finished form they are hollow on their opposed or inner faces which have the rim portions engaging the body and along the extensions 5 and 6. The caps or covers 3 can show various colors for ornamental effect.

An article on display in the receptacle, in which various items may be placed, is indicated at 16.

Having described my invention, what I believe to be new is:

A receptacle having a transparent tubular body with

open ends, a removable closure having a peripheral rim fitting each end, each closure having a pair of extensions with aligned bottom edges projecting in opposite directions and forming a continuous supporting foot at each end of said receptacle, said extensions being integral with each other and hollow on their opposing inner faces, said rims being integral with the adjacent tops of the extensions, said closures each having a web of the same outline as the ends of the body, the rims extending around said web, said closures each comprising a connecting portion offset from the plane of each adjacent web, the parts of said rims adjacent to said extensions being relatively narrow, each closure having an external rib extending along the entire lower edge of the foot thereon and an outwardly

opening groove between the rib and the narrow part of said rim.

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