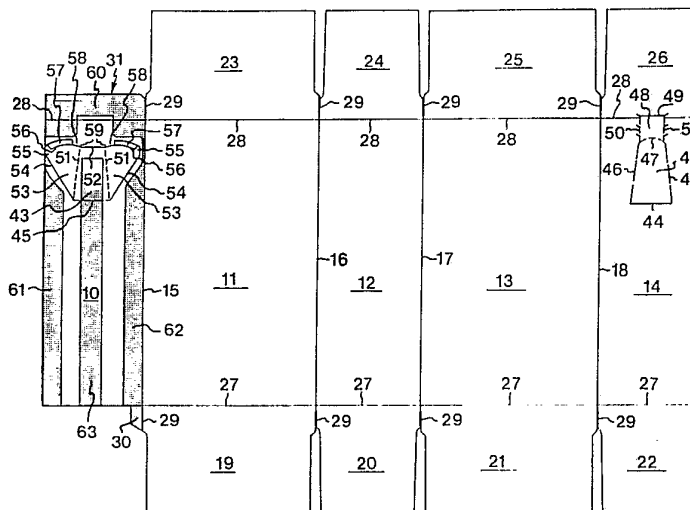




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(57) Abstract

A package of cardboard material comprises a spout (40) provided in an at least partially double-walled side wall (10, 14) formed of inner and outer side wall panels (10, 14). The channel bottom (41) of the spout (40) is formed of outer and inner layers (42 and 43 respectively). Substantially triangular spout channel side walls (53) are formed in the inner side wall panel (10). In the erected package, the channel side walls (53) are free of any adhesive bond to the adjoining parts of the outer side wall panel (14). The outer side wall panel (14) has a tear flap (48) between the outer end of the outer layer (42) of the channel bottom (41) and an edge (28) of side wall panel (14) situated at a distance therefrom. The end edges of the channel side walls (53) are formed of arcuate punched lines (56) so designed that, when the spout (40) is opened and closed, they will be guidingly engaged with short punched lines (59) which, from the outer end of the inner layer (43) of the channel bottom, extend outwards in the inner side wall layer (10).

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PACKAGE AND BLANK FOR MAKING THE SAME

The present invention relates to a package made of cardboard material and having an openable and closable
5 spout, as well as a blank for making such a package.

It is well-known to provide packages with a separately-made spout of metal material, in which case the spout is mostly covered by a glued covering paper in the unopened package. This prior-art construction suffers from several
10 drawbacks, inter alia that the covering paper has to be removed or cut up before the package is opened for the first time. Also, recycling the package for environmental reasons is no easy procedure, since the metal part first has to be separated from the paper part. In addition, the
15 making of the package is complicated by the necessity of supplementing the blank with the spout during the manufacture of the package.

However, the prior art also encompasses packages in which the spout is formed from the cardboard material
20 itself. Such packages and blanks are disclosed e.g. in US-A-2,634,897, US-A-3,184,137, US-A-3,204,250, US-A-4,111,351 and US-A-4,194,677. Also these prior-art packages and blanks are impaired by several drawbacks. Thus, some of the packages are not especially well suited for
25 holding free-flowing pulverulent or granular materials, such as salt, sugar, flour and fine washing powder, in which case the unopened package has to have an especially high tightness. Some of these prior-art packages further require that spout components be so punched in the blank
30 that the latter is weakened or that it becomes very difficult to erect the finished package while maintaining a precise fit between the various spout components.

US-A-2,634,897 thus discloses a package and a blank. In one embodiment, punching is performed in three different
35 panels, which are then glued in overlapping relationship when the package is erected. In another embodiment, punching is performed in two end-wall panels glued in

overlapping relationship. In both cases, the spout is so designed that the contents of the package may escape between the punched-out parts of the inner spout component and the punched-out side edges of the outer spout component. Another drawback of this prior-art construction resides in the large width of the spout components. As a result, the spout must, when formed in but two end-wall panels glued in overlapping relationship, be so oriented that the package has to be held in a laid-down position when the packaged goods is poured out. The need of orienting the package in this way heavily restricts the utility of the package and renders it unsuitable for e.g. salt or sugar.

US-A-3,184,137 discloses a package and a blank for making the package. In this case, the spout is designed as an extension piece of an adhesive bonding flap used for gluing the blank to a sleeve. This construction not only involves a lower degree of utilisation of the cardboard material, but also makes it extremely difficult to erect the package, since this requires the use of a special machine for folding, in a preparatory step, the extension piece so as to place it in an overlapping position relative to the remainder of the package blank. In addition, the construction is such that pulverulent or granular goods may escape through punched-out portions of the spout components when the package is unopened.

US-A-3,204,250 also discloses a package and a blank, in which the spout is formed of components from three panels glued in overlapping relationship. As mentioned before, this entails higher requirements on fit when the package is erected. Also in this case, the unopened package is liable to leak pulverulent or granular goods at the punched-out end of the spout.

US-A-4,111,351 discloses a package and a blank, in which a separate spout is provided on the inside of a side wall panel. The spout is designed to dose a predetermined amount of goods on each occasion of discharge, but may

also be designed for continuous discharge of the goods. Although this construction provides a tight unopened package, it requires an additional component which has to be separately mounted in the making of the package.

5 US-A-4,194,677 discloses a package and a blank, in which the spout components are formed in two side wall panels glued in overlapping relationship and in which the spout channel side walls are designed so as to restrict the outward movement of the spout. However, this prior-art
10 spout construction suffers from several drawbacks. Thus, an adhesion-counteracting material has to be applied round the inner component of the spout, which makes the unopened package untight, since there may be a leakage between the end edges of the inner and the outer spout components
15 placed at a short distance from one another. Further, the spout side walls are insufficiently guided in the lateral direction and may thus come to move towards one another under the action of the packaged goods when the spout is moved inwards. As a result, there may be a leakage beside
20 the spout when this has been used a great number of times.

FR-A-2,032,129 discloses a package and a blank, in which one of the spout components is formed in a side wall panel and the other spout component is formed in an additional flap which is glued in overlapping relationship to
25 the side wall panel. The components formed in the additional flap comprise two spout side walls delimited from surrounding parts of the additional flap by an arcuate punched line and merging into hook-forming punched lines. In the erected and closed package, these spout side walls
30 are free of adhesive bond to adjoining parts of the outer side wall panel. However, this prior-art package is impaired by several inconveniences, the most important being the fact that the opened package is untight after the spout has been closed. This is due to the formation of
35 a through hole when the spout is pulled out and deformed to form the pouring lip of the spout. By this design of the spout device, the spout side walls may easily come to

bend inwards in use, with the result that the pulverulent or granular goods may, when poured out, escape beside the spout. Another inconvenience is that it may be difficult to pull out the spout when opening the package for the first time, owing to the design of the spout side walls and the adjoining material in the additional flap.

DK-B-92953 discloses a package which has a spout formed in an inner side wall panel and disposed behind an H-shaped weakened area which, when the package is opened, is broken and pressed in, thereby making it possible to reach the spout in the inner side wall panel with the fingers. This prior-art package suffers from the drawback that it is difficult to pull out the spout, so that it is often necessary to use a tool, such as a knife, for opening the package. Since the material of the outer side wall panel has to be pressed inwardly to give access to the spout, the function of the spout is impaired and the aesthetical appearance suffers.

AU-B-70420/87 also discloses a package in which a spout has been formed. The illustrated packages are designed so as to be tight when unopened owing to the spout being then covered by a tear flap in the outer side wall panel, but they are nevertheless untight when reclosed. In addition, the bottom of the spout is not double, and the spout therefore becomes weak and easily deformed and thus will function in unsatisfactory manner when used for a long time and repeatedly opened and closed.

US-A-1,907,939 discloses a blank and a package, in which a spout device is formed in an inner side wall panel and a flap construction, which can be pressed in and torn off, is punched in the outer side wall panel opposite to the spout device. When unopened, this package is not completely tight, thereby making it possible to tamper with the contents of the package through narrow openings existing at the flap construction and the spout inwardly thereof. When opened, the reclosable package is rather untight,

and the spout, whose bottom is made of but one layer of material, is weak.

One object of the present invention is to obviate or substantially reduce the drawbacks of the prior-art packages and blanks.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a standard package of cardboard or similar material and a blank therefor, which includes a pouring spout formed without the use of metal material.

10 A further object is to produce such a package and a blank in which the spout is formed of two overlapping panels and still is extremely tight in unopened, as well as opened and reclosed, position of the spout.

According to the invention, these and other objects
15 are achieved by a package and a blank designed in accordance with appended claims 1 and 9, respectively. The dependent claims define particularly preferred embodiments of the invention.

When making a package according to the invention, the
20 blank is formed of cardboard material or similar sheet material. A spout is formed from the cardboard material itself in an at least partially double-walled side wall comprising inner and outer side wall panels glued together. The spout channel bottom is formed of outer and inner
25 layers which are adhesively bonded or glued together in overlapping relationship in the erected package. Substantially triangular spout channel side walls are formed in the inner side wall panel. The channel side walls are delimited from the inner layer of the channel bottom by
30 fold lines or perforated lines and delimited from the remainder of the inner side wall panel by punched lines. At the outer end of the spout channel bottom, the inner layer of the channel bottom is delimited from the remainder of the inner side wall panel by a punched line. In the
35 erected package, the channel side walls are free of adhesive bond to adjoining parts of the outer side wall panel. The outer layer of the spout channel bottom is delimited

from the remainder of the outer side wall panel by perforated lines. According to the invention, the outer side wall panel has a tear flap between the outer end of the outer layer of the channel bottom and an edge of the side wall panel situated at a distance therefrom. At this edge, the tear flap is delimited by a punched line, and the other edges of the tear flap are formed of perforated tear lines. At the most, there is a weak adhesive bond between the tear flap and juxtaposed parts of the inner side wall panel. The end edges of the channel side walls are formed of arcuate punched lines so designed that, when the spout is opened and closed, they come into guiding engagement with short punched lines which, from the outer end of the inner layer of the channel bottom, extend outwards in the inner side wall layer.

The invention will be described in more detail below with reference to the accompanying drawings illustrating two embodiments of a package and a blank according to the invention. In the drawings,

- Fig. 1 is a view of an unfolded blank,
Fig. 2 is a perspective view of an unopened package formed from the blank,
Fig. 3 is a perspective view of an opened package formed from the blank, and
Fig. 4 shows parts of a blank for another embodiment of the invention.

The embodiment of a package and a blank according to the invention shown in Figs 1-3 is intended for the packaging of pulverulent or granular material, such as salt and sugar for domestic use. Conveniently, the package is made of solid board or single-wall corrugated fibreboard in E-flute design. Also other sheet materials may be used.

As appears from Fig. 1, the blank comprises five side wall panels 10-15 which are interconnected by fold lines 15-18. The side wall panels 10 and 14 are intended to be glued or adhesively bonded together in overlapping relationship when the package is erected. In the embodiment

shown, the side wall panel 10 is of essentially the same size as the side wall panel 14, even though it mostly resembles an adhesive bonding flap for gluing the panels 10-14 to a sleeve.

5 The blank also comprises bottom- and lid-forming panels 19-22 and 23-26, respectively, which are connected to adjoining panels by fold lines 27 and 28, respectively. The panels 19-22 and 23-26 are separated from one another by punched lines. When the package is to be extremely
10 tight, the punched lines 29 between the different panels terminate just outwardly of the adjoining fold lines 27, 28, in which case the fold lines 15-18 are extended beyond these lines up to where the punched lines 29 start. In addition to the panels 19-26, there is provided an adhesive
15 sive bonding flap 30 at the bottom end of the side wall panel 10. The flap 30 is connected to the side wall panel 10 by the fold line 27, but is separated from the flap 19 by the punched line 29. Similarly, an adhesive bonding flap 31 is provided at the lid end of the side wall panel
20 10. The flap 31 is connected to the side wall panel 10 by the fold line 28 and is separated from the flap 23 by the punched line 29.

Actually, it is known to design a blank in this manner so as to obtain a high degree of tightness in the
25 package corners.

The package according to the invention comprises a pouring spout 40 formed from the cardboard material as such. This spout is made from material in the two side wall panels 10 and 14 which are glued or adhesively bonded
30 together in overlapping relationship. Further, the spout has a two-layer channel bottom 41 formed of an outer channel bottom layer 42 and an inner channel bottom layer 43. The outer channel bottom layer 42 is delimited from the remainder of the outer side wall panel by a fold line 44
35 provided at the inner end of the spout and serving as a hinge. Similarly, the inner channel bottom layer 43 is delimited from the remainder of the inner side wall panel

10 by a fold line 45 provided at the inner end of the spout and serving as a hinge. The two fold lines 44, 45 are situated substantially opposite to one another in the erected package. Preferably, the fold lines 44 and 45 are located at a distance from each other corresponding to the thickness of the cardboard material, the fold line 44 being closer to the bottom of the package than is the fold line 45, thus taking into consideration the radius of curvature of the cardboard material during the opening and closure of the spout.

The side edges of the outer layer 42 of the spout channel bottom are delimited from the remainder of the outer side wall panel 14 by substantially straight perforated lines 46 which, at the outer end of the spout, merge into an outwardly-curved arcuate perforated line 47. As will be explained in more detail below, the perforated line 47 will form the edge of the gripping flap for operating the spout when the package has been opened.

According to the invention, there is provided a tear flap 48 between the outer layer 42 of the spout channel bottom and the adjoining edge (the fold line 28) of the outer side wall panel 14. This tear flap is delimited by a punched line 49 and two perforated tear lines 50 extending from the punched line 49 approximately to the ends of the arcuate perforated line 47. In the erected package, there is no adhesive bond between the tear flap 48 and adjoining parts of the side wall panel 10. Optionally (but currently not preferred), a weak adhesive bond may be present between the tear flap 48 and the side wall panel 10. However, such a weak adhesive bond must not make it more difficult to remove the tear flap when opening the package.

As appears from Fig. 1, the punched line 49 is situated slightly outwardly of the fold line 28. Such an arrangement is preferred, since the edge of the tear flap 48 formed by the punched line 49 thus becomes much more accessible when opening the package for the first time. If

one so desires, the punched line 49 may be located in the fold line 28 itself.

It is also evident from Fig. 1 that the inner layer 43 of the spout channel bottom is laterally delimited by two substantially straight perforated lines 51. These lines may, however, be replaced with fold lines, but this is not equally preferred at present. At the outer end of the spout, the inner layer 43 is delimited by a punched line 52 which is located at a shorter distance from the fold line 45 than is the arcuate perforated line 47. Thus, the outer layer 42 will project beyond the perforated line 52, thus forming a gripping flap for operating the spout and providing a certain sealing effect in the opened package when the spout 40 is in its closed position.

The substantially triangular side walls 53 of the spout are punched in the inner side wall panel 10 by essentially straight punched lines 54 extending from the ends of the fold line 45 and merging, at the outer end, into a punched line forming small hooks 55. Arcuate punched lines 56 extend between the hooks and the fold lines or perforated lines 51. Outwardly of the arcuate punched lines 56, there are provided punched holes 57 which do not have the same length as the punched lines 56 but leave flaps 58. The purpose of the punched holes 57 in the inner side wall flap 10 is to make it easier to pull the spout side walls 53 towards one another when the spout is pulled out for the first time when the package is opened. Thus, the holes 57 leave space for the lateral movement of the hooks 55 during the first stages of the outward pulling procedure, before the spout side walls 53 have been swung a certain angle about the fold lines or perforated lines 51.

Further, short punched lines 59 are provided outwardly of the fold lines or perforated lines 51, approximately at the ends of the punched line 52. In addition, the arcuate punched lines 56 are so designed that the resulting end edges of the spout side walls 53 will, when the

spout is moved outwards, engage with the short punched lines 59 and be positively guided by these lines, such that the spout 40 will maintain its channel shape better than without this engagement. Thus, the punched lines 59
5 considerably reduce the risk of the spout side walls being turned downwards-inwards towards the spout channel bottom.

In Fig. 1, the dotted portions are the adhesive areas 60, 61, 62 and 63 where the inner side wall panel 10 is glued to the outer side wall panel 14. It appears from the
10 design of the adhesive areas that no gluing takes place between the tear flap 48 and the corresponding portions of the inner side wall panel 10. It is further evident that the adhesive area 63 joins the inner and outer layers 42 and 43, respectively, of the spout bottom 41 to one
15 another. Also, essentially the entire adhesive bonding flap 31 is glued to the inside of the lid flap 26. Such design and gluing of the flap 31 results in a high rigidity of the edge portion where the tear flap 48 is situated. This additional rigidity is achieved by the fold line 28
20 of the flap 31 being unbroken along the entire flap 31, thus bridging the interruption caused by the tear flap 48 in the fold line between the side wall panel 14 and the lid flap 26. This rigidity also helps to further reduce the risk of leakage via the punched line 52 and between
25 the tear flap 48 and the inner side wall panel 10 and via the punched line 49. If even higher tightness is desired, a weak glue may optionally be used in this area, but this glue then must not be so strong that it prevents, or unduly obstructs, the removal of the tear flap 48, thereby
30 making it too difficult for the user to open the package for the first time.

Fig. 4 illustrates another embodiment of the invention. Here, the same reference numbers as in Fig. 1 serve to designate equivalent parts. Also, only those parts of
35 the blank that differ from the blank in Fig. 1 are shown. Thus, the spout outer layer formed by the outer side wall panel is designed as in Fig. 1 (the flap 14). In this

embodiment, the holes 57' are slightly different, but still leave space for the movements of the hooks 55 when the spout is pulled out when the package is opened for the first time. Further, holes 67 are here punched in the
5 inner side wall panel 10 also at the sides of the side walls 53 of the spout. However, this is by no means compulsory.

Another difference improving the function of the spout resides in the fact that those punched lines 54' that extend downwards from the hooks 55 towards the intersection of the fold line 45 and the fold lines 51, are not straight, but leave a small piece of material 64 between the fold lines 51 and the punched lines 54'. Simultaneously, the fold line 45 is extended outwards in both directions by a punched line 65. However, the perforated tear lines which correspond to the punched lines 54' and which are formed in the outer side wall panel 10 are straight, as in Fig. 1 (the perforated tear lines 46). Since pieces of material are left owing to the outward turn of the
15 punched lines 54' from the spout, the tightness at the inner end of the spout is improved, both in the unopened package and in the opened and reclosed package. Thus, the pieces of material 64 will be deformed and pressed against the outer side wall panel edges that are formed by the
20 perforated tear lines 46, resulting in an especially strong engagement at precisely the transition between these lines and the fold line 44 (see Fig. 1).

Fig. 4 also illustrates how the spout function may be further improved by pre-folding the inner side wall panel
30 10. It may thus be advantageous for some types of package materials to pre-fold the spout, before gluing the blank to a sleeve, along the fold lines 51 between the spout bottom 43 and the spout side walls 53, and then flatten the blank when glued. This considerably facilitates pulling
35 out the spout. In the case of pre-folding, the entire inner side wall panel 10 is preferably provided with fold lines 66 in the extension of the lines 51. If these are

inclined relative to one another, the fold lines 66 may be in the form of two lines laterally offset in relation to one another and provided above and below the fold lines 51.

5 Naturally, the package and the blank may be modified within the scope of the invention. Thus, the adhesive areas 61 and 62 can be broader or be designed as a single broad area covering the entire side wall panel 10. In the embodiment shown, the adhesive area 63 extends over the
10 inner layer 43 of the channel bottom as well as the outward parts of the side wall panel 10. However, the adhesive area 63 may be shortened, so as to cover only the inner layer 43. Alternatively, adhesive can be applied to the inside of the outer side wall panel 14, should this be
15 advantageous in view of the equipment used for erecting the package. Further, the side wall panel 10 may be shorter and extend to approximately half the height of the blank. If so, part of the side wall panel 10 closest to the fold line 15 has to be left in the form of an adhesive
20 bonding flap of roughly the same width as the flap 30. By this design, the cardboard material or similar material is better utilised if successive blanks are swung half a turn in relation to one another.

 In the embodiments shown, the spout 40 takes up most
25 of the width of the inner side wall panel 10. Preferably, the spout is so designed that there is room for the adhesive areas 61, 62 on both sides of the spout areas 43, 53, i.e. between the spout side walls 53 and the adjoining edges of the inner side wall panel 10.

30 In the embodiments shown, the spout 40 tapers from the inner end (the fold lines 44, 45) to the outer end (the punched line 52 and the perforated line 47). As a result, the spout side walls are inclined towards one another. Within the scope of the invention, the spout may
35 also have the same width from the inner end to the outer end or be broader at the outer end than at the inner end. In the latter case, the side walls 53 will diverge from one another.

CLAIMS

1. A package of cardboard or similar sheet material,
5 adapted to contain free-flowing pulverulent or granular
goods and comprising tightly interconnected bottom, lid
and side walls (19-22, 23-26 and 10-14, respectively), one
side wall (10, 14) being at least partially double-walled,
including inner and outer side wall panels (10 and 14,
10 respectively) which are adhesively bonded together in
overlapping fashion and have a pouring spout device (40)
formed from the material of these side wall panels and
comprising a channel bottom (41) and channel side walls
(53) extending from the opposite side edges of said chan-
15 nel bottom and being free of adhesive bond to juxtaposed
parts of the outer side wall panel (14), said channel bot-
tom (41) being formed of an outer layer (42) and an inner
layer (43), said outer layer (43) of the channel bottom
being disposed in the outer side wall panel (14) and being
20 delimited from the remainder thereof by a fold line (44)
intended to serve as a hinge and situated at the inner end
of the channel bottom (41), and by perforated tear lines
(46) extending from the ends of said fold line (44) to the
outer end of the channel bottom (41) where they are inter-
25 connected by a transverse perforated tear line (47), said
inner layer (43) being disposed in the inner side wall
panel (10) and being delimited, at the inner end of the
channel bottom, from the remainder of the inner side wall
panel (10) by a fold line (45) intended to serve as a
30 hinge and situated in the erected package approximately
opposite to the corresponding fold line (44) in the outer
side wall panel (14), and, at the outer end of the channel
bottom, from the remainder of the inner side wall panel
(10) by a punched line (52), said inner layer (43) being
35 connected to said channel side walls (53) by fold lines or
perforated lines (51) which extend from the ends of said
fold line (45) situated at the inner end of the channel

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bottom, to the ends of said punched line (52) situated at the outer end of the channel bottom, said channel side walls (53) being delimited from the surrounding parts of the inner side wall panel (10) by arcuate punched lines (56), said arcuate punched lines extending from the ends of said punched line (52) situated at the outer end of said channel bottom (41) and merging into hook-forming punched lines (55) which in turn merge into preferably substantially straight punched lines (54) extending substantially to the ends of said fold line (45) situated at the inner end of said channel bottom (41), c h a r - a c t e r i s e d in that a tear flap (48) is formed in the outer side wall panel (14) between said transverse perforated tear line (47) delimiting the outer end of the spout (40), and an edge (28) of said outer side wall panel (14) spaced therefrom, said tear flap (48) being delimited by a punched line (49) at said edge (28) and by perforated tear lines (50) extending between said punched line (49) and the ends of said transverse perforated tear line (47) situated at the outer end of the channel bottom (41); that the inner side wall panel (10) is provided with short punched lines (59) which start from the transition between said punched line (52) situated at the outer end of the channel bottom (41), and the arcuate punched lines (56) at the outer end of the channel side walls (53), and extend outwards in relation to the outer end of the channel bottom; that said arcuate punched lines (56) are so designed that the outer end edges delimited thereby project, when the spout (40) is opened, into said short punched lines (59) for positively guiding the channel side walls (53) when opening and closing the spout; and that there is, at the most, a weak adhesive bond in the area of the tear flap (48) between the side wall panels (10, 14) adhesively bonded together in overlapping relationship.

35 2. A package as claimed in claim 1, c h a r a c - t e r i s e d in that the tear flap (48) extends a short

distance beyond said edge (28) of the outer side wall panel (14) and into the adjoining lid panel (26).

3. A package as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the channel bottom (41) of the spout (40) is broader at the inner end (44, 45) than at the outer end (47, 52).

4. A package as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, characterised in that the perforated tear lines (50) of said tear flap (48) are zip-type lines.

10 5. A package as claimed in any one of claims 1-4, characterised in that there are provided, at least outwardly of the arcuate punched lines (56) of the channel side walls (53), holes (57) which are punched in the inner side wall panel (10) and which end at a distance
15 from said hook-forming punched lines (56) and are designed to leave space for the resulting hooks (55) during the initial stage of the opening of the spout (40).

6. A package as claimed in any one of claims 1-5, characterised in that said outer layer (42)
20 of said channel bottom (41) extends farther out from said fold line (44) serving as a hinge for the spout (40), than does said inner layer (43) of said channel bottom in order to increase the tightness of the opened package.

7. A package as claimed in any one of claims 1-6,
25 characterised in that said fold line (45) provided in the inner side wall panel (10) at the inner end of the channel bottom (41) is extended outwards in both directions by a punched extension line (65), and that said punched lines (54') delimiting the channel side walls
30 (53) and extending from the hook-forming punched lines (55) substantially to the ends of said fold line (45) situated at the channel bottom, are curved outwards from one another close to these ends (45) and extend up to said punched extension line (65).

35 8. A package as claimed in any one of claims 1-7, characterised in that the inner side wall panel (10) is pre-folded at least along the fold lines or

perforated lines (51) between said channel bottom (43) and said channel side walls (53) and preferably also in the areas outwardly thereof and in their extension (66).

9. A blank for making a package as claimed in any one of claims 1-8, comprising interconnected bottom, lid and side wall panels (19-22, 23-26 and 10-14, respectively) and bonding flaps (10, 30, 31) for adhesively bonding together the blank to form a package when erected, one bonding flap (10) intended to be adhesively bonded to the inside of a side wall panel (14) being so designed that the corresponding side wall in the erected package is at least partially double-walled, including inner and outer side wall panels (10, 14) provided with a pouring spout device (40) formed from the material in these side wall panels and comprising a channel bottom (41) and channel side walls (53) extending from the opposite side edges of said channel bottom, said channel bottom (41) being formed of an outer layer (42) and an inner layer (43), said outer layer (43) being disposed in the outer side wall panel (14) and delimited from the remainder thereof by a fold line (44) intended to serve as a hinge and situated at the inner end of the channel bottom (41), and by perforated tear lines (46) extending from the ends of said fold line (44) to the outer end of the channel bottom (41) where they are interconnected by a perforated transverse tear line (47), said inner layer (43) being disposed in the inner side wall panel (10) and being delimited, at the inner end of the channel bottom, from the remainder of the inner side wall panel (10) by a fold line (45) intended to serve as a hinge and situated in the erected package approximately opposite to the corresponding fold line (44) in the outer side wall panel (14), and, at the outer end of the channel bottom, from the inner side wall panel (10) by a punched line (52); said inner layer (43) being connected to said channel side walls (53) by fold lines or perforated lines (51) which extend from the ends of said fold line (45) situated at the inner end of the channel

bottom, to the ends of the punched line (52) situated at the outer end of the channel bottom, said channel side walls (53) being delimited from the surrounding parts of the inner side wall panel (10) by arcuate punched lines (56), said arcuate punched lines (56) extending from the ends of said punched line (52) situated at the outer end of said channel bottom (41) and merging into hook-forming punched lines (55) which in turn merge into preferably substantially straight punched lines (54) extending substantially to the ends of said fold line (45) situated at the inner end of the channel bottom (41), c h a r a c - t e r i s e d in that a tear flap (48) is formed in the outer side wall panel (14) between said transverse perforated tear line (47) delimiting the outer end of the spout (40), and an edge (28) of said outer side wall panel (14) spaced therefrom, said tear flap being delimited by a punched line (49) at said edge (28) and by perforated tear lines (50) extending between said punched line (49) and the ends of the transverse perforated tear line (47) situated at the outer end of the channel bottom (41); that the inner side wall panel (10) is provided with short punched lines (59) which start from the transition between said punched line (52) situated at the outer end of the channel bottom, and the arcuate punched lines (56) at the outer end of the channel side walls (53), and extend outwards in relation to the outer end of the channel bottom; that said arcuate punched lines (56) are so designed that the outer end edges delimited thereby project, when the spout (40) is opened, into said short punched lines (59) for positively guiding the channel side walls when opening and closing the spout.

10. A blank as claimed in claim 9, c h a r a c - t e r i s e d in that the tear flap (48) extends a short distance beyond said edge of the outer side wall panel (14) and into the adjoining lid panel (26).

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11. A blank as claimed in claim 9 or 10, c h a r -
a c t e r i s e d in that the channel bottom (41) of the
spout (40) is broader at the inner end than at the outer
end.

5 12. A blank as claimed in claim 9, 10 or 11,
c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the perforated tear
lines (50) of said tear flap (48) are zip-type lines.

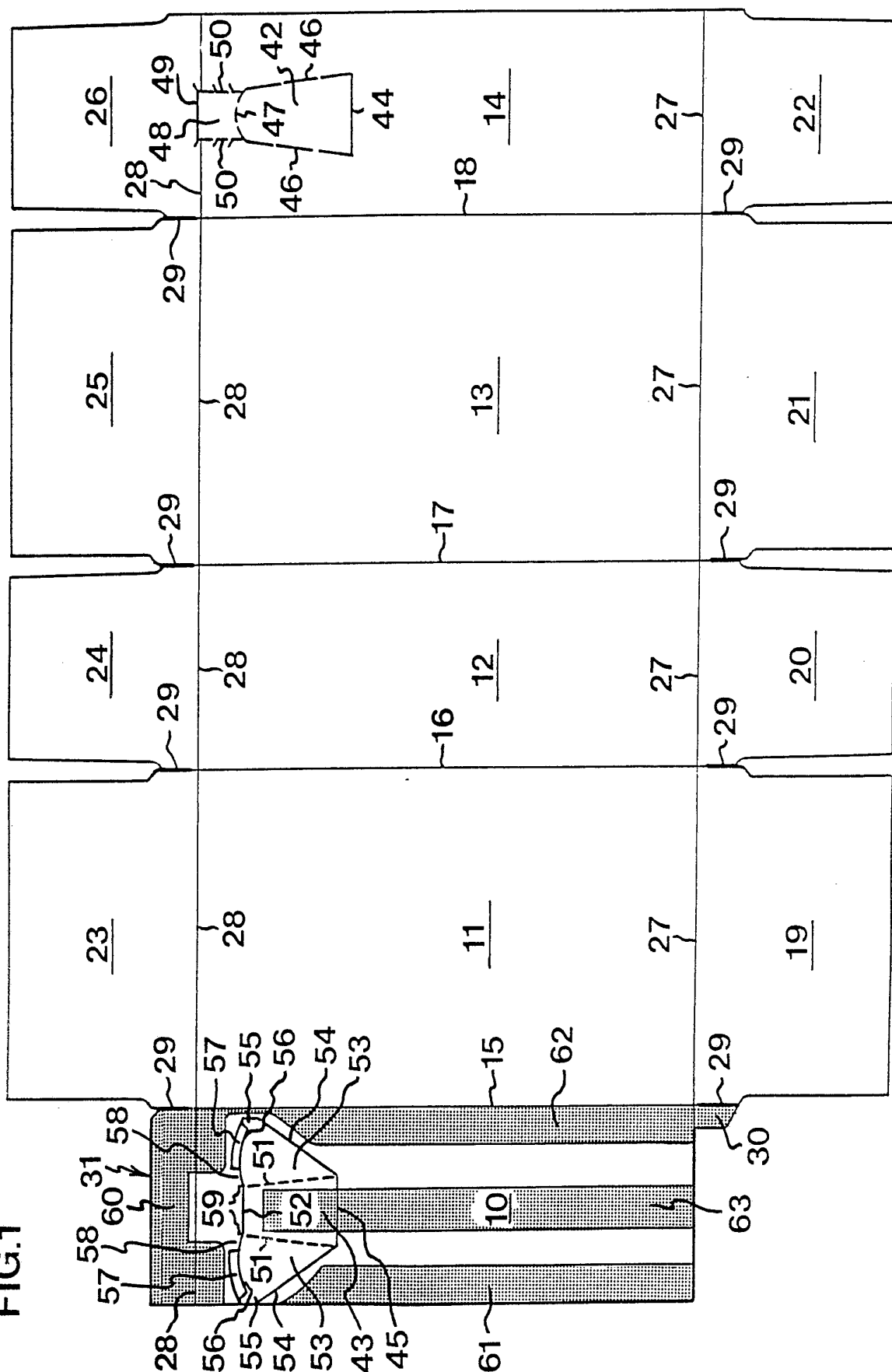
13. A blank as claimed in any one of claims 9-12,
c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that there are provided, at
10 least outwardly of the arcuate punched lines (56) of the
channel side walls, holes (57) which are punched in the
inner side wall panel (10) and which end at a distance
from said hook-forming punched lines (56) and are designed
to leave space for the resulting hooks (55) during the
15 initial stage of the opening of the spout.

14. A blank as claimed in any one of claims 9-13,
c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that said fold line (45)
provided in the inner side wall panel (10) at the inner
end of the channel bottom (41) is extended outwards in
20 both directions by a punched extension line (65), and that
said punched lines (54') delimiting the channel side walls
(53) and extending from the hook-forming punched lines
(55) substantially to the ends of said fold line (45)
situated at the channel bottom, are curved outwards from
25 one another close to these ends (45) and extend up to said
punched extension line (65).

15. A blank as claimed in any one of claims 9-14,
c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the inner side wall
panel (10) is pre-folded at least along the fold lines or
30 perforated lines (51) between said channel bottom (43) and
said channel side walls (53) and preferably also in the
areas outwardly thereof and in their extension (66).

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FIG.1



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FIG.3

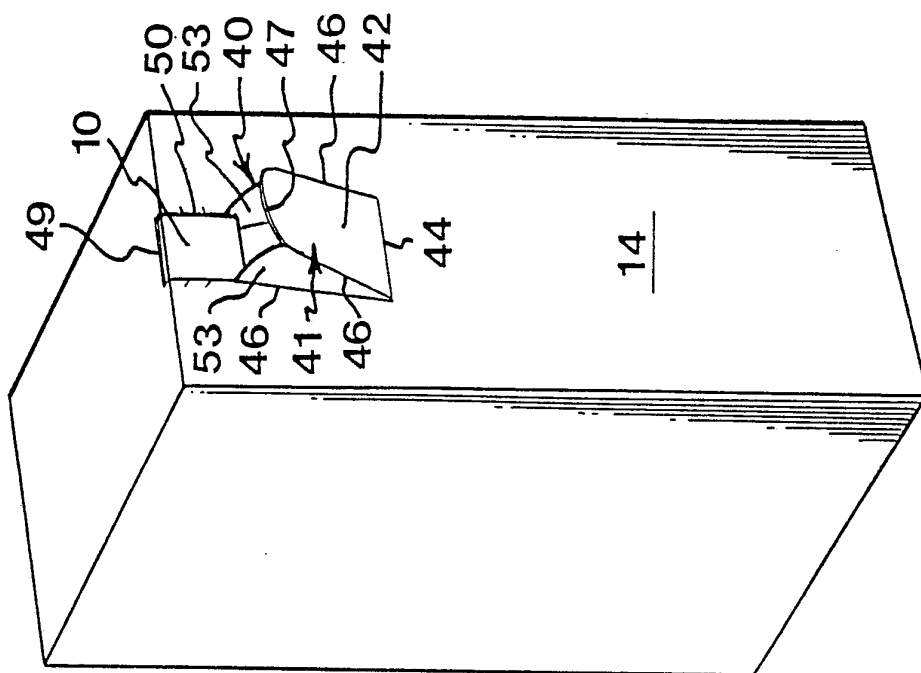
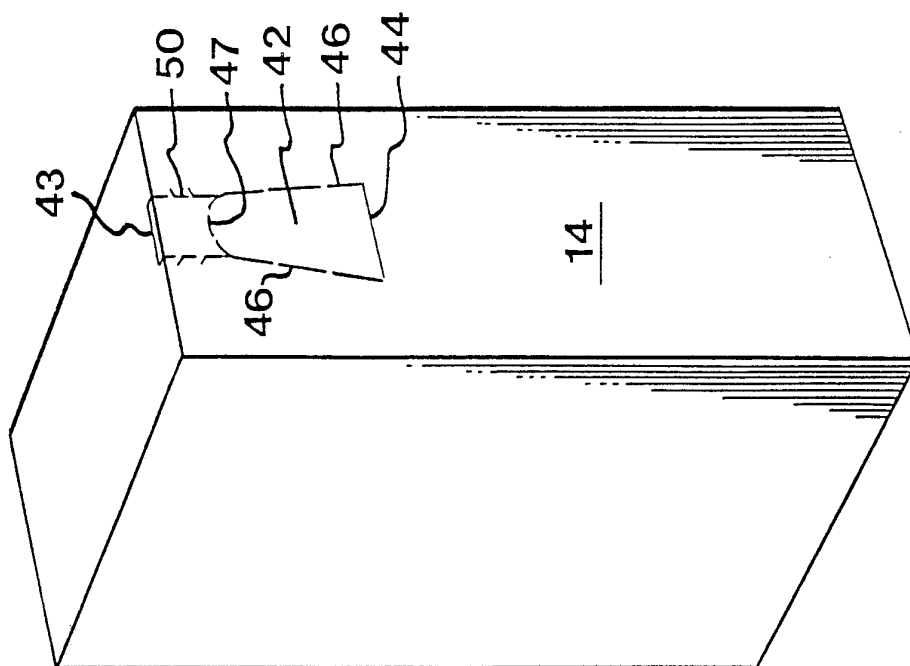
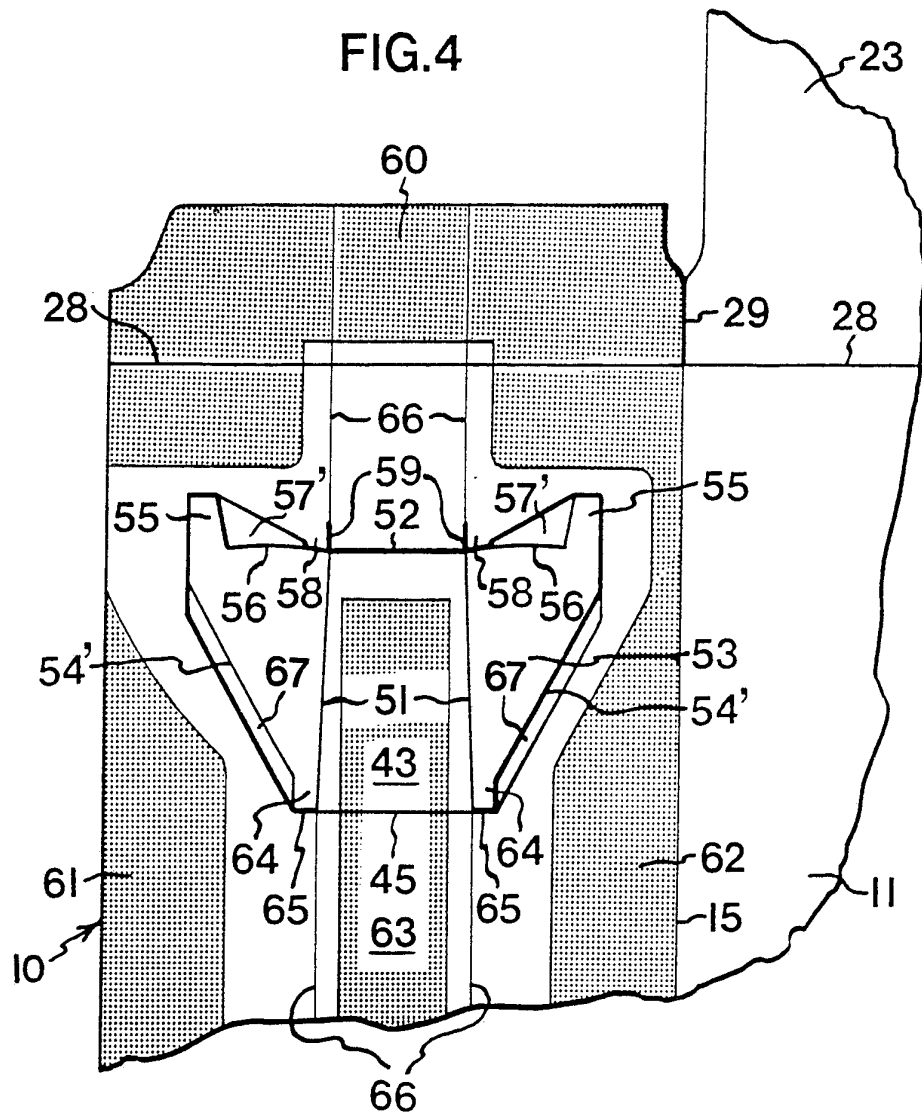


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FIG.4



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