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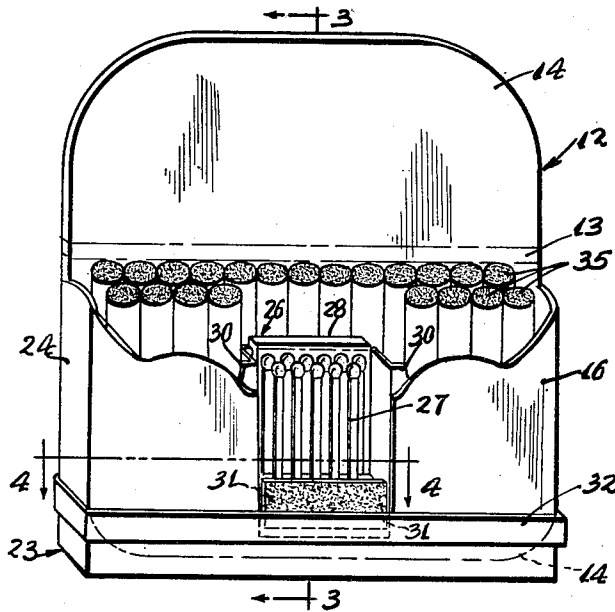


Fig. 1

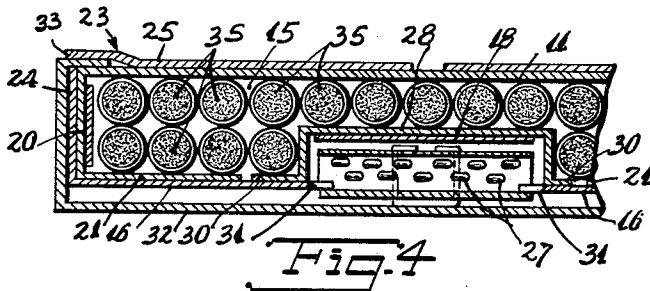


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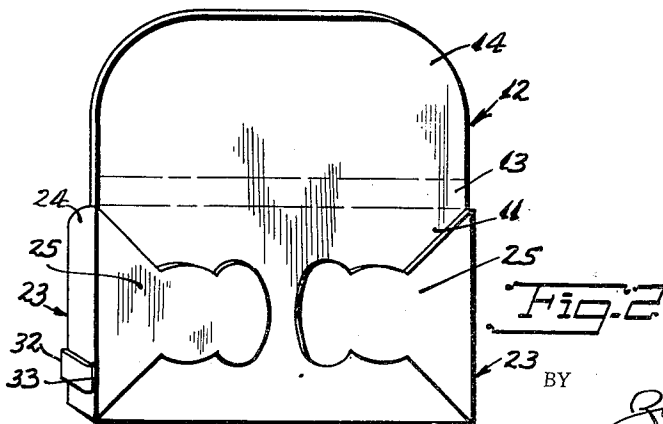


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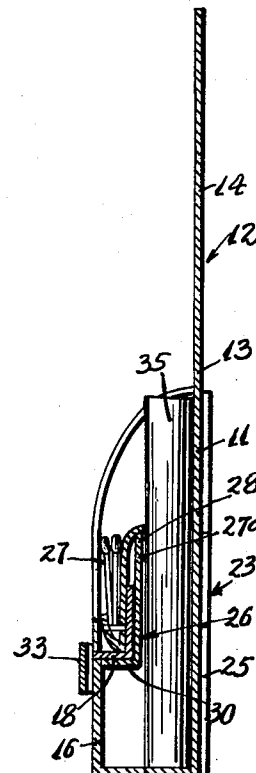


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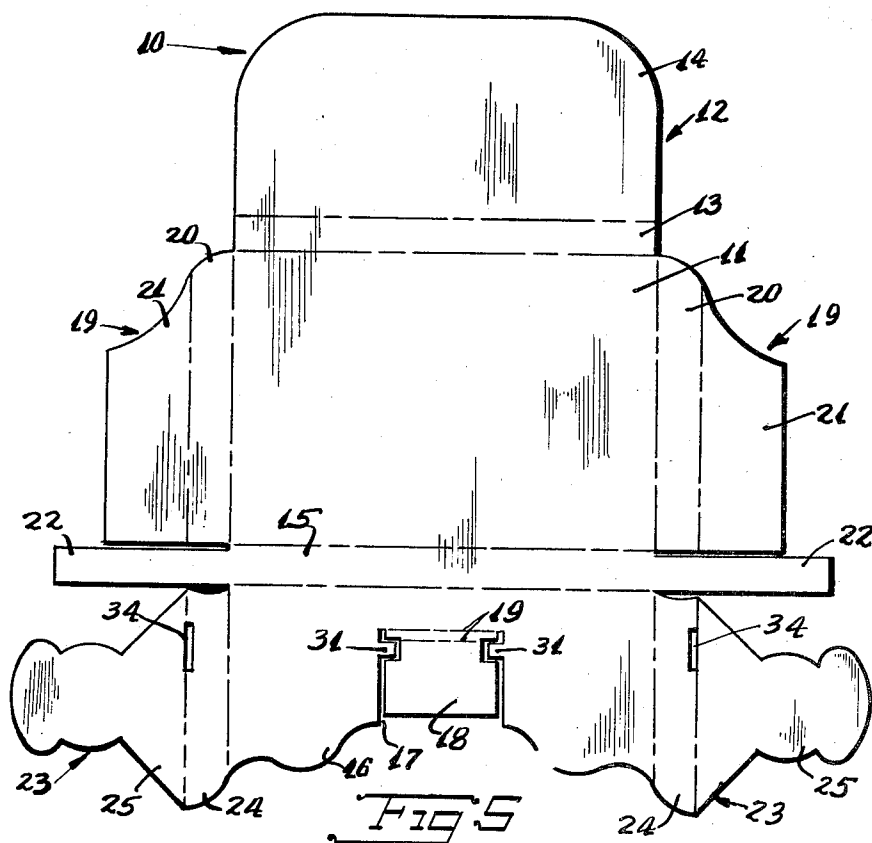
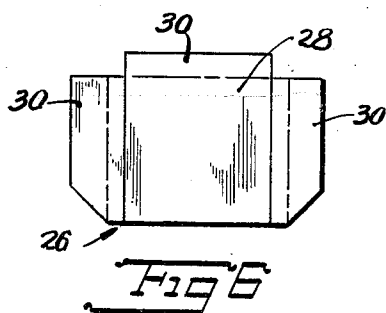
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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in containers for cigarettes, perfume bottles and the like.

More specifically, the invention proposes the construction of a container designed as a jacket for cigarettes, or small bottles of perfume, or other similar liquids, which is formed from an integral blank of relatively heavy metal foil paper sheet stock which is characterized by a yielding resistance to deformation which makes it possible to emboss the material in heavy relief and thus impart to a relatively inexpensive stock the effect of a much higher grade of material.

A further object of the invention proposes forming the jacket of material as above mentioned, which may be readily bent into the desired shape and which possesses a self-sustaining characteristic in its final form to retain its bent shape, producing a completed article simulating hand tooled florentine especially designed and executed for individual customers.

It is a further object of this invention to form the container from an integral blank which is embossed with the desired design and cut and shaped so that while the blanks may be stamped out in large quantities, they may be bent into their final form by manual or mechanical operation, completing the construction of the container at a minimum of cost.

Another object of this invention proposes providing the container when being used as a cigarette package with a small support for receiving and holding a book of matches to permit them to be conveniently used for lighting cigarettes.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a container constructed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged partial horizontal sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a developed view of the blank from which the container is formed.

Fig. 6 is a developed view of a portion of the container.

The container, according to this invention, is formed from a blank 10 which is cut from a piece

of heavy metal foil paper sheet stock and which may have its entire surface embossed with a desired design to produce a florentine article when completed. The blank 10 from which the container is formed comprises a rear wall 11 which continues at its top into a top and front flap cover 12. The top and front flap cover comprises a top cover portion 13 which continues into a front flap cover portion 14.

A bottom wall 15 continues from the bottom edge of the rear wall and in turn continues into a front wall 16 having a cutout 17 extending inwards from the top edge thereof. This cutout is formed by providing the front wall with a pair of inwardly extending cuts dividing off a flap 18.

Side walls and front flaps 19 continue from the sides of the rear wall 11. Each of the side walls and front flaps comprises a side wall portion 20 and a front flap portion 21. Side panels 22 continue from the ends of the bottom wall 15 and are adapted to be bent upwards to be adhesively attached to the inside faces of the side wall portions 20 of the side walls and front flaps 19.

Side walls and back flaps 23 continue from the sides of the front wall 16 and each comprises a side wall portion 24 and a back flap portion 25. After the side panels 22 have been attached to the inside faces of the side wall portion 20 the front flap portions 21 are adapted to be adhesively secured to the inside face of the front wall 16. The side wall portions 24 are then adhesively secured to the outside faces of the side wall portions 20 and the back flap portions 25 are adhesively secured to the outside face of the rear wall 11.

A box-like match holder 26 is attached upon the inside face of the front wall 16 about the cutout 17 to receive a package of book matches 27. This box-like match holder comprises a central panel 28 adhesively secured to a portion of the flap 18 which is bent inwards along the lines 29. The side and bottom edges of the central panel 28 of the box-like match holder 26 continue into flaps 30 which are bent inwards and secured to the adjacent faces of the flap 18 and the inside face of the front wall 16.

The book of matches 27 is of conventional construction and is inserted into the box-like match holder with the flap 27^a being disposed to the rear of the central panel 28 for assisting in maintaining the book of matches therein. Lugs 31 extend from the sides of the cutout 17 and are engageable behind the igniting portion of the book of matches, as shown in Fig. 4, to prevent

the book of matches from moving upwards relative to the box-like match holder 26.

A band 32 extends across the front face of the front wall 16 and has its ends projected to the interior of the container through openings 34 formed in the junction between the side wall portions 24 and back flap portions 25 of the side walls and back flaps 23. These ends are then adhesively secured in position to maintain the band in its position extended across the front face of the front wall. The free edge of the front flap portion 14 is adapted to be engaged behind the band 32, as shown in Fig. 1 by the dot and dash lines.

The method of positioning the cigarettes 35 within the container after being completed is illustrated in Figs. 1 and 4. Normally, the top and front cover 12 closes the open portion of the container and is retained in position by having the free edge of the front flap portion 14 engaged behind the band 32. To open the container it is merely necessary to disengage the free edge of the front flap portion 14 from the band 32, permitting the top and front flap cover 12 to be pivoted to the open position shown in Fig. 1. A cigarette may be removed from the container and the book of matches 27 is exposed, permitting a single match to be removed therefrom to light a cigarette.

While the drawings illustrate the folding container specifically as a container for cigarettes it is to be understood that this is merely by way of illustration, and that the container with slight modification may be adapted as a practical and attractive container for perfume bottles and other similar articles.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise construction herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. In a container having a box-like container for cigarettes including a front wall having a flap cut therefrom and bent inwards, a box-like holder formed behind and partially surrounding said cutout, comprising a central panel secured to said inwardly bent flap, flaps continuing from the sides of said central panel and bent forwards about the edges of said flap and secured to the inside face of said front wall, forming a holder having an open top and front to receive a book of matches so as to completely expose the matches of said book to be easily removed therefrom.

2. In a container having a box-like container for cigarettes including a front wall having a flap cut therefrom and bent inwards, a box-like holder formed behind and partially surrounding said cutout, comprising a central panel secured to said inwardly bent flap, flaps continuing from the sides of said central panel and bent forwards about the edges of said flap and secured to the inside face of said front wall, forming a holder having an open top and front to receive a book of matches so as to completely expose the matches of said book to be easily removed therefrom, and means for releasably retaining said book of matches in position in said holder.

3. In a container having a box-like container for cigarettes including a front wall having a flap cut therefrom and bent inwards, a box-like holder formed behind and partially surrounding said cutout, comprising a central panel secured to said inwardly bent flap, flaps continuing from the sides of said central panel and bent forwards about the edges of said flap and secured to the inside face of said front wall, forming a holder having an open top and front to receive a book of matches so as to completely expose the matches of said book to be easily removed therefrom, and means for releasably retaining said book of matches in position in said holder, comprising lugs extending inwards from the sides of the material of said front wall surrounding said cutout to be releasably engaged into the bottom portion of a book of matches.

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