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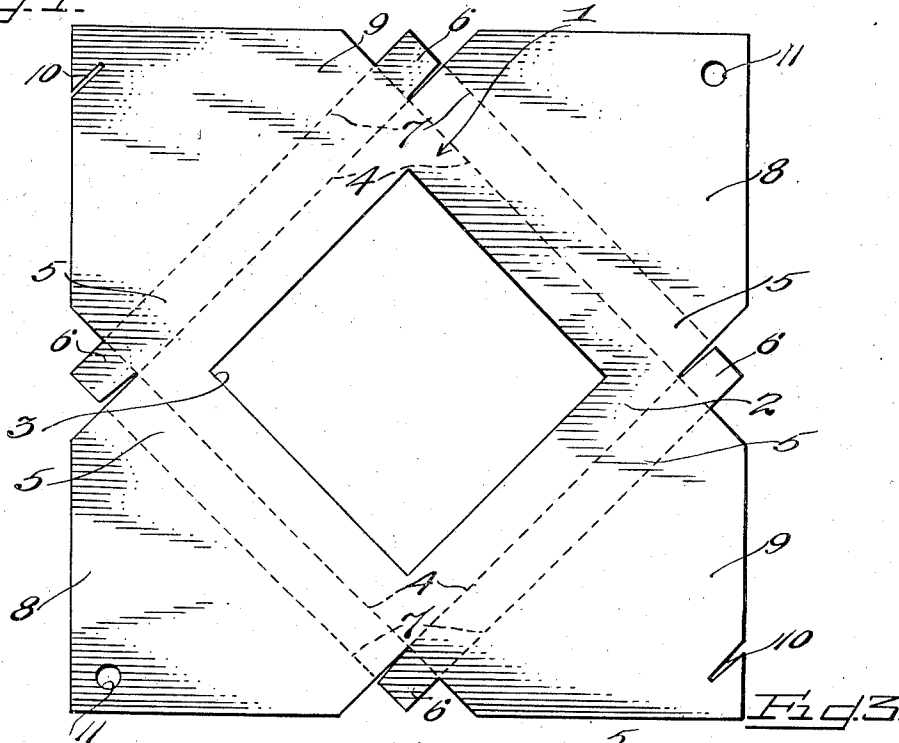


Fig. 2.

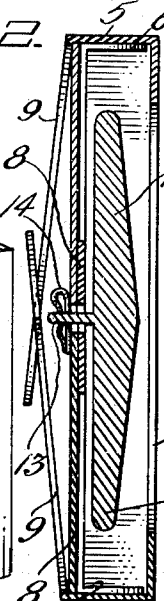
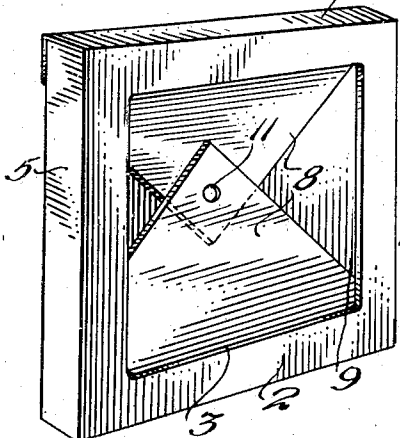
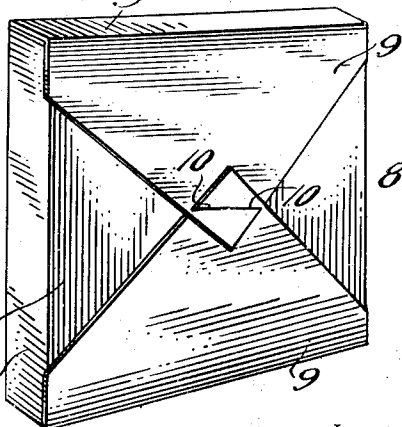


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to improvements in box containers for merchandise.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved one piece folding box for holding and displaying merchandise.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved one piece folding container for merchandise which will be provided with a central opening through which the merchandise contained in the box may be viewed, together with a plurality of integrally formed folding flaps arranged whereby two of said flaps support the merchandise in the container, and the other two flaps seal the container.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved folding box container for merchandise which will be cut from a single blank of material and will be provided with a central window opening through which the merchandise may be viewed, and with a pair of oppositely disposed apertured folding flaps through which securing means will be disposed for holding the merchandise in said container, and a second pair of oppositely disposed foldable flaps formed with interlocking notches in their outer extremities whereby the same may be folded over the first mentioned flaps to seal and lock the box in closed position.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an improved folding box construction for merchandise which will be cut from a single blank of material and will comprise a top portion formed with a centrally disposed window through which the merchandise in said box will be displayed, and four foldable strips formed on the four sides of said box top to form the sides of the box, together with two pairs of oppositely disposed flaps, two of which are provided with means for supporting the merchandise in the box, and the other two flaps provided with interlocking slots formed in their edges whereby the box may be securely fastened.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved shadow box container for merchandise which will be highly efficient in operation, and relatively inexpensive to manufacture and produce.

Other objects will appear as the description proceeds.

In the accompanying drawings which form a part of this application,

Figure 1 is a plan view of the cut-out blank showing the shadow box container before the same has been folded;

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view through

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the improved box showing a button in position therein and the box secured in closed position;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the improved shadow box container showing the rear thereof with the interlocking cooperating flaps, and

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the improved shadow box container showing the forwardly disposed window in the top thereof together with the intumed apertured flaps which are utilized for supporting the merchandise within said box.

Like characters of reference are used throughout the following specification and the accompanying drawings to designate corresponding parts.

In carrying out the invention, there is provided an improved shadow box container for merchandise comprising a blank form for the container generally designated by the reference numeral 1, said blank being provided with a square top portion 2 in which the centrally disposed window 3 is formed, through which the merchandise received in said box will be viewed.

The square box portion 2 will be formed along its four sides with the scorings 4 and with the integrally formed side portions 5 which will form the sides of the box when the said container is folded.

The tabs 6 will be formed on the ends of the side portions 5 to be folded in to form a tight seal when the box is folded or assembled.

The scorings 7 will be formed at the outer sides of the side portions 5, and the outwardly extending substantially triangular shaped oppositely disposed merchandise supporting flaps 8 will be formed integrally with a pair of the oppositely disposed side portions 5. The oppositely disposed locking flaps 9 will be formed integrally with the other pair of side portions 5, and will be formed with the inwardly and oppositely directed locking slots 10 in their outer sides.

Securing apertures 11 will be formed through the outer portions of the flaps 8, for the purpose hereinafter described.

In assembling the box container, the merchandise to be supported therein, represented by the large button 12 formed with a rearwardly extending eye 13 will be placed in the box when it is upside-down, and the flaps 8 will be bent upwardly and inwardly until the apertures 11 overlie the eye 13 which extends therethrough. A locking pin or cotter key 14 will be positioned or placed through the eye 13 of the button 12 to support the same in fixed position within the box. After this, the tabs 6 will be turned in and the oppositely disposed locking flaps 9 will be bent

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upwardly and inwardly and their locking slots engaged, as best illustrated in Figure 3 of the drawings, thereby supporting the box in assembled position, with the merchandise or button 12 firmly supported in the box and lying immediately below the window 3 where the same may be readily viewed by prospective purchasers.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that there has been provided a highly efficient form of shadow box container for merchandise which will be cut from a single blank of cardboard or other suitable material such as plastic or the like, and which will be provided with a window in its top through which the merchandise to be received therein may be viewed. Furthermore, if desired, the window may be formed of a transparent material or closed by a transparent closure member such as Celluloid or plastic.

Also, it will be seen that this efficient form of box may be made at a relatively inexpensive cost for manufacturing and producing the same.

While the preferred embodiment of the instant invention has been illustrated and described, it will be understood that it is not intended to limit the scope of the invention thereto, as many minor changes in detail of construction may be resorted to without departure from the spirit of the invention.

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

A box container comprising a substantially square windowed top having similarly shaped flaps of a like size extending outwardly from each side of said top, each of said flaps being

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formed with spaced transversely extending parallel score lines adapted to form box sides with inwardly extending overlapping end portions, one pair of oppositely disposed terminal end portions being formed with alignable merchandising supporting apertures adapted to be held in overlapping position by means of said merchandise when placed through said apertures and said merchandise being viewable through said window top, and the other pair of oppositely disposed terminal end portions extending in right angles to said first mentioned terminal end portions being adapted to be bent inwardly over said first mentioned flaps and said merchandise securing means, and interchangeable locking slots formed in the terminal ends of said last mentioned pair of oppositely disposed overlapping terminal end portions.

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