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FIG. 1

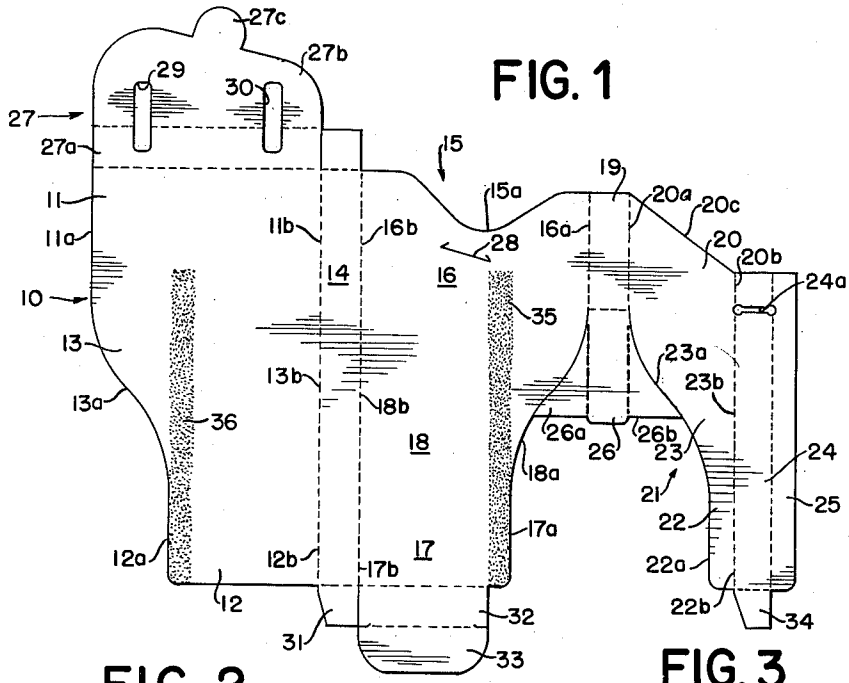


FIG. 2

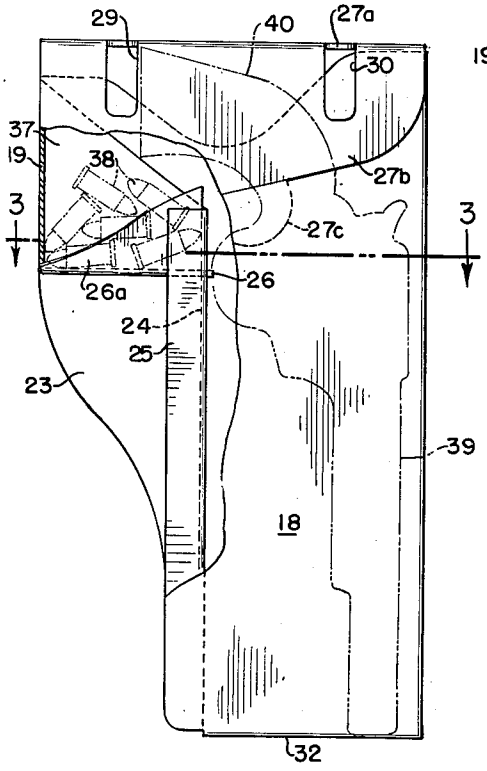
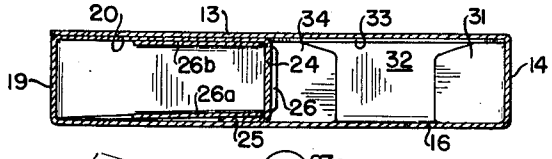


FIG. 3



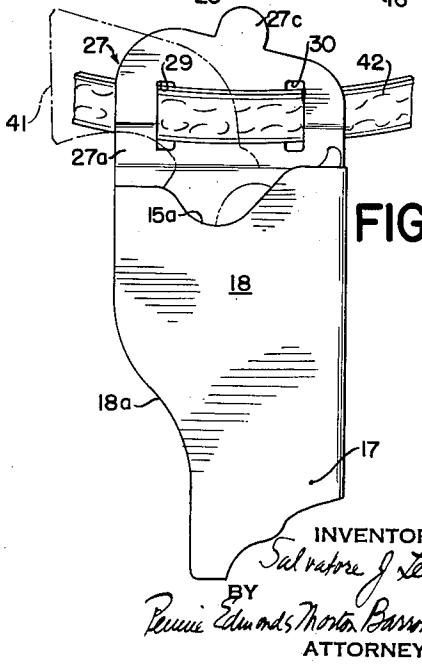


FIG. 4

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This invention relates to cartons for use in the distribution of merchandise sold at retail and is concerned more particularly with a carton suitable for the shipment and sale of a candy article having the shape and form of a pistol. The new carton is so made that it resembles a holster in appearance and it is provided with means by which it may be suspended from a wearer's belt. Accordingly, after the candy piston contained in the carton has been consumed, the carton may be used as a holster for a toy pistol. If desired, the carton may be provided with means forming a compartment for holding pieces of candy simulating cartridges for the pistol.

For a better understanding of the invention, reference may be made to the accompanying drawing, in which

FIG. 1 is a plan view of one form of blank which may be converted into the carton of the invention;

FIG. 2 is a view in front elevation with parts broken away of the new carton;

FIG. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of FIG. 2; and

FIG. 4 is a fragmentary front elevational view showing the use of the carton as a holster.

The blank shown in FIG. 1 comprises a rear wall **10** formed of a wide upper end section **11**, a narrower lower end section **12**, and an intermediate section **13** between the end sections. The upper end section **11** has straight parallel side edges **11***a*, **11***b* and the lower end section has straight parallel side edges **12***a*, **12***b*, the edge **12***b* lying in a prolongation of the edge **11***b*. The intermediate section **13** has an inclined side edge **13***a* connecting the ends of edges **11***a*, **11***b* and shown as reversely curved, while the other edge **13***b* of section **13** is straight and is aligned with the edges **11***b* and **12***b*.

One side edge of a side wall **14** is hinged to the straight side edge of the rear wall **10** throughout the length of that edge, while the other side edge of the side wall is hinged to straight side edge of a front wall **15**. The front wall is of the same size and shape as the rear wall **10** except for a dip or recess **15***a* in its upper edge. The front wall is formed of an upper end section **16** having straight parallel side edges **16***a*, **16***b*, a lower end section **17** having straight parallel side edges **17***a*, **17***b*, and an intermediate section **18** having an inclined side edge **18***a* connecting the ends of the edges **16***a* and **17***a* and a straight side edge **18***b*. lying between and in alignment with edges **16***b* and **17***b*.

A short upper side wall **19** lies next to the front wall **15** and is connected along one edge to the side edge **16***a* of the front wall. The other edge of the upper side wall is connected to the side edge **20***a* of the upper end section **20** of a connecting panel **21**. The section **20** of the connecting panel has a side edge **20***b* parallel to the edge **20***a* and its top edge **20***c* is downwardly inclined. The connecting panel has a lower end section **22** which is narrower than the section **20** and has straight parallel side edges **22***a*, **22***b*. The panel has an intermediate section **23** lying between the end sections and having an inclined side edge **23***a* connecting the ends of the straight edges **20***a*, **22***a* and a straight side edge **23***b* connecting and in alignment with the edges **20***b*, **22***b*. The straight edge of the connecting panel is connected to one side edge of a lower side wall **24**, the other side edge of which is hinged to a glue flap **25**. As illustrated, the lower end

of the upper side wall and the upper end of the lower side wall overlap for a short distance.

A partition panel **26** is hinged to the lower end of the upper side wall **19** and it is attached along its side edges to triangular flaps **26***a*, **26***b*. The panel extends slightly beyond the ends of the flaps and, in the completed carton, the projecting end of the panel is receivable in a slot **24***a* extending transversely from one edge to the other of the lower side wall **24**.

The carton is provided with a cover **27** which includes a top cover panel **27***a* hinged along one edge to the upper edge of the rear wall **10** and along its other edge to a front cover panel **27***b*. The top cover panel **27***a* is of approximately the width of the side walls **14**, **19**, **24** and can be folded to close the upper end of the carton. The front cover panel can then be folded down over the recess **15***a* at the upper end of the front wall **15** and can be held in this position by means of a tongue **27***c* which projects from the free edge of the panel **27***b* and is receivable in a slot **28** in the front wall **15**. A pair of parallel slots **29**, **30** are formed partly in the top cover panel **27***a* and partly in the front cover panel **27***b*. These slots extend across the line joining the two panels and are of a length suitable to permit a belt to be threaded therethrough.

The lower end of the carton may be closed by any suitable arrangement of flaps and, in the blank shown, the bottom closing flaps include a flap **31** hinged to the lower end of the side wall **14**, a bottom flap **32** hinged to the lower end of the front wall **15** and provided with a tuck flap **33**, and a flap **34** hinged to the lower end of the lower side wall **24**.

In converting the flap of FIG. 1 into a carton, the blank is laid with its outer surface down and is then folded along the side edges of the lower side wall **24** to place the glue flap **25** above and parallel to the connecting panel **21**. The partition panel is then folded upwardly to lie at right angles to the upper side wall **19** and the flaps **26***a*, **26***b* are folded to lie parallel and at right angles to the partition wall **26**. The folded connecting panel **21**, lower side wall **24**, and glue flap **25** are then folded on the side edge **20** so that the projecting end of the partition wall **26** enters the slot **24***a* in the lower side wall **24**. The assembly described is then folded on the edge **16***a* of the upper side wall and this operation brings the glue flap **25** into contact with a previously glued area **35** on the inner surface of the front wall **15**. The front wall and rear walls are next folded on the side edges of the side wall **14** to bring an area on the connecting panel **21** into contact with previously glued area **36** on the inner surface of the rear wall. The body of the carton is then complete and its bottom may be closed by infolding flaps **31**, **32**, **34** and tucking the flap **33** into the body along the inner face of the rear wall.

The interior of the completed carton contains a small compartment **37** which is defined by the partition wall **26**, the upper side wall **19**, and that part of the lower side wall **24** lying above the slot **24***a*, the compartment lying between the front and rear walls. The compartment is open at the top and may be used to hold pieces of candy **38** which have the form of cartridges. The remainder of the interior of the carton forms a receptacle for a pistol made of candy and having the shape indicated at **39**. As shown, the end of the pistol barrel may rest on the bottom of the carton and the handle then overlies the upper end of the compartment **38**.

After the candy piston has been removed, the carton may be used as a holster for a toy pistol, the handle of which is indicated at **41**. For the purpose, the cover panels **27***a*, **27***b* are folded to erect position and this permits the insertion of a belt **42** through the slots **29**,

30. The toy pistol can then be inserted into the upper end of the main body of the carton.

I claim:

1. A carton comprising a unitary blank of sheet material including a front and a rear wall wider at the top than at the bottom, one side edge of each wall being straight and the second side edge being formed of an upper section, a lower section lying inwardly relative to the upper section, and an intermediate section connecting the adjacent ends of the upper and lower sections, a long side wall connected to the front and rear walls along their straight side edges, an upper short side wall connected to the front and rear walls along the upper sections of the second side edges of said walls, a lower short side wall connected to the opposed faces of the front and rear walls inward from the lower sections of the second side edges of said walls and extending above the level of the upper ends of said lower sections, a connecting panel secured to the inner face of the rear wall and integrally connected with the rear edges of the upper and lower

short side walls, and a glue flap integrally connected with the front edge of the lower short side wall and secured to the inner face of the front wall, a top cover panel integral with the rear wall and engaging the front wall, and a bottom flap integral with the front wall and engaging the rear wall.

2. The carton of claim 1, which includes a partition wall connected to the lower edge of the upper short side wall and engaging the lower short side wall to form a compartment defined by said walls and by the front and rear walls.

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