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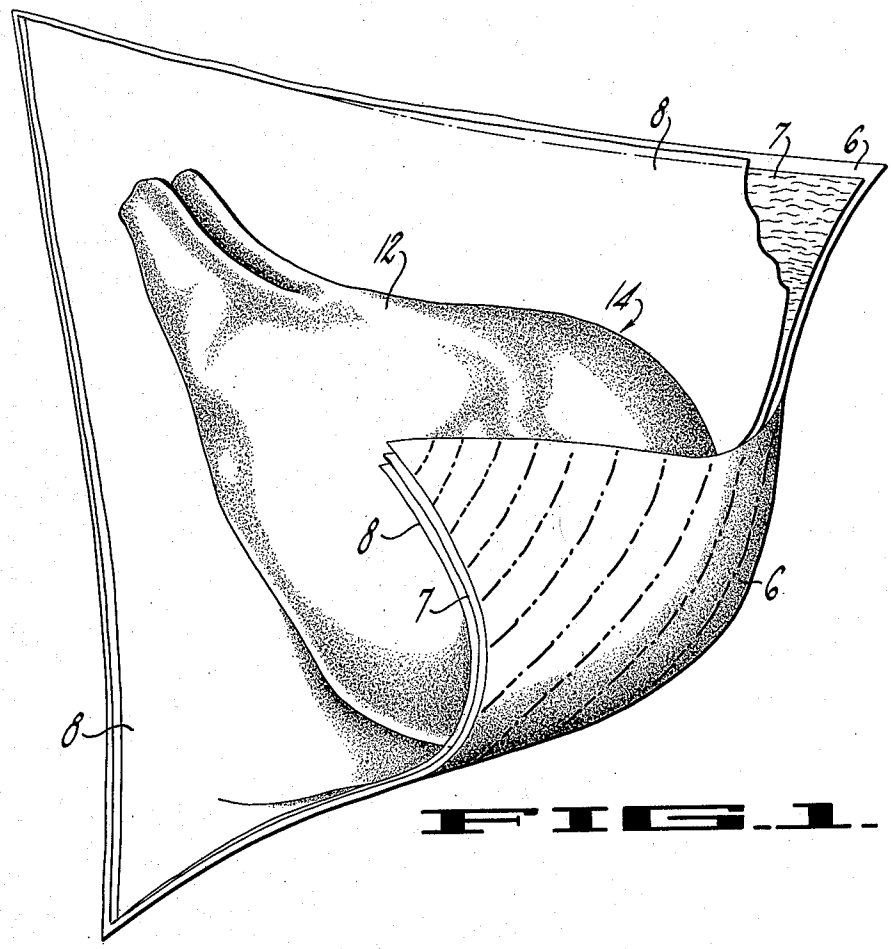


FIG. 1.

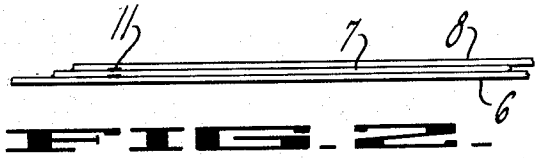


FIG. 2.

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This invention relates to wrappers for hams, bacon and the like.

When hams are sent to market, for example, it is customary to wrap each in an individual wrapper to retain the moisture and flavor of the ham and to protect it during handling and in transit until it reaches a consumer.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a novel wrapper for hams, bacon and the like.

A further object of this invention is to provide an improved wrapper for hams, bacon and the like which will retain grease and moisture and yet which will provide an attractive wrapper, one enabling the size and contour of the wrapped article to be displayed to advantage. In this connection, a consumer may wish to judge as to the size of portions of the wrapped article; previous wrappers have been cumbersome and bulky and have failed to display the size and contour of the wrapped article to advantage. The wrapper of the present invention is such that it can be fitted closely about a wrapped article so that a purchaser can judge accurately as to the size and contour of the article within the wrapper; for example, the present wrapper enables one to judge accurately as to the size of the hock on a ham, a vital matter to a ham buyer, even though the ham is wrapped.

The invention includes other objects and features of advantage, some of which, together with the foregoing, will appear hereinafter wherein the present preferred form of wrapper of this invention is disclosed. In the drawing accompanying and forming a part hereof,

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a step in the wrapping of a ham and which step is typical of the utilization of the wrapper of this invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of a wrapper of this invention.

In accordance with this invention, I provide three flat sheets arranged in a pile, one upon another, in a face-to-face relation. The sheets are substantially of the same overall size and shape. Thus, as appears in the drawing, I provide an outer sheet 6, an intermediate sheet 7, and an inner or wrapper sheet 8. Preferably, the inner wrapper sheet 8 is of a greaseproof nature, such as is provided by a waxed paper or other suitable, highly grease-resistant material. The intermediate sheet is preferably of an absorbent material such as that made from ground wood, sulfate stock, sulfite stock and "ham-bogus" or "news-bogus," known as "toweling"; the outer sheet is one such as is provided by a sulfite sheet and which is suited for printing with a suitable trade mark and the like; parchmentized paper or cellulose, cellophane or other outer wrapper sheet can be used, as desired. If desired, the absorbent

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sheet can be innermost with the grease-resistant sheet in an intermediate position.

Further, and in accordance with this invention, the three sheets are secured together along only one edge. Thus, as indicated in Figure 2, an adhesive material is provided along one edge and spaced inwardly slightly from such edge, as is indicated at 11, so that the three sheets are secured together. The application of the adhesive can be made in a continuous manner, as by application from a suitable roller over the sheets as they are run together in a suitable winding machine, the sheets being cut off to length.

In use, the assembled wrapper is placed upon a flat surface, the article is then positioned and the wrapper is then tucked up and around the article. Because the sheets are laid one upon the other and secured upon one side, they slip readily one upon the other and yet do not become disarranged or bunched. This enables the wrapper to be placed, for example, closely around the shank portion 12 of the ham, generally indicated at 14, whereby this is displayed, even though contained within the wrapper so that a purchaser can judge accurately as to the size of the shank; a thick, full shank on a ham is considered desirable by a consumer for many reasons. When the wrapper is in place, a string is secured to retain the wrapper in position.

Because of the initial face-to-face fit of the several sheets, the wrapper retains its fit even though the grease-resistant wrapper and the absorbent wrapper become wet with liquor, moisture or grease from the article.

I claim:

1. A wrapper consisting of three flat sheets arranged in a pile, one upon another, said sheets being substantially of the same overall shape and size and being secured one to the other only along one edge of the pile, said sheets including a greaseproof sheet, an absorbent sheet and an outer wrapper sheet.

2. A wrapper consisting of three flat sheets arranged in a pile, one upon another, said sheets being substantially of the same overall shape and size and being secured one to the other only along one edge of the pile, said sheets including an inner greaseproof sheet, an intermediate absorbent sheet and an outer wrapper sheet.

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