

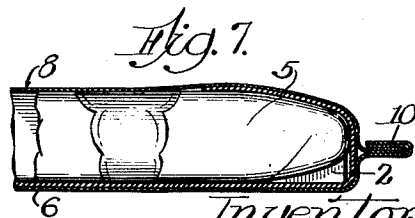
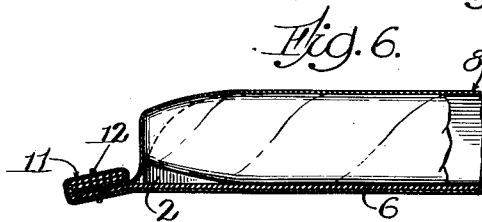
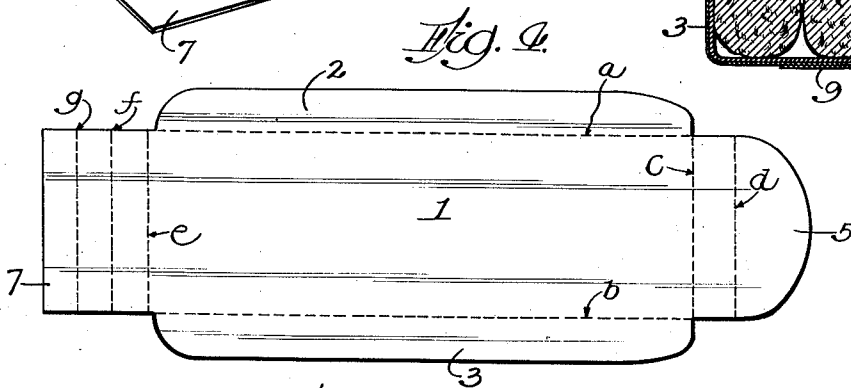
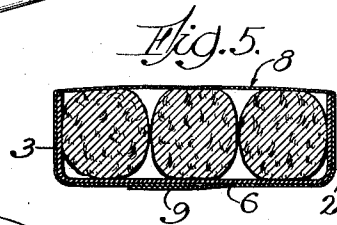
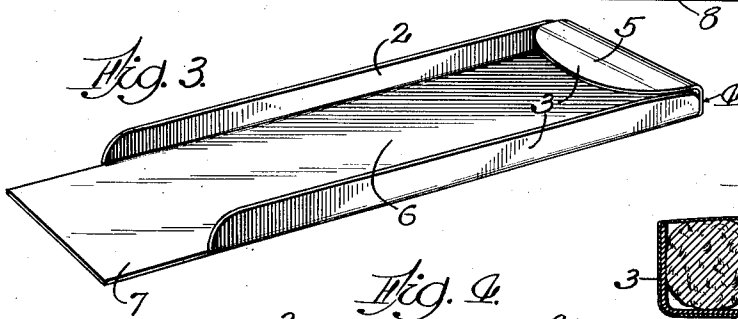
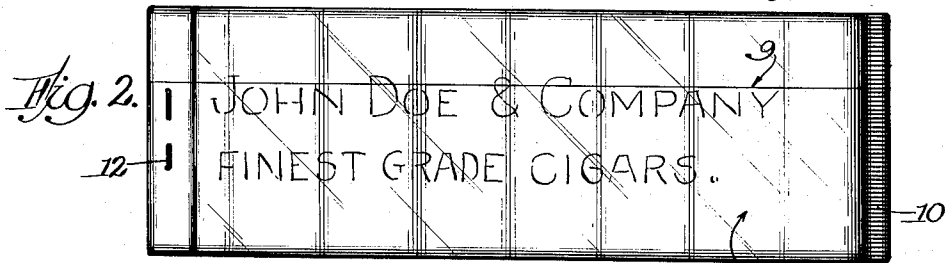
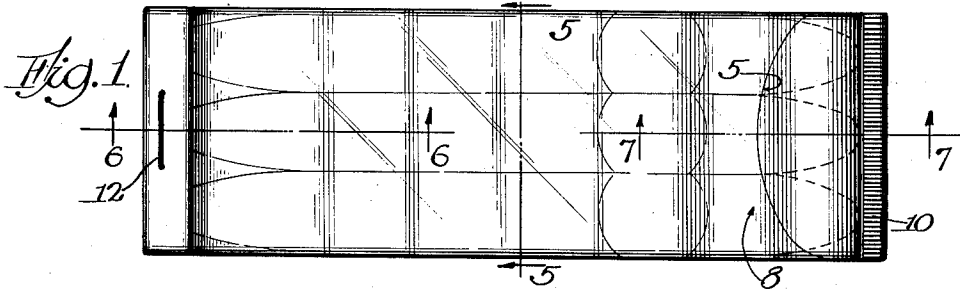
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1 Claim. (Cl. 206—46)

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in packages and while, in the drawing, I have illustrated a use for the packaging of cigars, I wish it understood that I am not limited to this particular use and the package may be used for packaging any desired material or articles such as cigarettes, candy, nuts or the like.

The principal object of the invention resides in the provision of a package in which the articles or material enclosed and sealed are maintained in a sanitary condition and in which the shape of the package is so maintained, after the seal is broken, as to allow for use until all of the articles or material are used or removed therefrom.

A further object consists in the formation of the package with an inner relatively stiff member or former and an enclosing casing of transparent cellulose material, the enclosing casing being transparent allowing for an inspection of the articles or material within the package and the reading of any advertising matter which may be printed on the inner member or former or inserted within the package between the inner member or former and the enclosing casing.

A still further object of the invention resides in so forming the inner member or former and the enclosing casing that they may be interfolded and secured together to provide a unitary structure which allows the enclosing casing to be held in position over the inner member or former after the sealed end of the enclosing casing is broken to allow for the removal of the articles or material.

With the above and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, my invention consists in the novel details of construction, and arrangement of parts, described in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and while I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of the invention, as they now appear to me, it will be understood that such changes may be made as will fall within the scope of the appended claim.

In the drawing:—

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of the completed package.

Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the completed package.

Fig. 3 is a perspective of the inner member or former.

Fig. 4 is a plan of the blank from which the inner member or former is made.

Fig. 5 is a transverse section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 is a fragmental longitudinal section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 7 is a fragmental longitudinal section on the line 7—7 of Fig. 1.

Like characters of reference denote corresponding parts throughout the figures.

The inner member or former is made from a blank 1 of the shape shown more particularly in Fig. 4 of the drawing bent on the lines *a* and *b* to provide the upwardly directed side flanges 2 and 3, on the line *c* to provide the upwardly extending end flange 4 and on the line *d* to provide the inwardly directed flap 5 overlying and extending parallel with the bottom portion 6. The end of the bottom 6, opposite to that having the upturned end flange 4, will project beyond the ends of the upturned flanges 2 and 3 to provide the extension 7 adapted to be folded on the lines *e*, *f* and *g* in the manner illustrated more particularly in Fig. 6 of the drawing and for a purpose to be later described.

An enclosing casing 8, preferably of transparent cellulose material is placed around the inner member or former and this enclosing casing may be either initially formed to receive the inner member or former or preferably will be formed around the inner member and it is for this reason that I have referred to the inner member in some instances as a "former". The casing will be formed of a strip of material with the longitudinal edges overlapped as shown at 9 and secured together by an adhesive, by fusing, or in any other desired manner. With the inner member or former positioned within the enclosing casing the end 10 of the casing will be folded and the folds secured together by an adhesive, by fusing, or in a similar manner, to provide a seal. The articles or material will then be placed into the package through the opposite end of the enclosing casing and will be received on the bottom of the inner member. With the articles or material so positioned within the package then the extension 7, with an extending end portion 11 of the casing will be folded on the lines *e*, *f* and *g* as shown more particularly in Fig. 6 of the drawing and the folds secured together by means of a staple 12 or other suitable fastenings. Should it be desired, the folds might also be secured by an adhesive or the like.

With the construction above described, it will be seen that the articles or material will be held or maintained in the package in a sanitary condition and the inner member will hold the outer casing against collapse. The inner member will preferably be formed of sufficiently heavy paper or the like so as to be relatively stiff. Advertising matter, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawing, may

be printed on the under surface of the bottom 6
of the inner member and may be read through the
transparent casing, or a strip or material having
advertising matter printed thereon may be posi-
5 tioned between the inner member or former and
the enclosing casing with the printed or ad-
vertising matter facing outwardly to be read
through the casing.

When it is desired to remove the articles or
10 material from the package the sealed end 10
is torn away thus allowing access through the
open end of the casing. The intumed flap por-
tion 5 of the inner member may be withdrawn
from the open end of the casing and the articles
15 and material removed. If all of the articles or
material are not removed, then the flap may be
reinserted for further use of the package. It will
thus be seen that I have provided a substantially
20 rigid package and one which may be used until
all of the articles or material are removed and
the enclosing casing, of transparent material, is
secured to the inner member or former to be-

come a permanent part thereof thus allowing
for continued use. As previously brought out,
the enclosing casing will preferably be formed
around the inner member, but, when desired, the
casing may be independently formed and then 80
slipped over the inner member or the inner
member inserted therein.

Having fully described my invention, what I
claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Pat- 85
ent, is:

A package of the character described compris- 90
ing a substantially elongated flat stiffened mem-
ber having a base with side flanges terminating
short of both ends of the base to provide at one
end a foldable and attachable extension and at 95
its opposite end an overlying movable flap, and
a transparent enclosure for said member hav-
ing a folded over and secured end beyond the
flap of the member and being interfolded at its
opposite end with and secured to the extension 95
end of said member.

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