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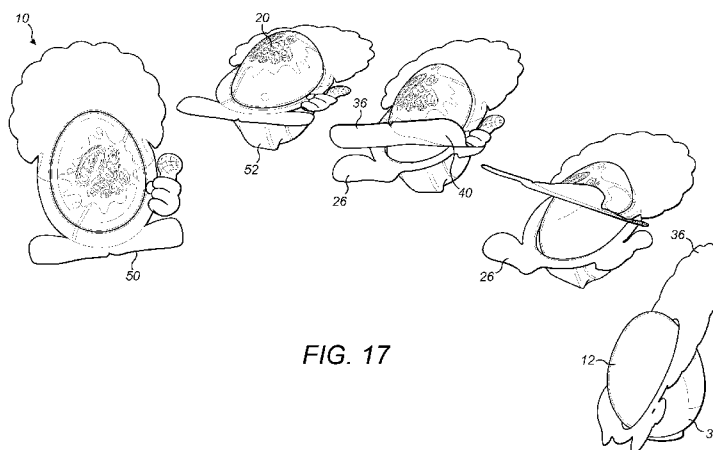


FIG. 17

(57) **Abstract:** A confectionery packaging is provided comprising a first part (20) formed from a preformed shell that is substantially rigid so that the part maintains its shape. The first part (20) holds the product to be packaged, which in the Figures is shown as a confectionery egg. Main surfaces of the first part (20) are shaped so as to substantially conform to the shape of the confectionery egg (12). Consequently an open mouth (24) to the first part (20) is provided. The egg (20) is accessible through the open mouth (24). A flange (26) is formed about the perimeter of the open mouth (24). The flange (26) extends away from the main surfaces and continuously about the perimeter of the mouth (24) and extends a substantial distance therefrom in order to provide a surface against which a second part (30) is sealed. The confectionery packaging forms a sealed enclosure about the egg (12) by sealing a second part (30) to the flange (26). To open the packaging, a film is separated from the first part (20), for instance by peeling back the film. There is therefore provided a packaging which provides an improved protection to the egg (12) and to which graphics can be more reliably applied and reproduced. The first part (20) also provides a convenient holder for the egg (12) to allow the user to consume the egg (12) without having to touch the egg (12) itself.



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How to provide a certain weight division of the product

2. claims: 4-6

How to support a product

3. claims: 7-13, 25-31

How to join parts of package together

4. claims: 14-18, 21, 22

How to make the handling of a package easier

5. claims: 19, 20

How to facilitate opening of the package

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How to manufacture a package

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