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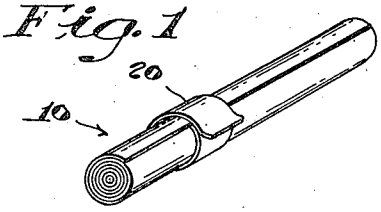
Fig. 1



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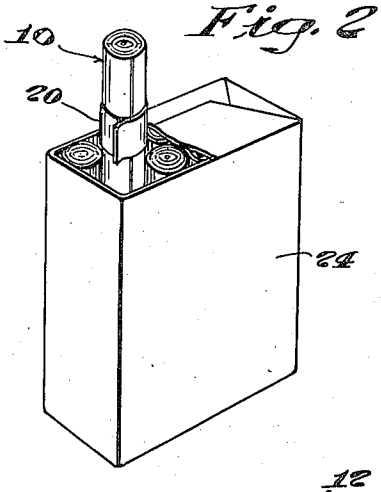

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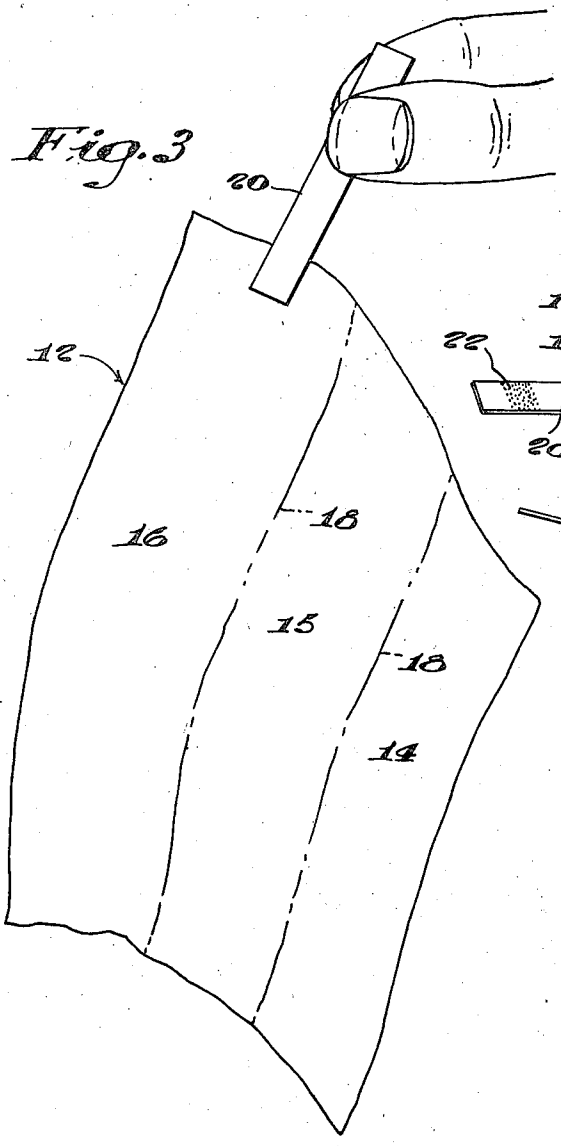

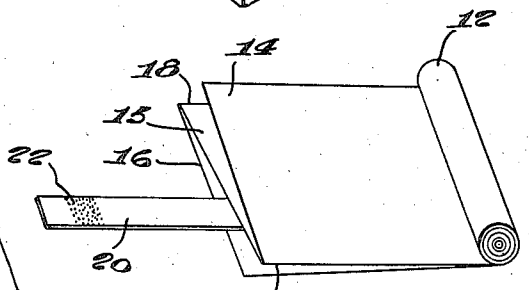

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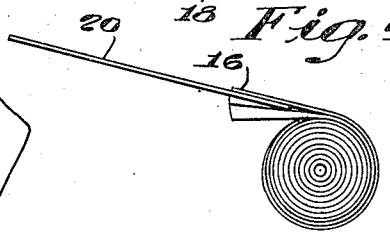

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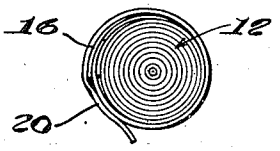

Fig. 6

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This invention relates to a novel package of cleansing tissue.

The invention has for one of its objects to package one or more cleansing tissues in rolled form from which the sheet or sheets may be unrolled into a flattened condition ready for use in a novel, simple and efficient manner, so as to permit its use as a handerchief, as a facial tissue, and for other general purposes for which cleansing tissues are now used or can be used.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel package of minimum size comprising a plurality and substantial number of cleansing sheets, which may be conveniently carried in the pocket or handbag, and from which individual sheets may be withdrawn in a rapid convenient manner.

A still further and more specific object of the invention is to provide a novel package comprising one or more sheets of cleansing tissue rolled into rolled form and in which provision is made for detachably holding the same in rolled form in a manner such as to permit the sheets to be conveniently shaken into a flat form with minimum effort and in a simple and practical manner.

With these general objects in view, and such others as may hereinafter appear, the invention consists in the individual cleansing sheet package, in the package comprising a plurality of the rolled cleansing tissues, and in the various structures, arrangements and combinations of parts hereinafter described and particularly defined in the claim at the end of this specification.

In the drawing illustrating the preferred embodiment of the invention, Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the present individual package; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a package comprising a plurality of the individual packages shown in Fig. 1 enclosed within a outer wrapper in a manner analogous to a cigarette package; Fig. 3 illustrates the preferred method of shaking out the cleansing tissue from its rolled form to sheet form; Fig. 4 is a perspective illustrating the method of folding and rolling a sheet of cleansing tissue into the form of the individual package shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 5 is an end view of the folded sheet shown in Fig. 4 after having been rolled to nearly its complete rolled form; and Fig. 6 is an end view of the complete individual package shown in Fig. 1.

In one of its aspects the present invention contemplates an individual package comprising one or more sheets of cleansing tissue for use as a handkerchief, or for other cleansing purposes, or medical uses, folded and rolled into a size and shape approximating that of a cigarette. Provision is made for retaining each rolled sheet in its

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rolled form while at the same time enabling the user to readily shake the sheet from its folded and rolled form into sheet form ready for use. The present size and shape of the individual package enables a plurality thereof to be enclosed within an outer wrapper or container analogous to the manner in which cigarettes are packaged to enable the user to carry a substantial number of the cleansing tissues in a most compact form in the pocketbook, pocket, or in any other convenient manner.

Referring now to the drawing, the present rolled form of individual package 10, shown in Fig. 1, is preferably made by folding one or more sheets of cleansing tissue 12 longitudinally to form a series of overlapping folded portions. The number of fold lines may comprise two, three, or four, depending upon the size and ultimate length of the rolled package to be produced. In Fig. 4 I have illustrated the preferred form in which the flat sheet of cleansing tissue is folded to form three plies 14, 15, 16 over two longitudinal fold lines 18, and after having been thus folded, the folded strip 12 is rolled from one end thereof toward the other end to produce the rolled package shown in Fig. 1.

In order to retain the rolled package in rolled form until it is desired to use the sheet, it is preferred to attach a band 20 to the inner side of the outermost ply 16, as shown in Fig. 4, and when the rolled operation is completed, to wrap the projecting portion of the band tightly about the rolled cleansing sheet. Adhesive 22 upon the band 20 adjacent the free end of the band may be used to detachably retain the band in its operative holding position and to produce the package shown in Fig. 1. The portion of the band 20 beyond the adhesive 22 provides a tab of sufficient length to be conveniently grasped by the fingers to readily break the adhesive connection.

When it is desired to use the sheet, the user breaks the adhesive bond between the free end of the band and the body of the band by grasping the tab in between one or more fingers and the thumb and pulling on the tab to unwind the band. Thereafter, by imparting a whipping motion to the band 20, using said band as a handle, the sheet or sheets unroll and the folds shake out, causing each rolled sheet to assume a flat sheet-like form ready for use as a handkerchief or for other cleansing purposes, as shown in Fig. 3.

When the cleansing sheet is to be used as a handkerchief, I have found that a convenient size of sheet comprises one 7½ x 9" folded in zigzag form about two spaced longitudinal lines, spaced

from one another and from each adjacent edge the distance of 2¾", which will comprise the length of the complete individual package shown in Fig. 1. Such a package approximates the size and appearance of a cigarette and lends itself to ready assembly with a number of others within an outer wrapper or container **24** to form a multi-unit package such as is illustrated in Fig. 2, approximating in appearance and size a package of cigarettes.

From the description thus far, it will be observed that the present rolled form of individual package enables one or more sheets of cleansing tissue to occupy minimum space and presents a simple and convenient unit which may be quickly and easily converted into the form of a flat sheet ready for use. The multi-unit package illustrated in Fig. 2 enables a supply of cleansing tissues to be carried in a pocketbook or pocket, or in any other convenient manner, by travelers and others desiring to utilize the same.

While it is preferred to utilize the tab **20** to retain the individual sheet in its rolled form, nevertheless other fastening means may be utilized if found more advantageous.

While the preferred embodiment of the invention has been herein illustrated and described, it will be understood that the invention may be embodied in other forms within the scope of the following claim.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

As a new article of manufacture, a rectangular sheet of cleansing tissue having the marginal portions thereof folded in opposite directions and along two spaced longitudinally extended fold lines to form a relatively narrow multi-ply strip, said strip being rolled into compact rolled form, and a relatively narrow band secured at one end thereof to the free end of the outer ply of said rolled strip, said band being wrapped about said rolled strip and having a portion thereof adjacent its other end adhesively but detachably connected to an underlying portion of said band to retain the sheet in rolled form until ready for use, said other end of said band being free and providing a tab of sufficient length to be easily grasped by the fingers to break said adhesive connection and unwrap said band from about the rolled sheet, said band serving as a handle when unwrapped for shaking the rolled and folded sheet into substantially flat form.

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