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Fig. 1

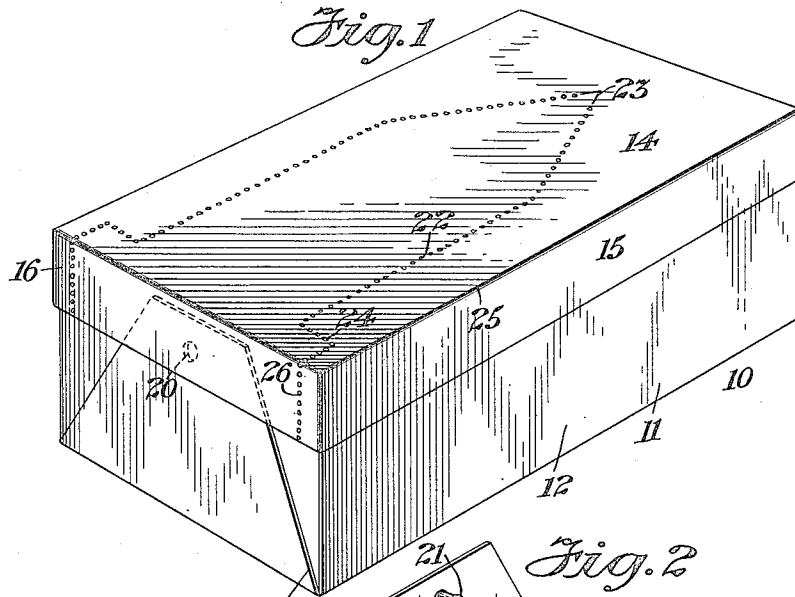
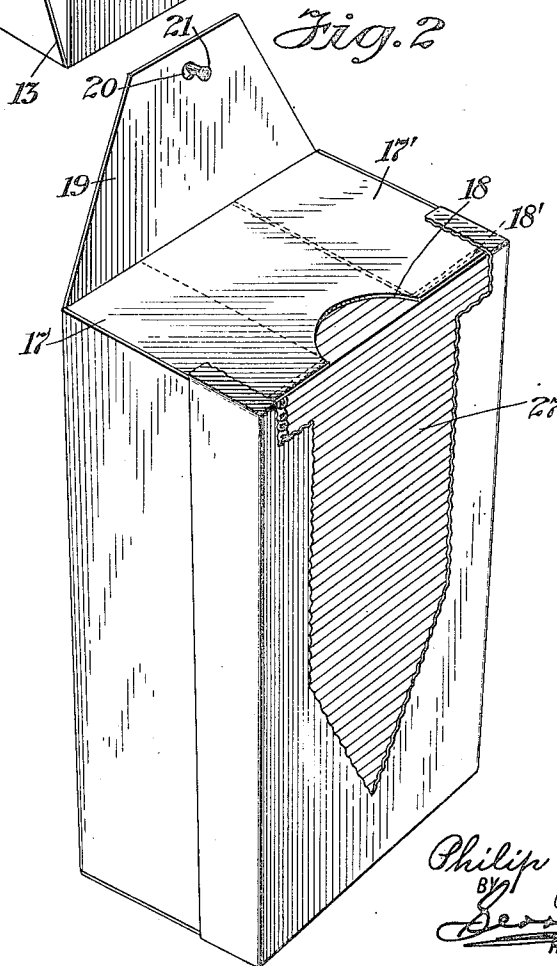


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIP ZALKIND, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Containers, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to containers for merchandise and more particularly to that type of such containers as are adapted to be used both as original receptacles and as dispensing receptacles from which the merchandise may be taken as wanted for use. I have herein shown and described my invention as applicable to a match box, but as will be understood it may be used with any other kind of merchandise for which it is adapted.

Containers of the general construction to which this invention relates have heretofore been made in various manners, but in all of the same so far as I am aware, a certain amount of the material which has been employed is unnecessary and consequently is wasted. For example, containers for matches, cigarettes, and other articles heretofore consisting necessarily of two parts, can now be made out of a single blank so as to consist of one part and serve the same purpose, with the additional advantage that the substitution or removal of the contents cannot be wrongfully made without detection. The primary object of my invention therefore is to effect a saving in the material employed in the manufacture of the container as well as to provide a means for easily opening and gaining access to the contents of the container which also acts as an indicator to determine whether the container when purchased contains the original contents, and at the same time provides a means for closing and keeping closed certain classes of containers which heretofore could not be closed in a simple manner. In the construction of a container made in accordance with this invention therefore there is preferably but a single thickness of wall employed and in a predetermined member forming a wall of the container, I provide a tongue or panel which is outlined by a series of perforations, scorings or slits along which the tongue or panel may be severed and if desired entirely removed from the wall of the container of which it

originally formed a part so as to gain access to the contents of the container as will be hereinafter more particularly described.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a container made in accordance with this invention, and

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the container in position for use after the tongue formed in one wall thereof has been removed.

Referring to the drawing it will be seen that I provide a container indicated at 10 which may be made up from a suitable blank or blanks of card-board or other similar material. In this form of container there is a body member or main receptacle provided with a cover which is suitably and permanently connected thereto. The bottom of the body of the container is indicated at 11, the side walls thereof at 12, and the end walls at 13, while the cover is designated by 14 and is provided with side members 15 and end members 16. The ends of the container are preferably formed by flaps which are turned over and secured to one another as indicated at 17, 17' in Fig. 2, and at one end of the container the outer flap is also secured by adhesive material or otherwise to these inner flaps, while at the opposite end of the container the outer flap 19 may be employed as a supporting or suspending member by being unsecured to the inner flaps and provided with a hole 20 to receive a peg or nail 21 so that after this flap has been turned out the container may be supported against a wall or in any other suitable position. The edge of the inner flaps 17, 17' as also indicated in Fig. 2 is preferably provided with a cutaway portion defined by the line indicated at 18 for the purpose hereinafter specified.

In this form of the container I provide in the cover, a predetermined line of perforations indicated at 22 defining a tongue or panel which may be torn along the lines of perforations so as to gain access to the contents of the container. It will be understood that instead of employing the line of perforations I may suitably slit or score the wall of the container to accomplish the same purpose. As shown in the drawing the lines of perforations 22 run parallel to each other and to the edges of the cover for predetermined distances and then converge ad-

jacent one end of the cover and terminate
 in slit or slotted portions indicated at 23
 in order to provide an end which is easily
 accessible and may be upturned by hand,
 without the need of any kind of tool or
 instrument to effect the initial tearing of
 the tongue along the perforated lines. At
 the opposite end of the cover these per-
 forated lines have angular portions 24 and
 25 and the lines of perforations extend in
 this instance through the end edge of the
 cover of the container as indicated at 26.
 In the formation of this container the
 parts are shaped and placed in position in
 the usual manner of manufacturing this
 form of container, with the outer flap 19
 at one end thereof unattached to the inner
 flaps thereby making a container in which
 matches 27 for example, may be packed.
 The cover 14 is then placed in position and
 the side members 15 as well as one end mem-
 ber secured to the adjacent portions of the
 body of the container by adhesive material
 or otherwise so as to permanently connect
 the cover to the body of the container while
 the opposite end member of the cover is not
 permanently secured to the body of the con-
 tainer and normally is adapted to maintain
 the flap 19 in position by the edge of the flap
 being tucked under this end member of the
 cover. Now as will be apparent to gain ac-
 cess to the contents of the container all that
 is necessary is to lift the end of the tongue
 at the slits indicated at 23 and tear the
 tongue along the perforated lines which
 also removes a portion of the unattached
 end member of the cover thereby both liber-
 ating the flap 19 and permitting the user
 to gain access to the interior of the container
 so as to remove the contents therefrom. As
 clearly indicated in Fig. 2 the flap 19 may be
 turned up and a pin or peg passed through
 the hole 20 therein so as to support the con-
 tainer against the wall thereby making the
 original container also a dispenser for
 matches or other articles packed therein.
 As is also indicated in Fig. 2, the end flaps
 17, 17' may be somewhat shorter than the
 corresponding sides in the opposite end of
 the container so as to leave a space 18'
 through which the matches may be readily
 passed in removing the same from the con-
 tainer, the cutaway portion 18 permitting

the user to readily grasp one or more matches in the fingers.

As hereinbefore stated it is to be dis-
 tinctly understood, while I have herein
 shown and described my invention as ap-
 plicable to a match box, its use is not so
 limited, as it may be employed to equal
 advantage in numerous forms of containers
 and the particular construction of the
 tongue or panel, and the manner in which
 the same is made, will depend upon both the
 form of the container and the merchandise
 which it is designed to contain.

I claim as my invention:

1. A container comprising a body includ-
 ing sides, ends, and a bottom, a flap unse-
 cured to and normally adapted to overlie one
 end of the body, a closure member for the
 body adapted at one portion thereof to nor-
 mally maintain the said flap against the ad-
 jacent end of the body, and a tongue defined
 by a line of perforations in the said closure
 member so that when the tongue is removed
 the said flap is freed and access obtained to
 the contents of the container.

2. A container comprising a body member
 and inner end flaps secured to one another,
 and an outer end flap unsecured to the inner
 end flaps, a cover fitting the body member
 and secured thereto along predetermined
 sides thereof so as normally to maintain the
 said unsecured flap at one end thereof in
 position, and a tongue defined by a line of
 perforations in the cover and extending over
 the side thereof which maintains the said
 unsecured flap in position so that when the
 tongue is removed along the line of per-
 forations the unsecured flap is freed and ac-
 cess obtained to the contents of the con-
 tainer.

3. In a container, a body having sides,
 ends, a bottom, and a closure member, a
 flap at one end of the body of the container,
 and a tongue defined by a line of perfora-
 tions in a predetermined part of the body of
 the container and so associated with the said
 flap that when the tongue is severed along
 said line of perforations, the flap is made
 available for use and access is obtained to
 the contents of the container.

Signed this 20th day of July, 1921.

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