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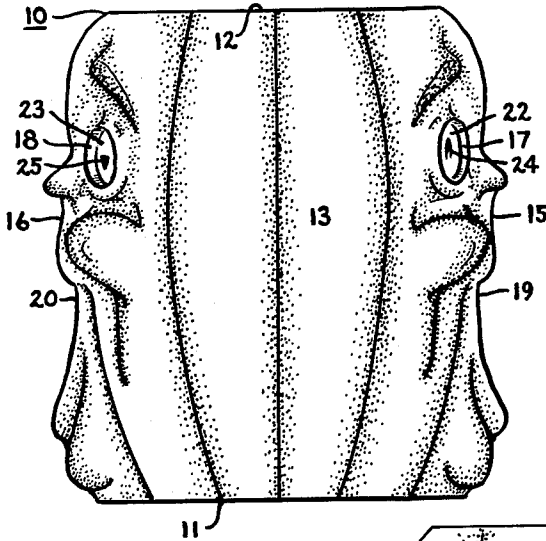


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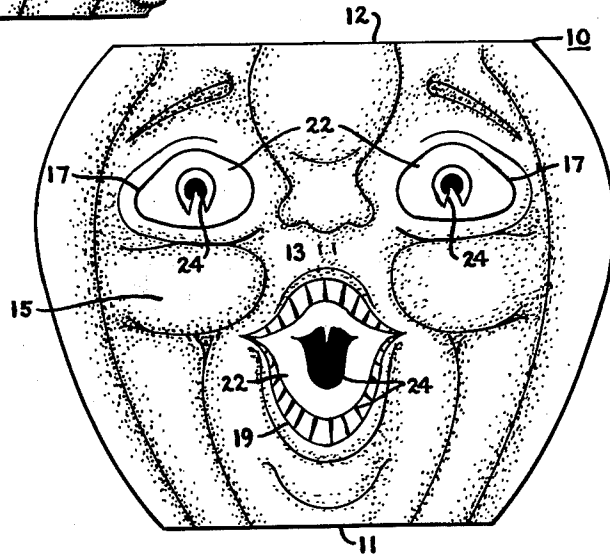
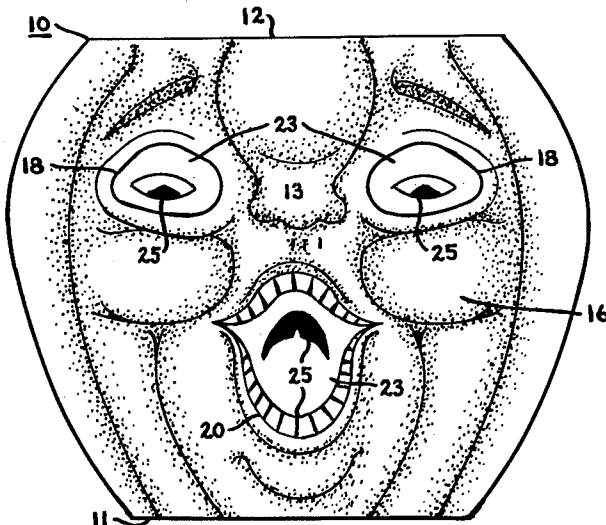


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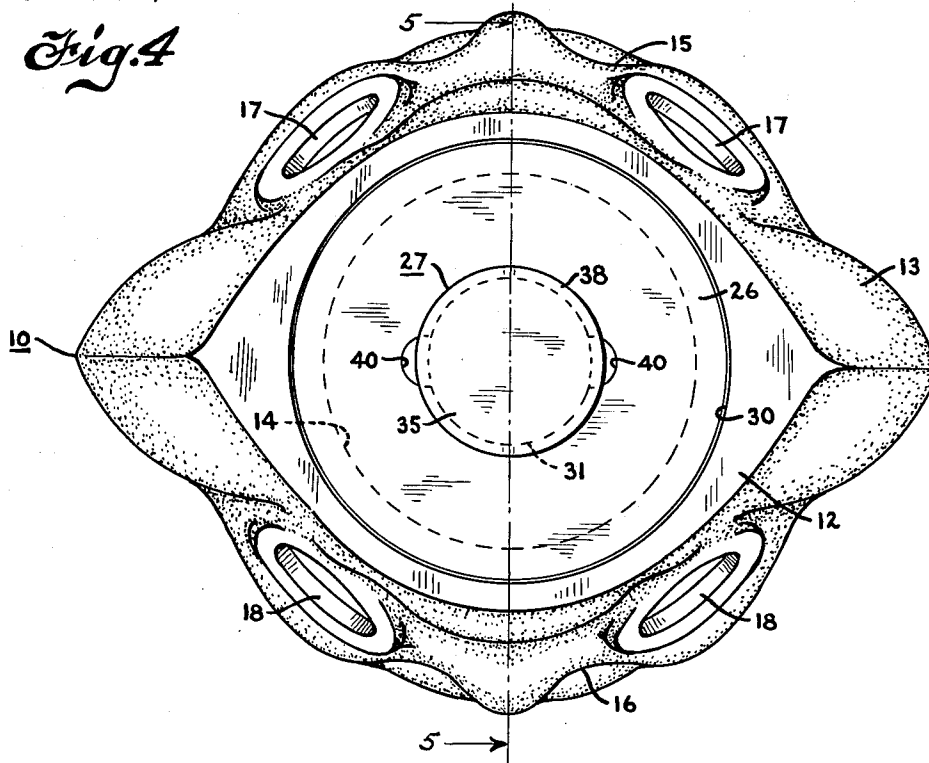
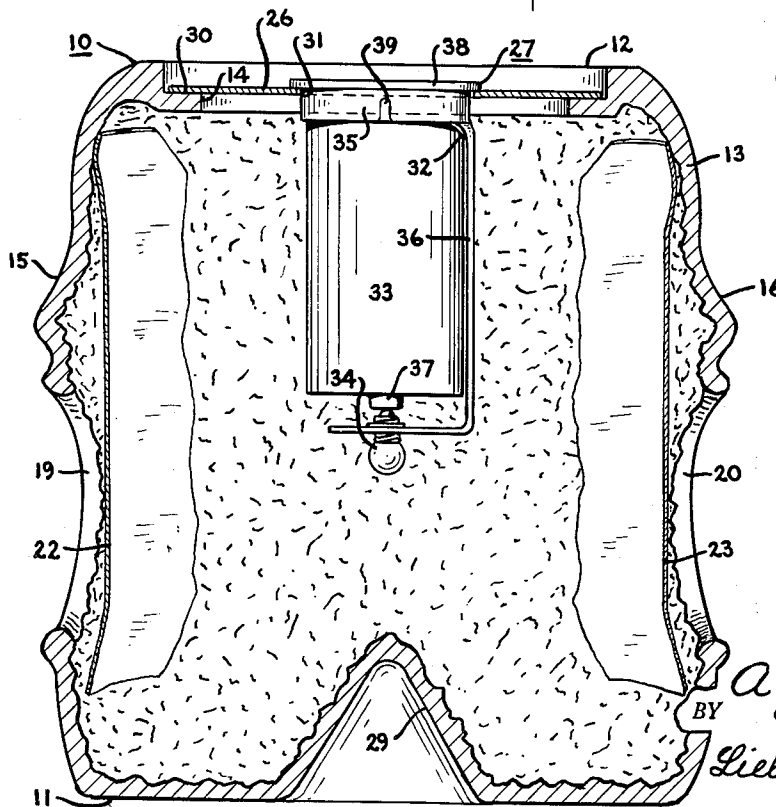


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The present invention relates generally to improve-
ments in the art of producing molded articles, and relates
more particularly to improvements in the construction
and assemblage of molded jack-o'-lanterns or the like.

A primary object of my present invention is to provide
an improved novelty item which is extremely simple,
compact and durable in construction and which is espe-
cially adapted to be readily manufactured of molded
pulp, plastic or similar material in large quantities and at
low cost.

A more specific object of my invention is to provide an
improved jack-o'-lantern which is formed with a pair of
oppositely directed faces molded directly in a hollow
unitary seamless molded pulp body to thereby present a
novel article which may be used to advantage as a table,
window or like decoration.

Another specific object of this invention is to provide a
new and improved two-faced jack-o'-lantern or the like
in which the facial expressions of the oppositely directed
faces may be readily changed at will with the aid of
flexible sheets bearing different indicia and insertable
within the device so as to be visible through the respective
eye and mouth openings or transparent portions.

Another specific object of the invention is to provide
an improved molded two-faced jack-o'-lantern which may
be readily illuminated in a safe and simple manner and
which may be used with maximum safety by children of
all ages.

Still another specific object of the invention is to
provide an improved novelty article in the nature of a
molded pulp or plastic jack-o'-lantern consisting of an
opaque hollow body or shell provided with oppositely
directed faces having transparent or translucent light-
transmitting eye and mouth portions or openings therein.

An additional specific object of the present invention is
to provide an improved article of manufacture compris-
ing, a hollow unitary seamless molded body of sub-
stantially uniform wall thickness throughout and having a
base and a top integrally connected by a continuous side
wall, either the base or the top having an access opening
therein communicating with the body interior, and the
side wall being formed with a pair of oppositely directed
facial representations each having transparent eye and
mouth portions also communicating with the body inter-
ior.

These and other specific objects and advantages of the
present invention will be apparent from the following
detailed description.

A clear conception of the several features constituting
my present invention, and of the mode of construction
and of utilizing molded double-faced jack-o'-lanterns
embodying the improvements, may be had by referring to
the drawings accompanying and forming a part of this
specification wherein like reference characters designate
the same or similar parts in the various views.

Fig. 1 is a side view of a typical two-faced jack-o'-
lantern formed of molded pulp and embodying my
present invention;

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Fig. 2 is a front view of the molded jack-o'-lantern of
Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a rear view of the same jack-o'-lantern;

Fig. 4 is a somewhat enlarged top view of the improved
two-faced jack-o'-lantern; and

Fig. 5 is a similarly enlarged transverse vertical section
through the assemblage, taken along the line 5—5 of
Fig. 4.

While the invention has been specifically shown and
described herein as being especially advantageously ap-
plicable to a halloween jack-o'-lantern embodying a par-
ticular similar facial representation on the opposite front
and rear faces thereof, it is not desired or intended to
unnecessarily restrict or limit the scope or utility of the
improvements by virtue of such limited embodiment,
since the invention may obviously be more generally ap-
plicable to novelty articles of various types and designs.

Referring to the drawings, the typical jack-o'-lantern
shown therein as embodying the invention comprises,
in general, a hollow unitary seamless molded pulp body
10 of substantially uniform wall thickness throughout
and having a base 11 and a top wall 12 integrally con-
nected by a continuous side wall 13, the top wall 12 being
formed with an access opening 14 therein communicating
with the body interior, and the side wall 13 being formed
with a pair of oppositely directed facial representations
15, 16 having eye openings 17, 18 respectively and mouth
openings 19, 20 respectively also communicating with the
body interior; a pair of flexible sheets 22, 23 disposed
within the hollow body 10 so as to respectively span the
set 17, 19 and the set 18, 20 of eye and mouth openings,
the flexible sheets 22, 23 being provided with indicia
24, 25 respectively which is exteriorly visible through the
respective sets 17, 19 and 18, 20 of eye and mouth open-
ings; a cover 26 removably cooperable with the top wall
or flange 12 to close the access opening 14; and a self-
contained light-emitting unit 27 associated with and de-
pending from the cover 26 for disposition within the
hollow body 10 through the top opening 14.

To somewhat reinforce the base 11 while providing an
annular seat for the hollow body 10, the base may be
formed with a central conical recess 29; and the top wall
12 may also be conveniently formed with an annular
recess 30 surrounding the access opening 14 to receive
and positively position the cover 26. While the hollow
body 10 may be molded in a manner whereby the op-
positely directed facial representations 15, 16 are of
somewhat different characteristics and appearance, these
facial representations 15, 16 may be similar or identical
as shown with the flexible sheets 22, 23 being formed of
paper or the like printed with somewhat dissimilar indicia
24, 25 respectively to thereby impart different expressions
to the respective faces 15, 16; and the sheets 22, 23 may
be conveniently adhesively secured at the upper portions
thereof to the inner surface of the wall 13 above the
respective sets 17, 19 and 18, 20 of eye and mouth
openings so as to permit ready assembling and interchag-
ing of the sheets 22, 23 if and when desired. As indicated,
the sheets 22, 23 may be formed of a suitable paper and
should preferably be sufficiently thin to permit transmittal
of light therethrough and to visually emphasize the
printed indicia thereon when the light-emitting unit 27
is active; and to facilitate packing and storage of the
devices as well as to bring the faces 15, 16 as near as
possible to the light source for maximum clarity and
effectiveness, the side wall 13 is preferably formed of
elliptical transverse cross-section as clearly appears from
Fig. 4. The self-contained lighting unit preferably used
in my improved assemblage is receivable within a central
opening 31 formed in the cover 26 and consists of a
unitary metal frame or fixture 32 for receiving and re-
taining an ordinary flash light battery 33 and an electric

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bulb 34, the frame 32 having an upper recessed cap 35 in which the battery 33 is seated and a depending L-shaped spring leg 36 spanning the side and opposite end of the battery 33 for holding the bulb 34 in contact with the battery contact post 37 to light the bulb when tightly screwed in position as shown in Fig. 5. The cap 35 of the fixture 32 is insertable through the cover opening 31 and is provided with an annular flange 38 coacting with the cover 26 to maintain the lighting unit in position; and if desired, the cap 35 may also be formed with one or more radiating wings or projections 39 insertable through widened portions 40 of the cover opening 31 and adapted to lock the unit 27 to the cover upon turning the cap 35 a partial turn.

From the foregoing detailed description, it is apparent that my present invention provides an improved novelty item which is extremely simple and durable in construction and which may furthermore be rapidly produced in large quantities from available materials at exceptionally low cost. The improved double-faced jack-o'-lanterns may be molded in a well-known manner from paper pulp, plastic or like materials and may be readily painted and assembled for use as Halloween gift items or the like. The oppositely directed faces 15, 16 may be of similar facial designs as indicated or of dissimilar design with the eyes and mouths in the opaque shell or body 10 consisting either of transparent or translucent portions or of openings as shown; and the facial representations on the opposite sides of the device may be given substantially different or dissimilar expressions by merely supplying dissimilar indicia on the respective inner flexible sheets 22, 23, the indicia on these sheets being visible through the respective sets of eye and mouth openings or transparent portions. In addition, the self-contained lighting unit 27 is entirely safe in operation and is exceptionally simple and inexpensive, and this lighting unit may be readily applied either to the cover 26, as shown, or the base may be provided with an opening for receiving the unit 27 for effectively illuminating the body 10 and for rendering the indicia printed on the flexible sheets 22, 23 clearly visible in the dark. The improved devices have proven extremely satisfactory and highly successful in actual commercial use, and these units may be used as premium attractions to promote the sale of commodities such as candy, nuts and the like. They may also be used as center pieces for table decorations or as novel window

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displays clearly visible from the interior and exterior.

It should be understood that it is not desired or intended to limit this invention to the exact details of construction or to the precise mode of use herein shown and described since various modifications within the scope of the appended claim may occur to persons skilled in the art to which this invention pertains.

I claim:

An article of manufacture comprising, a hollow unitary seamless molded pulp body of substantially uniform wall thickness throughout and having a flat base and an inwardly directed top flange integrally connected by a continuous side wall, said top flange defining a recess and an access opening therein communicating with the body interior, and said side wall being formed with a pair of oppositely directed similar facial representations each having eye and mouth openings of corresponding contour also communicating with the body interior, a pair of thin light transmitting flexible sheets each disposed within and secured at the upper portions only thereof to said side wall of said hollow body below said top flange and each spanning one set of said eye and mouth openings, said sheets each bearing dissimilar indicia thereon exteriorly visible through the respective sets of eye and mouth openings to impart of themselves different expressions to the respective facial representations, a cover removably cooperable with said top flange within the recess defined thereby to close said access opening, and a self-contained light emitting unit carried solely by said cover and depending therefrom for disposition through said top opening within the space defined by said hollow body and between and spaced from said sheets.

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