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Fig. 1.

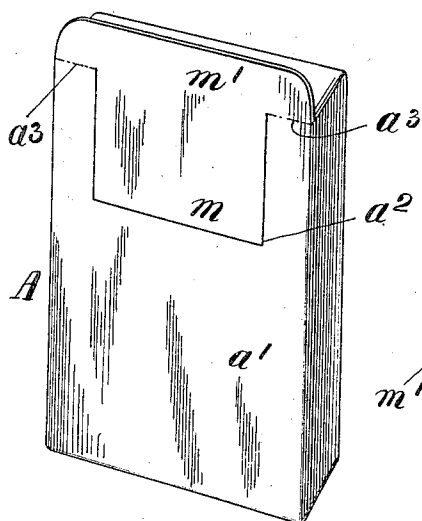


Fig. 2.

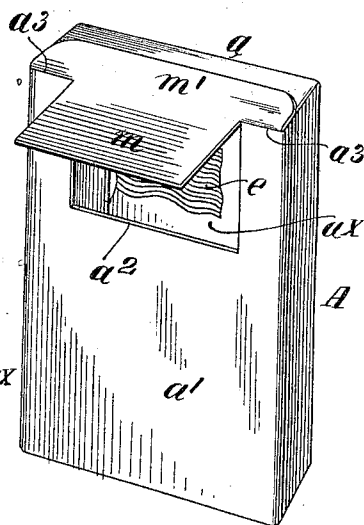


Fig. 4.

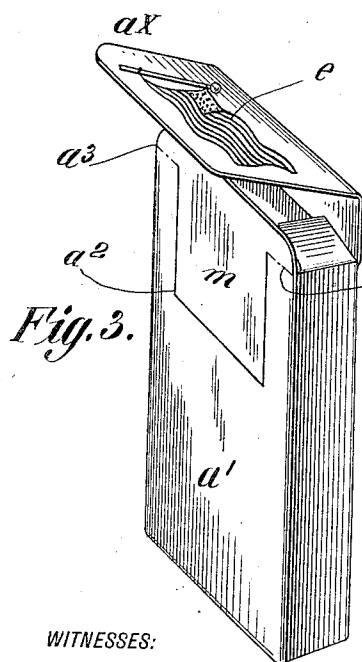
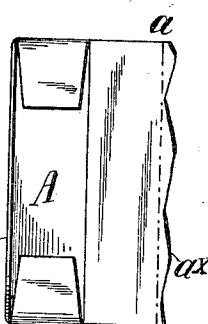


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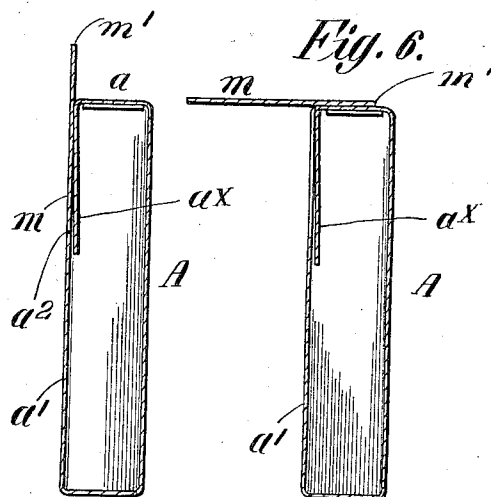
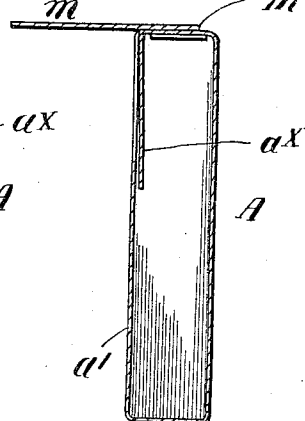


Fig. 5.

Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DONALD M. WALLACE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of South Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Packages, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is designed to afford a neat and "catchy" receptacle for confectionery &c.,—articles to be put up in attractive form for the retail trade.

It relates to the class of boxes or packages in which an end closure flap is intumed or tucked in behind the front (presumably) side of a rectangular structure consisting ordinarily of a single folded blank of stiff paper or light cardboard, according to the size and strength of receptacle required.

The invention consists essentially in forming the tongue of the intum closure flap of sufficient depth and area to have imposed upon its outer surface a design, picture, emblem, motto, or any embellishment desired, in conjunction with the formation on and in the front side wall of the receptacle of an articulative mask-shutter or blind adapted normally to cover and conceal the aforesaid embellishment on the tongue of the closure flap when the latter is folded into operative position,—said blind being formed with an extension beyond its axis of articulation to afford convenient means whereby the mask shutter may be turned and manipulated to expose the said embellishment on the tongue of the closure flap, all as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1, is a perspective view of my improved receptacle, closed; Fig. 2, is a similar view showing the mask-shutter opened to disclose the embellishment on the tongue of the closure flap; Fig. 3, is a perspective view of my novel receptacle with the closure-flap opened up; Fig. 4, is a top view of the open mouth of the receptacle showing the tongue of the closure flap broken away; Fig. 5, is a longitudinal section of the receptacle closed, with the mask-shutter in its normal position; Fig. 6, is a like view of the package showing the mask-shutter open.

As heretofore intimated the receptacle A, considered as a whole, may be made from a single blank of paper, card board, or other suitable sheet material, in a manner well

known in the art, although not necessarily so, as my invention herein relates essentially to the provision of the mask-shutter *m*, in conjunction with the specific construction of the closure flap *a*. Thus the mask-shutter *m*, consists by preference of a portion of the front side *a'*, of the receptacle cut or stamped out, as on the rectangular lines *a²*, *a²*, (Figs. 1, 2, and 3,) the width of the shutter *m*, below the top or mouth of the receptacle being positioned centrally and being less than that of the said front wall *a'*, so as to leave ligaments *a³*, *a³*, of the material on either side which act as hinges or articulative connections between the front wall *a'*, and the extension *m'*, of the shutter *m*, above and beyond the mouth of the receptacle. The connecting ligaments *a³*, *a³*, being of the blank itself and forming part of the front wall *a'*, of the receptacle, naturally tend constantly to close the shutter *m*, and hold it in alinement with the plane of the said front wall *a'*, as shown in Figs. 1, 3, 4, and 5. That is to say the ligaments *a³*, *a³*, are essentially retractile springs which retain their resilience long enough to answer the purpose in a package designed to be discarded after the removal of contents, and it is against this resilience that the extension *m'*, is used as a means of holding the shutter open, as shown in Figs. 2, and 6, to expose the embellishment *e*, before the package is opened.

The tongue *a^x*, of the closure flap *a*, is, as usual, made approximately as wide as the front wall *a'*, of the receptacle, so as to fit in snugly behind said front wall *a'*; and it is made of a depth at least as great as that of the mask-shutter *m*, so that when it is inserted in and through the mouth of the receptacle in effecting the closure of the latter it will fully cover the aperture in the front wall *a'*, created by the opening of the shutter *m*, as shown more particularly in Fig. 6.

e, represents an embellishment imposed in any manner desired on the outer surface of the closure tongue *a^x*, so as to be exposed to view when the shutter *m*, is opened,—under which condition the tongue *a^x*, of course covers the opening in the front wall *a'*, of the package, thereby preventing the escape of the contents thereof.

The package thus formed and embellished affords an attractive novelty for retail trade; and the embellishment may, obviously, be

changed or varied in course of manufacture to afford piquancy.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

5 1. A package of the character designated formed of a single piece of material and comprising a mask shutter formed as a continuation of the front wall and having ligaments serving by their resiliency to normally close said shutter and hold it in alignment with the plane of said front wall, said shutter having an extension above and beyond the mouth of said receptacle.

10 2. A package of the character designated, 15 consisting of a folded one piece blank of

suitable sheet material, the resultant receptacle having an aperture in its front wall, a mask shutter formed integral with the front wall and having a manipulatory extension above the end of the package, and 20 a closure flap the tongue of which is embellished in its outer surface and is also adapted to close said aperture in the front wall when the closure flap is in operative position, as and for the purpose set forth.

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