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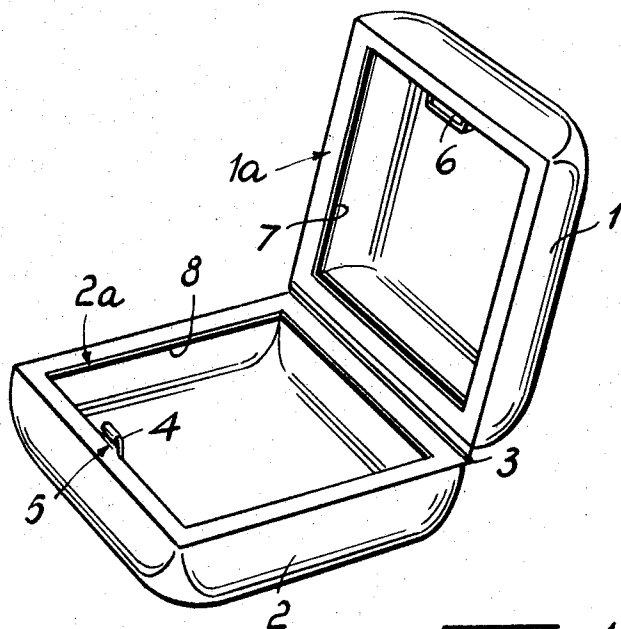


FIG. 1

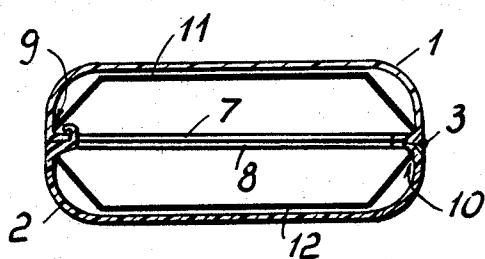


FIG. 2

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to a boxlike container having a boxlike bottom member and a lid member hingedly connected to each other at one length of their periphery. Both the bottom member and the lid member of this container are provided with an elastical stiff lining. The edges of the lining are engaged on the periphery of the relevant box member. The container is provided with a trip member through which the lid and the boxlike member are held in closed position. The container is suitable for jewels.

The present invention relates to a boxlike container for jewels having on the inner edges of the two shell-like portions, projections suitable for substantially mechanically retaining a lining or covering.

It is known that the containers in which jewels and the like are marketed consist of a stiff box generally of plastic material inside the shell-like portions of which, forming the container and the lid respectively linings or at any rate a material (generally cardboard covered with satin or velvet) of a certain superficial softness are inserted so as to provide a receptacle capable of avoiding every or any scratch on the elements placed therein and such as to form an aesthetically valuable unit.

The securing of the lining in jewel boxes at present is usually performed by means of adhesives but it is evident that in this way there are many and remarkable inconveniences, among which the principal are: a not very secure coupling due to the fact that between the two elements there often exist tensions sufficient to cause them to separate after some time, possibility of damaging, during the assembling of the inner lining the latter with adhesive, slowness in the affecting of the aforesaid coupling since it has to be done almost entirely by hand.

The object of the present invention is to carry out a box suitable for internally receiving a lining and adapted to eliminate, due to its structure, the aforesaid inconveniences.

More particularly an object is that of providing a box such that the inner lining can be stably secured in an essentially mechanical way so that soiling or at any rate damaging of the lining itself cannot occur.

A very important object is that of providing a container such that in relation to the engagement type of its inner lining, the edges of the latter do not remain visible, it being thus possible to avoid each and every finishing operation of such edges of the kind for example consisting of folding back on the rear side of the edges support the material forming the visible surface of the lining, thus making possible the assembling of the lining itself such as it is when it comes from the lining cutting step.

These and other objects are attained by the container, according to the present invention, which is characterized in that it has in at least one of the couple shell-like portions forming the unit and at the edges thereof projections capable of providing an undercut adapted to retain an inner lining, the latter being of essentially stiff nature.

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Further characteristics and advantages will better appear from a detailed description of a box according to the invention illustrated by way of an example in the accompanying drawing in which:

5 FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a box;

FIG. 2 is a section of the box showing the engagement that is made between the box itself and the inner lining.

Referring to the above figures in which the same elements are always indicated by the same reference numerals, a box is shown substantially consisting of a boxlike member 2 and of a lid member 1 of a material which is rather resilient and elastic. A web portion is shown at 3 which is substantially a continuation of the material of lid 1 extending without solution of continuity and with a reduced thickness to the member 2.

15 In the members 1 and 2 all around the edges 1a and 2a thereof, ridges 7 and 8 are provided which project towards the inside and define on each of said members recesses 9 and 10, respectively, designed to be engaged by the edges of inner linings 11 and 12.

20 On the boxlike member forming the bottom of the container a front notch 4 is provided on which there is a trip 5 adapted to engage with a notch 6 of the lid member 1, thus insuring the locking of the whole.

25 The opening of the container is performed by pressing the front side of the members 1 and 2 towards the inside thereof.

30 Thus, due to the resilient properties of the material of which the container is made, the trip 5 will release from the notch 6. The web portion 3, which in the closed condition of the container was kept folded up and under tensile stress to cooperate with the locking means, will rise the lid member 1 to the open condition.

The mounting of the lining is very easy.

35 The linings 11 and 12 are placed inside the two members 1 and 2, then the same are pressed so as to effect sufficient deformation to allow said elements to be introduced through the restricted section formed by the marginal ridges of the members 1 and 2 themselves. Once said restricted section is passed, said elements elastically return to normal size, and there peripheral edges remain permanently engaged with recess 9 and 10.

I claim:

45 1. A container comprising a likelike bottom member, a lid member for said boxlike member, a web portion at a length of the outer edges of said boxlike member and said lid member, said boxlike member and said lid member each having an internal peripheral ridge defining a peripheral recess, an inner lining of substantially stiff material in each of said boxlike and lid members and engaged in said peripheral recess, and locking means on the side opposite the side where said web portion is provided.

50 2. A container according to claim 1, wherein said web portion consists of a strip of an elastic and resilient material cooperating with said locking means.

55 3. A container according to claim 1 wherein said locking means consists of a notch projecting from the edge of said lid member and adapted to engage with a trip member provided on said boxlike member.

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