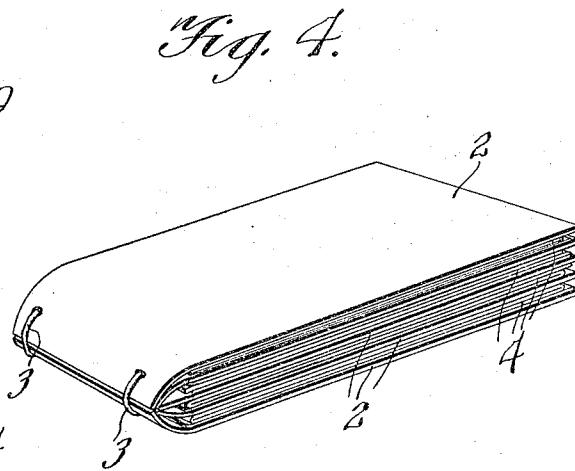
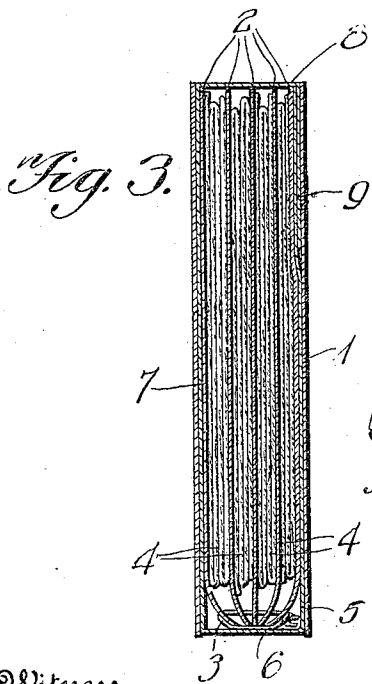
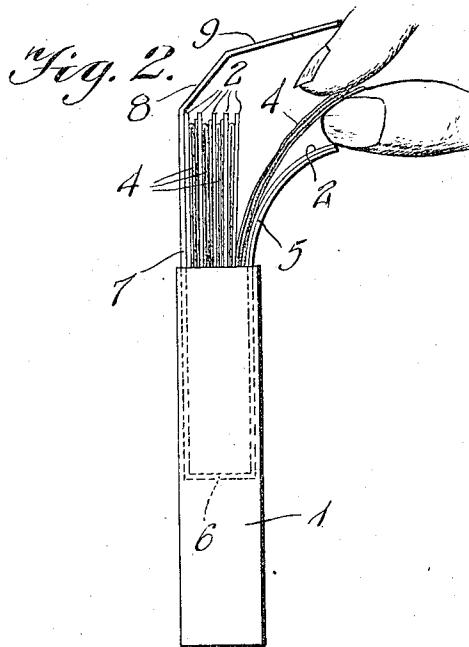
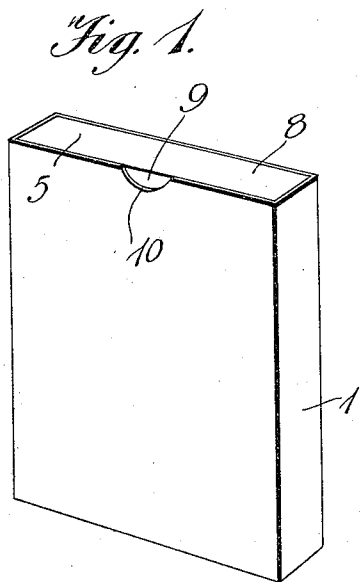


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER P. McCREA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Logansport, in the county of Cass and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bandage-Packets; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has for its object to provide a compact package of ready-cut sanitary bandages from which the latter may be removed as required without touching and probably infecting the remaining bandages.

With this general object in view, the invention resides in the novel packet herein described and claimed and shown in the accompanying drawing wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the packet;

Fig. 2 is an edge view showing the manner in which the bandages are removed;

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view of the packet; and,

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the flexible leaves and the bandages between them.

In the drawings above briefly described, the numeral 1 designates a substantially flat rectangular sheath open at both ends and preferably formed of glazed card board or other moisture resisting material. Within the sheath 1 are a plurality of rectangular leaves 2 of paper or other preferred material, said leaves being secured together at their lower ends by cords 3 or other simple means.

Any suitable number of ready-cut sanitary bandages 4 are folded into rectangular shape and disposed between the leaves 2, each bandage being preferably three feet in length and several inches in width. The folded bandages preferably have their upper ends spaced inwardly from the upper ends of the leaves 2 as shown, in order that the person removing one bandage will not touch the others.

A strip 5 of suitable material such as glazed card board, passes downwardly be-

tween the front side of the sheath 1 and the front leaf 2 and extends rearwardly beneath the joined ends of the leaves as seen at 6, said strip then passing upwardly at 7 between the rear leaf 2 and the rear side of the sheath 1. The strip 5 is then bent forwardly over the leaves and bandages as disclosed at 8 and terminates in a tab 9 extending into the sheath, the front of the latter preferably having a finger notch 10 for giving access to said tab in opening the packet.

The strip 5 is equal in width to the sheath 1 and forms therewith a tight carton for the bandages to prevent extraneous matter from coming into contact with the latter. This strip is also slidable in the sheath so that it serves to partially withdraw the leaves and bandages as shown in Fig. 2, thus permitting easy removal of one or more bandages as required. Since these bandages are already cut into proper length, no possibly infected instrument need be used, as is necessary in cutting a bandage strip of the type now used into lengths for individual bandages.

The packet may be carried conveniently in the pocket and is therefore well adapted for the use of soldiers, sailors, aeronauts and the like, in bandaging fresh wounds. The invention, however, is equally well adaptable for use in field and other hospitals and in fact wherever its use may be expedient.

The device is extremely simple and inexpensive, yet is highly convenient and efficient.

I claim:

A bandage packet comprising a substantially flat rectangular sheath of comparatively stiff material and open at both ends, a plurality of flexible rectangular leaves in said sheath and secured together at their lower ends, ready-cut sanitary bandages folded into rectangular shape and positioned between said leaves, and a strip of comparatively stiff material passing downwardly between the front leaf and the front of said sheath and passing rearwardly under said leaves, said strip then passing upwardly between the rear leaf and the rear side of said sheath and extending forwardly over the

leaves and then downwardly into the sheath, said strip forming with said sheath a carton for the leaves and bandages and being slidable within said sheath to provide means  
5 for partly withdrawing the leaves and bandages for removal of the latter.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set

my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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