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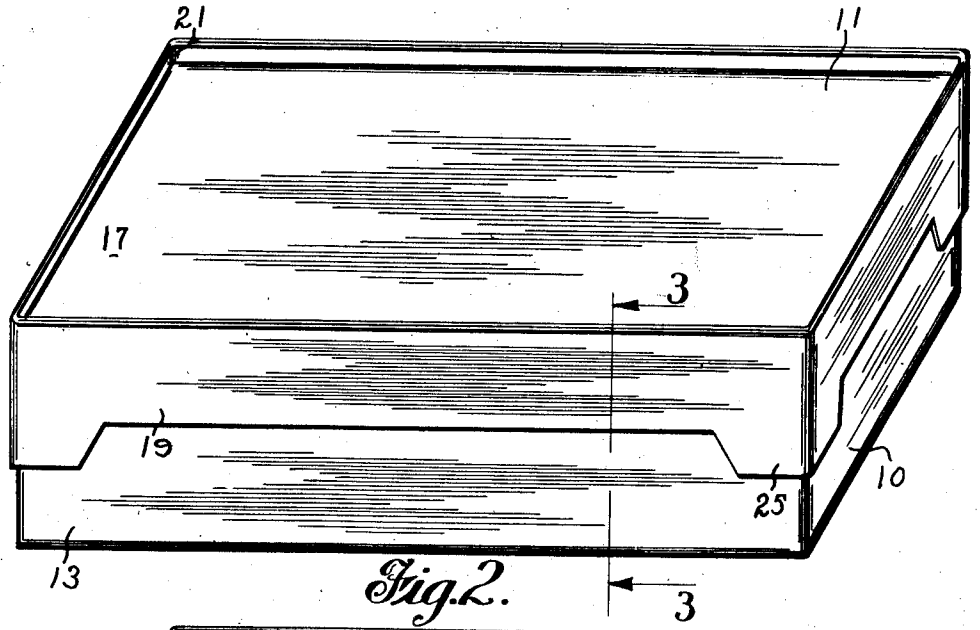
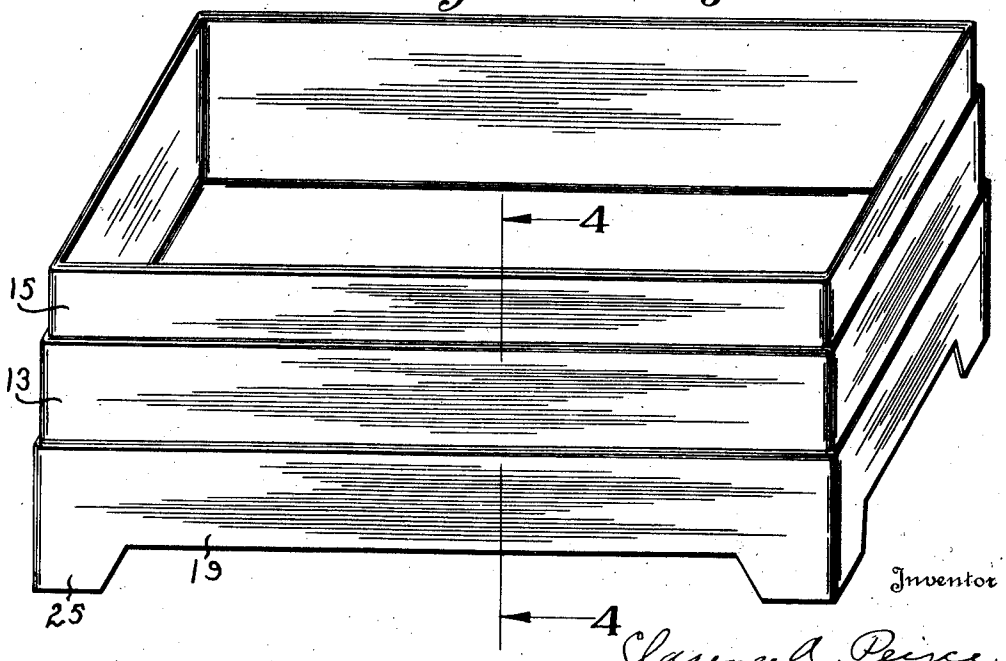


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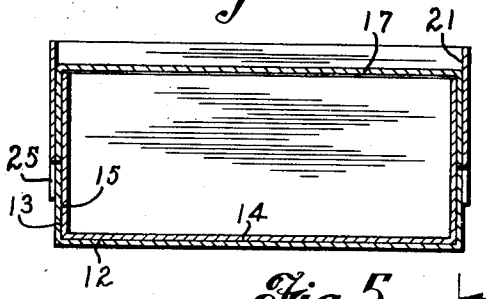


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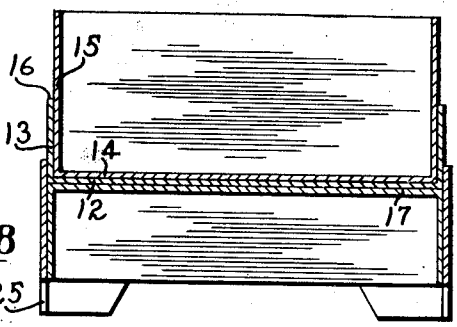


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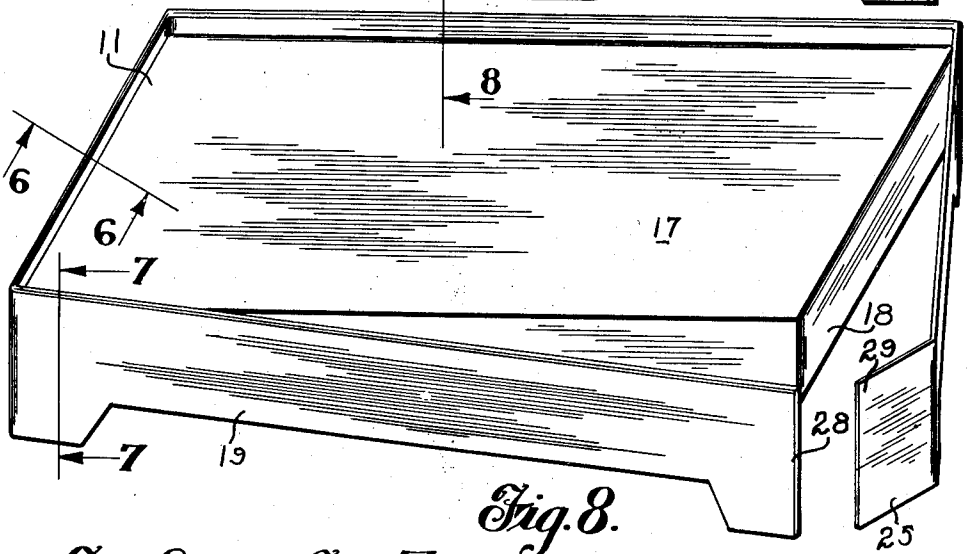


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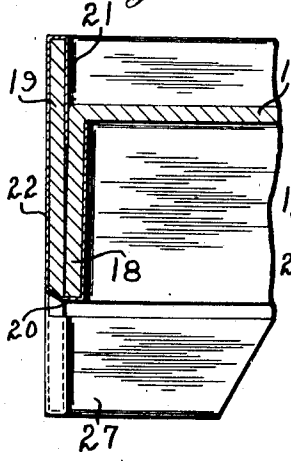
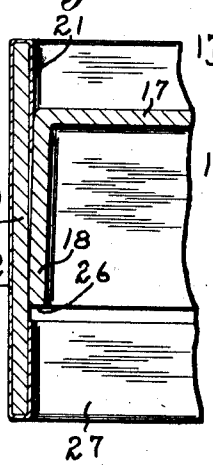
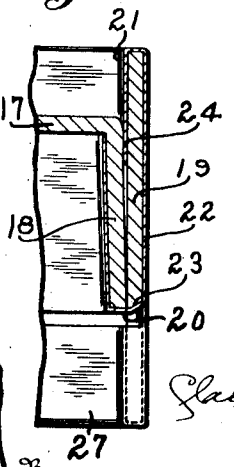


Fig. 7.





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This invention relates to containers or the like and, more particularly, to containers in the form of boxes which may be used for the reception of various kinds of material or articles and is perhaps particularly applicable to candy boxes or the like, although it will be understood that the invention is not necessarily limited to boxes of this character.

It is very often the case that when articles are purchased in boxes or containers the latter are not emptied, but the articles are displayed in or used from the boxes themselves and in such cases it is desirable to have containers which are attractive in appearance as well as strongly and durably made. In such instances a box so designed that the cover may be used as a base or rest for the box proper in such a manner that the box when seated upon the cover or base will resemble a chest in appearance, will be quite pleasing and attractive.

One object of my invention, therefore, is the provision of a box or container which may be so arranged when in use as to resemble a chest in appearance and which will be more attractive than similar articles in use at the present time and which will be adapted to a great variety of uses.

A further object of my invention is the provision of a box for candy or the like, having a cover so constructed that it may be used as a base or support for the box, the cover being provided with supporting devices which will space it from a base or table upon which it may rest and thus produce a chest effect in appearance.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a box or container of this character which may be durably and at the same time economically made and which will be more attractive in appearance than similar articles in use at the present time.

To these and other ends the invention consists in the novel features and combinations of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a box embodying my improvements with the cover thereon;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the box shown in Fig. 1, the cover in this instance being used as a base to support the box proper;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on line 4—4 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the box cover showing the manner of construction of the same;

Fig. 6 is a sectional view on line 6—6 of Fig. 5;

Fig. 7 is a sectional view on line 7—7 of Fig. 5; and

Fig. 8 is a sectional view on line 8—8 of Fig. 5.

The preferred embodiment of my invention which I have selected to illustrate and describe comprises a container consisting of a box proper designated generally by the reference numeral 10 and a cover similarly designated by the numeral 11. The box as shown in Fig. 3 consists of an outer portion 12 which may be provided with a bottom section and upstanding sides 13 and an inner portion provided with a bottom 14 and upstanding sides 15. The sides 15, are in the example shown, of greater height than the sides 13 of the exterior part of the box so that they project thereabove as clearly shown in Fig. 4, and the upper edges of the sides 13 form shoulders 16 upon which the cover is designed to rest, the upstanding sides 13 forming the usual reduced neck.

The box cover 11 is of particularly novel construction and comprises a lid 17 provided with the usual sides or flanges 18, the lower edges of which are designed to rest upon the shoulders 16 and properly position the cover upon the box.

About the sides or flanges 18 is secured a band 19 which conforms to the shape of the cover and is secured by a suitable means such as glue, or the like, to the flanges 18. This band is of somewhat greater width than the flanges 18 and is secured thereto in such a position that the lower edge of the band will be substantially flush with the lower edges of the flanges as shown at 20 in Figs. 6 and 8, the upper edge of the band projecting above the lid 17 of the box to form a projecting shoulder or rim 21 extending about the periphery of the lid. As may be seen from an inspection of Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawings, the lid 17 is of the same dimensions in respect to length and width as the exterior portion 12 of the box

proper so that the latter may be received upon this lid within the recess formed by the projecting edge or rim 21 of the band 19.

A covering of paper or the like 22 may be secured about the flange 18 and the band 19, as shown more particularly in Figs. 6 and 8 of the drawings, the paper referred to covering the lower edges 20 of the flange and band so as to give these two parts the appearance of an integral or unitary member. It will of course be understood that when the cover is in position upon the top of the box, the lower edge of the flange 18 will rest upon the shoulder 16, the lower edge of the band 19 projecting slightly beyond the side 13 to an extent substantially equal to the thickness of the band. To enhance the appearance of the box at this point the lower edge of the band 19 may be bevelled slightly, as shown at 23, before the application of the paper 22. As shown at 24 in Figs. 6, 7 and 8, the paper may be carried about the rim 21 and have its edge lodged between the flange 18 and the band 19.

At spaced points about the periphery of the box and preferably at the corners, if the box is polygonal in shape, the band may be provided with supporting feet or legs 25, which will usually be formed integrally with the band itself, which feet will serve when the cover is used as a base, as shown in Fig. 2, to space the box from the support upon which it may be placed. It will be understood that at the points where such feet or legs are provided, the rim or band will be greater in width than the flange 18 and will extend below this flange, as shown, the lower end of the flange presenting at such points a shoulder 26 to be received upon the shoulder 16 of the box proper. The covering paper 22 may also be carried about the supporting legs or feet 25 and turned upwardly upon the inside of these members as shown at 27.

The band 19 may as shown be formed in one piece, the free ends of which, 28 and 29, are joined together in overlapping relation when the band is secured about the lid. It will usually be desirable to place a suitable adhesive, such as glue or the like, between the flange 18 and band 19, to secure these parts together.

From the foregoing description it will be clear that when the cover is placed in position upon the box, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, a very attractive container will be produced. The legs or feet 25 of the cover may be properly ornamented so that the appearance of the box will be enhanced thereby. When it is desired to expose the contents of the box, the cover may be removed and the box placed within the recess formed by the rim 21, the bottom of the box resting upon the lid 17. In this manner the box will be supported in raised position upon a table or the like upon which it may be placed and will present the appearance of a chest. If desired the box may be ornamented or decorated in a way to improve its appearance and to bring out more strikingly the chest effect desired. The legs, for instance, may be colored to clearly set them apart from the remainder of the structure to bring about this result. It will be understood that if desired, the rim 21 may be provided at the corners only of the box and will not necessarily be continued about its entire periphery or, on the other hand, the band 19 may be of the same width throughout its entire extent so that when the cover is used as a base, the box will be supported upon the lower edge of this band instead of upon spaced supporting feet as shown.

While I have shown and described a preferred embodiment of my invention, it is understood that it is not to be limited to all the details shown and is capable of modification and variation within the spirit of the invention and within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A container or the like having a lid of substantially the same dimensions in length and width as the container itself, said lid being provided with a downwardly projecting flange adapted to embrace the container when the lid is in place, and said lid being provided with an upwardly projecting rim to embrace the bottom of the container when the lid is placed below the container to serve as a base.

2. A container or the like having a lid of substantially the same dimensions of length and width as the container itself, said lid being provided with a surrounding band, a part of said band projecting downwardly from the lid to embrace the container when the lid is in place, and a part projecting above the lid to embrace the bottom portion of the container when the lid is placed therebelow to serve as a base.

3. A container or the like having a lid of substantially the same dimensions of length and width as the container itself, said lid being provided with a surrounding band, a part of said band projecting downwardly from the lid to embrace the container when the lid is in place, and a part projecting above the lid to embrace the bottom portion of the container when the lid is placed therebelow to serve as a base, and the corners of said band being provided with downwardly projecting legs to space the band from a support or the like.

4. A box or like container having a lid, said lid being provided at one side thereof with a projection forming with the face of the lid a recess adapted to receive the lower part of the box, and provided at the other side with a depending flange to embrace the sides of the box when the lid is in place.

5. A box or the like, consisting of a body portion provided with a reduced upstanding neck, a lid for said box having a depending flange to embrace said neck when the lid is in place, said lid also being provided with an upstanding projection of greater dimensions than the flange designed to embrace the body portion of the box when the lid is placed therebelow as a base.

6. A box or the like, consisting of a body portion provided with a reduced upstanding neck, a lid for said box having a depending flange to embrace said neck when the lid is in place, said lid also being provided with an upstanding projection of greater dimensions than the flange designed to embrace the body portion of the box when the lid is placed therebelow as a base, and supporting legs upon said downwardly extending flange.

7. In combination with a container, a combined base and lid for said container, said combined element having an upwardly projecting peripheral rim within which the container is adapted to be received when said element is used as a base, and a downwardly projecting flange to embrace the upper edge of the container when said element is used as a lid.

8. In combination with a container, a combined base and lid for said container, said combined element having an upwardly projecting peripheral rim within which the container is adapted to be received when said element is used as a base, and a downwardly projecting flange to embrace the upper edge of the container when said element is used as a lid, and legs at the corners of said flange to space said element from a support or the like.

9. A cover for a container or the like, said cover comprising a lid and a surrounding flange to embrace the container when the lid is in place, and a band positioned about said flange, said band being provided with portions projecting above the lid.

10. A cover for a container or the like, said cover comprising a lid and a surrounding flange to embrace the container when the lid is in place, and a band positioned about said flange, said band being provided with portions projecting above the lid and below the flange.

11. A cover for a box or a like container, comprising a lid having a surrounding flange to embrace the container when the lid is in place, and a band embracing said flange, said band being greater in width than the flange and projecting above the lid at its upper edge.

12. A cover for a box or a like container, comprising a lid having a surrounding flange, and a band embracing said flange, said band being greater in width than the flange and projecting above the lid at its upper edge, and having a lower edge substantially flush with the lower edge of the flange.

13. A cover for a box or a like container, comprising a lid having a surrounding flange, and a band embracing said flange, said band being greater in width than the flange and projecting above the lid at its upper edge, and having its lower edge substantially flush with the lower edge of the flange, and the lower edge of said band being bevelled substantially as described.

14. A cover for a box or a like container, comprising a lid having a surrounding flange to embrace the container when the lid is in place, and a band embracing said flange, said band being greater in width than the flange and having portions projecting beyond said lid and flange in both directions.

15. A container comprising a box proper provided with a shoulder intermediate the height of the sides thereof, a cover for said box comprising a lid having a surrounding flange, the lower edge of which is designed to sit on said shoulder, and a band surrounding said flange, said band being provided with depending portions adapted to project below and disposed exteriorly of said shoulder.

16. A container comprising a box proper provided with a shoulder intermediate the height of the sides thereof, a cover for said box comprising a lid having a surrounding flange, the lower edge of which is designed to sit on said shoulder, and a band surrounding said flange, said band being provided with depending portions adapted to project below and disposed exteriorly of said shoulder, and with an upwardly projecting portion designed to provide an upwardly facing recess in conjunction with the lid.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this 15 day of May, 1924.

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