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 SAMPLE PACKAGE.
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Fig. 1.

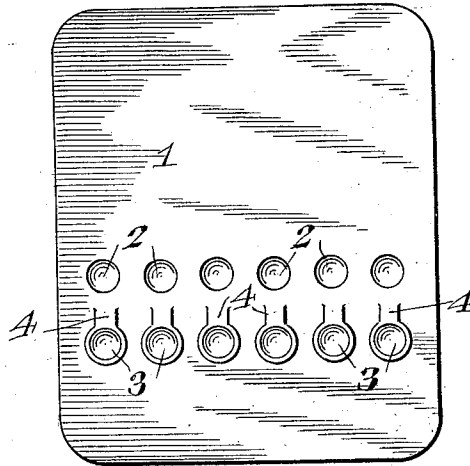


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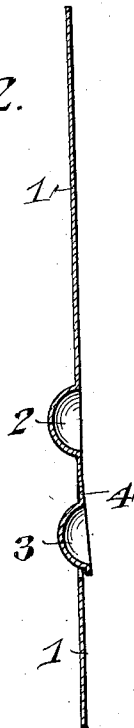


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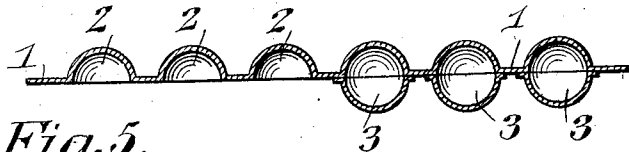


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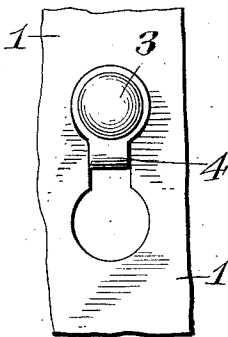
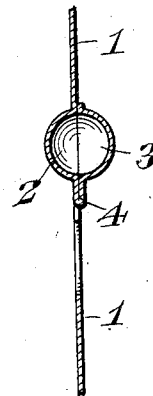


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES MAXWELL BULLOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Sample-Package, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a sample package.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of sample packages, and to provide a simple, practical and inexpensive sample package, designed for holding pills and adapted to enable a sample of the same to be mailed in an ordinary envelop.

A further object of the invention is to provide a neat and attractive sample package of this character adapted to be stamped in a single piece from sheet metal, or other material, and capable of enabling sample pills to be easily and quickly placed in the package and safely and securely held by the same, and adapted also to afford ready access to the pills individually, so that one or more may be removed from the sample package as desired.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction and novel combination of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended; it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size and minor details of construction, within the scope of the claim, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawing:—Figure 1 is a plan view of a sample package, constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged longitudinal sectional view of the same, showing one of the caps before bending. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view through the row of depressions with some of the caps bent over the same. Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail longitudinal sectional view, showing a cap bent over its companion depression. Fig. 5 is an enlarged plan view of a portion of the sample package, illustrating the manner of arranging the caps over the depressions.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawing.

In the accompanying drawing in which is

illustrated the preferred embodiment of the invention, 1 designates a sheet or card preferably of rectangular form, constructed of sheet metal, or other suitable material and provided with concavo-convex or cup-shaped depressions 2, stamped or otherwise formed in the sheet metal and adapted to receive sample pills, which are covered and confined in the depressions 2 by concavo-convex caps 3. The cup-shaped depressions 2 and caps 3 are shown in a transverse row in the accompanying drawing, but it will be readily understood that they may be of any preferred number and may be arranged in any desired manner on a sheet or card of rectangular or other form. The card or sheet is designed to be of a size to enable it to be readily mailed in an ordinary envelop.

The concavo-convex or cup-shaped caps 3, which are located opposite their respective companion depressions, are cut from the material of the sheet or card 1, and the latter is provided with parallel slits leading from the cups and terminating midway between the same and the depressions and forming oblong necks 4 of a length approximately one half the length of the space between the caps and the depressions. The necks 4 permit the caps 3 to be bent or folded over the depressions 2 to cover and confine sample pills in the depressions, as clearly illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawing. The pills are completely incased and are protected by the cup-shaped depressions and caps, which form round metallic casings or housings for the pills, so that there is no liability of the sample pills being crushed or otherwise injured during transit through the mails. The flexible metallic necks 4 retain the caps over the depressions and enable the caps to be readily bent outwardly to afford access to the contents of a mailing sample package. One or more of the caps may be opened so that any desired number of pills may be removed without disturbing the other pills.

What is claimed is:—

A sample package consisting of a card or sheet provided with a plurality of substantially concavo-convex cup-shaped depressions and having a corresponding plurality of integral concavo-convex cup-shaped caps cut from the sheet or card in spaced relation with the depressions, said card or sheet having parallel slits leading from the caps

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5 between the depressions and the caps and
permitting the latter to be bent or folded
over upon the depressions.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing
as my own, I have hereto affixed my signa-
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