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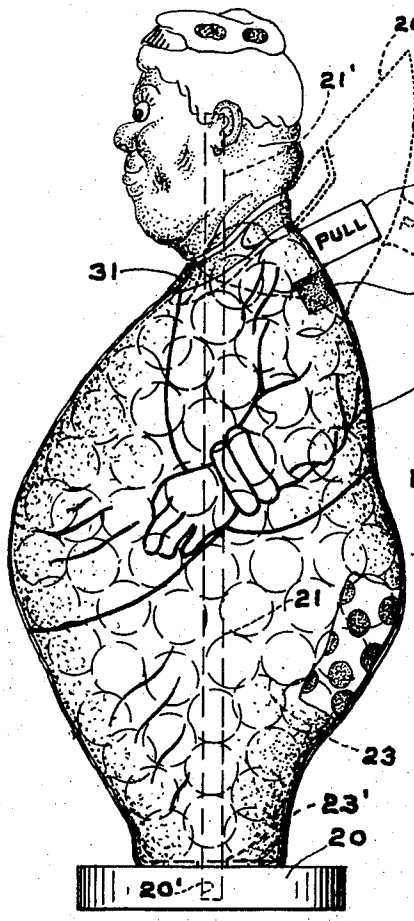


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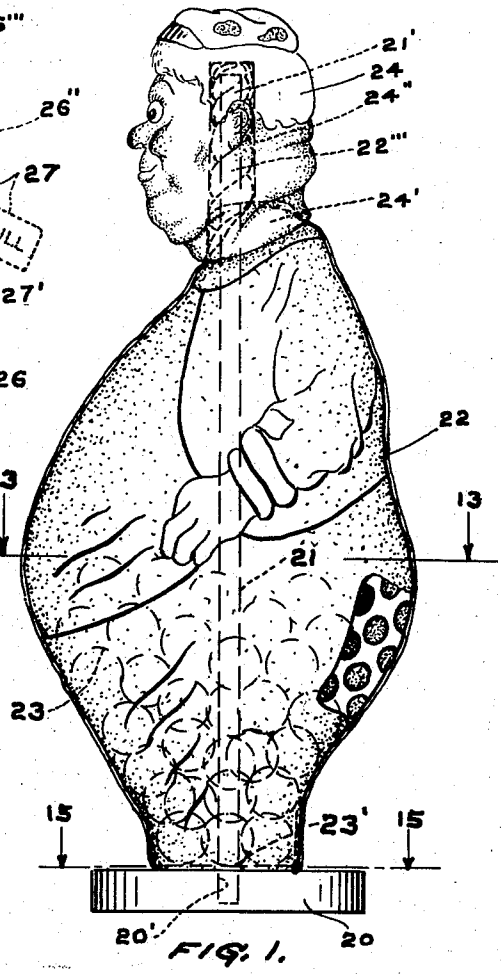


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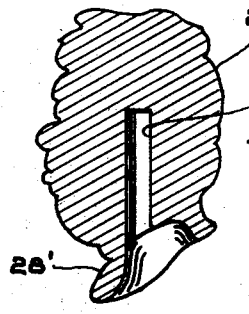


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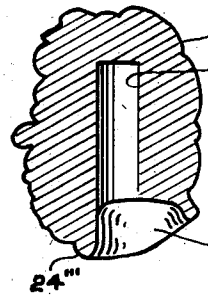


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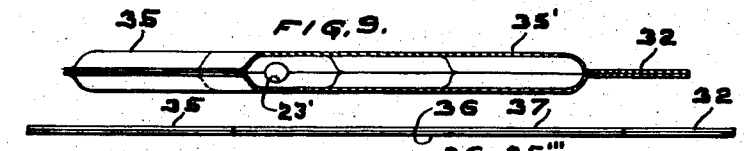


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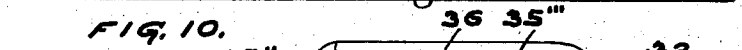


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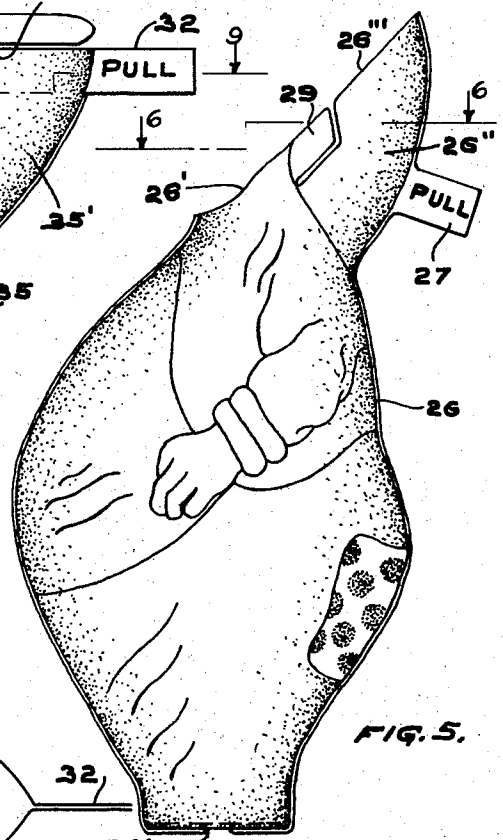


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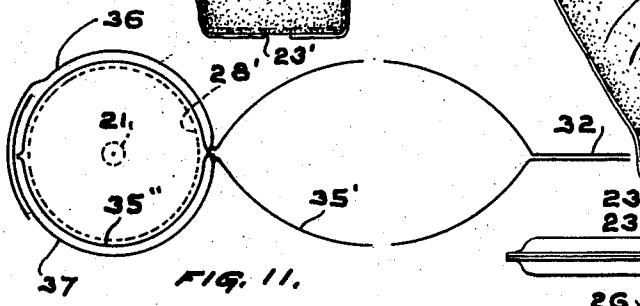


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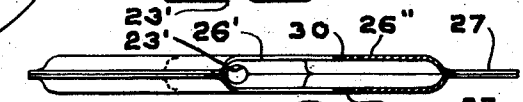


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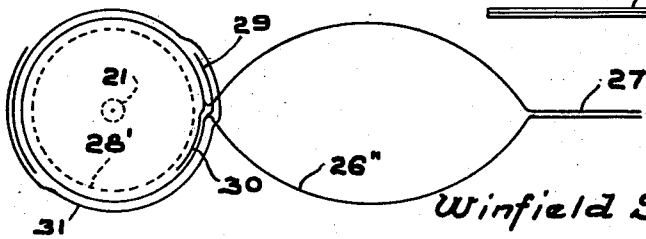


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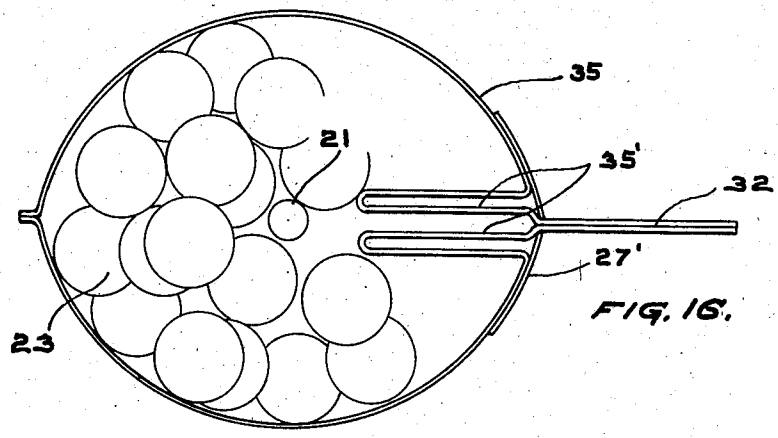


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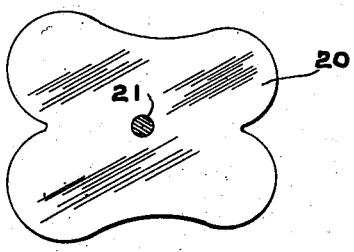


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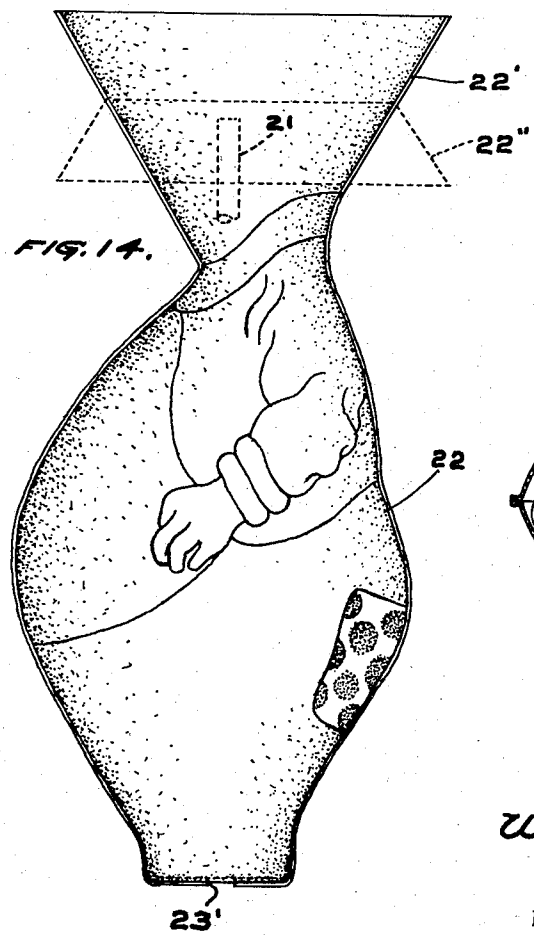


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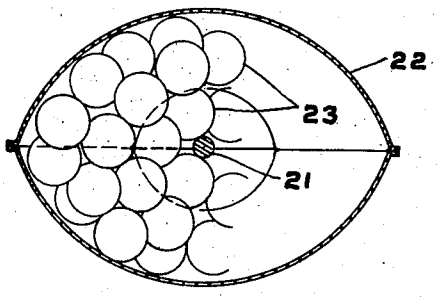


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The present invention relates to a novel package, particularly for candies, and is so designed and constructed as to portray a character of some kind, particularly some of the well known characters such as Joe Palooka, the Little King and others who lean toward a robust build.

The present illustration represents the character Pennyworth Humphrey, a character created by the artist Ham Fisher, however, any other known or created character may be used in making up the design of the package.

One object of the invention is to provide a candy package in a form to portray a certain character, whether it be one of those that is already known or an entirely different character.

Another object of the invention is to provide a package that may be usable as an ornament or a toy after the original contents have been removed.

While several objects of the invention have been set forth, other objects may become apparent to those skilled in the art as the nature of the invention is more fully disclosed which includes its novel construction, the combination of its several parts, including its uses and advantages, all of which are illustrated and described in the following detail description. In the illustrations:

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of one form of the package.

Figure 2 is a view in side elevation of a modified form of package.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on the plane of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on the plane of Figure 2.

Figure 5 is a view in side elevation of the container portion only of the package shown in Figure 2.

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken along line 6—6 of Figure 5.

Figure 7 is a plan view of the container shown in Figure 6 when in a flattened state.

Figure 8 is a modified form of container similar to that shown in Figure 5.

Figure 9 is a sectional view on line 9—9 of Figure 8.

Figure 10 is a plan view of the container shown in Figure 9 when in a flattened state.

Figure 11 is a diagrammatical plan view of the container illustrated in Figure 8.

Figure 12 is a diagrammatical plan view of the container illustrated in Figure 5.

Figure 13 is a sectional view of the container taken along line 13—13 in Figure 1.

Figure 14 is a view in side elevation of the type container as used and illustrated with the package shown in Figure 1.

Figure 15 is a sectional view taken on line 15—15 of Figure 1.

Figure 16 is an enlarged diagrammatical view illustrating the manner of folding the extended portion of the mouth or the separate opening adjacent the mouth of the container within the body thereof, and for convenience the view is representative of the container 35 illustrated in Figure 8.

In the description, like numerals are used to point out like and similar parts of the article throughout the several views of the drawings.

Referring to Figures 1 and 14, the package comprises principally a base or support 20, which is formed in a general way similar to a pair of feet or shoes. Extending upwardly from the base is a vertical stem or standard 21 to provide a head supporting means such as a wooden or plastic stick or a wire frame. About the standard 21 is a pliable container 22, preferably of transparent material such as polyethlene, which is now being generally used for containers. The containers are formed and printed to portray the dress of some character, and the complete package is made up to represent the character and his dress. The package may be made up to represent any desired character whether already known or created. The merchandise at present intended to be used in the package is a form of candy in small pieces. The container has a normal mouth 22'. After the container is filled the mouth is folded down as shown in dotted lines in Figure 14 at 22''. The mouth is then twisted as shown at 22''' in Figure 1. This portion of the mouth is normally held closed, unless it is desired to remove one or more of the candies. The twisted mouth is then wrapped about and over the top of the standard 21. Over the standard and wrapped end of the container there is placed an apertured head 24 to prevent the mouth from untwisting and for holding the wrapped end in extended position on the standard. As just mentioned, the head holds the container mouth closed and also helps retain it about the upper end 21' of the standard 21, the head being a part of the package.

The head is provided with a reces 24' and an aperture 24'' of such diameter as to receive the upper end of the standard 21, plus the thickness of the twisted upper end 22''' of the container, which has been previously wrapped about the upper end 21' of the standard 21. The height of the container and the standard are such that when the head is extended over the upper end of the standard and the twisted upper end of the container, the neck portion 24''' of the head fits down to a point on the container 22 representing the shoulder of the particular character. A hole 23' in the container is made for the stem 21.

In filling and opening the package of this form, that is, the forms shown in Figures 1 and 14, the procedure is preferably as follows; the standard 21 is first inserted in the opening 20' of the base where it is tightly held. The container 22 is then placed over the standard and the container is then filled with the selected materials, or articles 23. The upper end of the container is then twisted, closing the mouth of the container, after which it is wrapped about the upper end 21' of the standard 21. The head is then placed over the upper end of the standard and the twisted end of the container as illustrated in Figure 1. This completes the packaging as it applies to this particular form. To remove the contents, the head is removed and the upper end of the container untwisted, opening the mouth of the container.

Another form of package is shown in Figures 2 and 5 and is very similar to that shown in Figures 1 and 14. This modified form shows a container 26, which is particularly illustrated in Figure 5. This container is provided with a normal mouth 26' and an extended portion 26'' having a mouth 26''' which is a continuation of the normal mouth 26', the lower portion of the container being substantially the same as that described for Figure 1. The container is filled through its normal and extended mouth before the head is mounted on the stand-

ard. For this modified form there is provided a modified head **28**, as shown in Figure 4. This head is provided with an extended neck portion **28'** and an aperture **28''** which is of such size as to snugly fit the upper end of the standard. After the container in Figure 5 has been filled, the portion **26''** of the container is then folded into the container similar to that shown in Figure 16 leaving a portion in the form of a tab **27** outside the container for manual engagement in order that the extended portion of the mouth may be opened manually by pulling the tab **27**. The extended portion **26''** of the mouth is kept normally closed by a suitable seal **27'**, which is adapted to be easily broken when a normal pull on the portion **27** is made. In this modification the container may be conveniently opened without removing the head, which is necessary with the form shown in Figures 1 and 14. The head is placed upon the upper end **21'** of the standard **21**, as shown in Figure 2. The small tabs **29** and **30** are wrapped around the neck portion **28'** and a separate piece of strip material **31** is then wrapped about the neck portion as shown in Figures 2 and 12.

Still another modified container is shown in Figure 8. This container is very similar to that shown in Figure 5. It is provided with a pliable container **35**, the lower portion being substantially the same as that shown in Figure 5. The upper portion of the container being provided with an extended portion **36'** having a normal mouth opening **35''** and an extended opening **35'''** substantially larger than that shown for the container in Figure 5. This container is adapted to be filled after the package has been completely assembled including placing the head on the standard **21**. In this form there is provided a larger extended opening than that shown for the package in Figure 5. The upper edge **35''** of the extended open portion **35'** extends along a general horizontal line. This form is designed to provide for the assembly of the base, container and the head prior to the filling of the container. The assembly of this form is carried out in substantially the same manner as that for the package shown and described for Figures 2 and 5, with the exception that the container is provided with long tabs **36** and **37**, which are wrapped about the neck portion of the head after the mouth portion **35''** has been placed about the neck portion **28'** of the head, which makes unnecessary the use of the separate piece **31**. When the container is filled the portion **35'** is folded into the container, as shown in Figure 16 and is held in place by the seal **27'**. The extended mouth portion **35'** of the container **35** is opened by exerting a pull on the table **32** which will break the seal as illustrated at **27'** in Figure 16.

While the several forms of containers have certain specific differences, they are all constructed along similar lines and are on the same principles.

After the package has been emptied of its original contents, the container may be filled with cotton or other suitable material to be used for an ornament or a toy, or the package may be replenished with candy, or with whatever materials it originally carried.

Of course, it is not intended that the invention be limited to the exact details of construction herein shown and described as these may be varied within the scope of the appended claims.

Having illustrated and described the invention, what is claimed as new and useful and desired to be covered by United States Letters Patent is:

1. A characterized article package adapted to simulate a particular character, comprising a base, a support for

said package of at least one rigid rodlike member having a head representing the facial features of the character carried on it upper end and its opposite end fixed to the base and extending vertically from the upper surface of the base, a container for articles in the form of an open end flexible bag portraying the body configuration of said character, the rodlike portion of the supporting member extending through the open end of the bag and an aperture at the bottom of the bag, the bag having its open end fixed about the upper end of the support, the rodlike portion of the support extending throughout the vertical height of the bag, maintaining the flexible bag in its original extended vertical position after the articles have been removed.

2. A characterized article package adapted to simulate a particular character, a base for supporting the package, the package having at least one rod like rigid support for supporting the package in a vertical position having one end fixed upon the base and its opposite end extending upwardly therefrom, a head representing the facial features of said character including an aperture extending inwardly from without and substantially centrally of the underside of the head, the upper end of the support being receivable within the aperture in the underside of the head for supporting the head in a position above the base, a container in the form of a flexible open mouth bag for said articles portraying the garment of said character, the bottom of the bag adapted to rest on the upper surface of the base and having its mouth secured about the lower portion of the head, the support extending throughout the vertical height of the bag maintaining the flexible bag in its original extended vertical position after the articles are removed.

3. A characterized article package adapted to simulate a particular character, a base for supporting the package, the package having at least one rod like rigid support for supporting the package in a vertical position having one end fixed upon the base and its opposite end extending upwardly therefrom, a head including a neck portion representing the facial features of said character including an aperture extending inwardly from without and substantially centrally of the underside of the head, the upper end of the support being receivable within the aperture in the underside of the head for supporting the head in a position above the base, a container in the form of an open mouth flexible bag for said articles portraying the garment of said character, the bottom of the bag being adapted to rest on the upper surface of the base having its upper end secured about the neck a tie securing the open end of the bag about the neck portion, the support extending through the entire vertical height of the bag for maintaining the flexible bag always in its original extended vertical position, a folded section in the back of the bag adjacent its top adapted to form an opening in the bag when the section is unfolded.

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