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PAPER NAPKINS AND PACKAGE THEREOF

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FIG. 1.

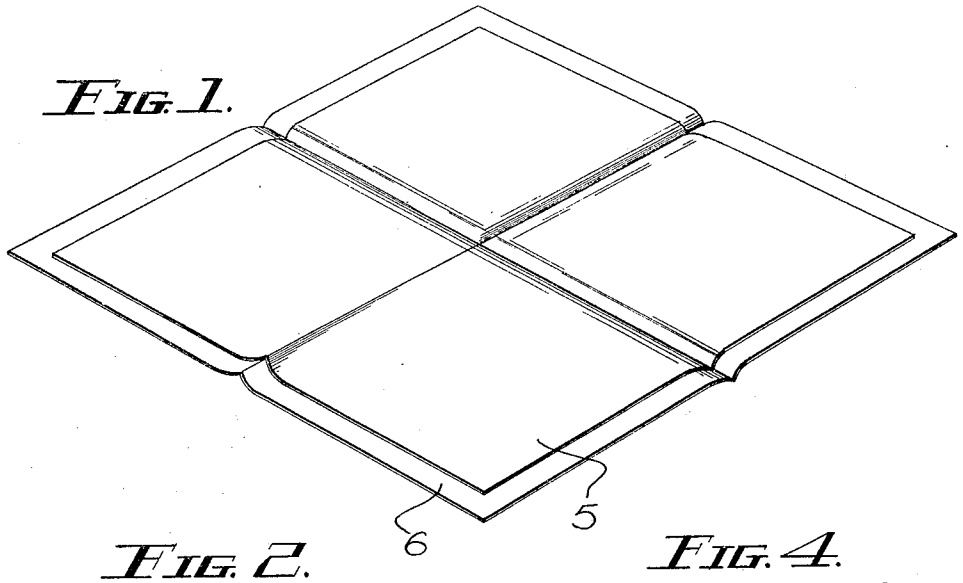


FIG. 2.

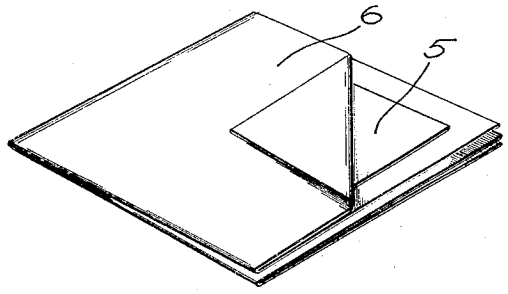


FIG. 4.

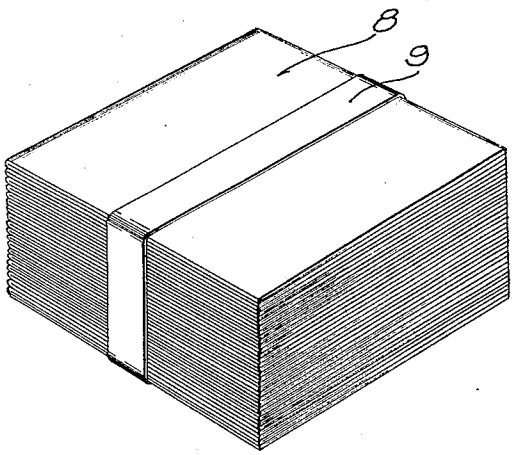
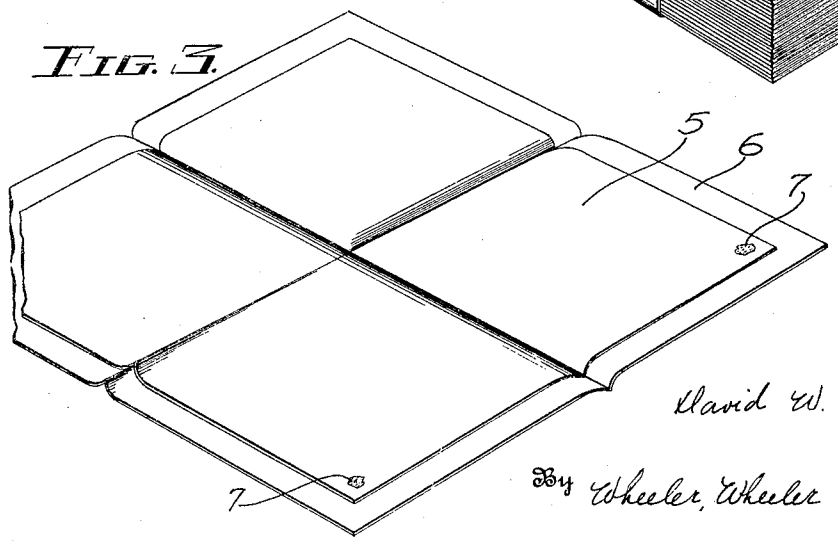


FIG. 3.



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This invention relates to improvements in paper napkins and packages thereof.

It is the object of the invention to insure sanitation by folding each paper napkin into a larger napkin or wrapper which will project sufficiently at all margins to protect the inner napkin from any probability of its being soiled and yet will not require sealing or fastening thereabout. A person using a napkin enfolded in a protective cover in accordance with this invention may take the napkin with its cover from an exposed stack in a lunch room or the like with reasonable certainty that no previous patron of the lunch room has touched any more than the outer or protective cover.

It is my further purpose to use as an outer or protective cover a sheet of material which may be coarser than ordinary napkin material, but will thereby be even more adapted for use in the lap to protect the clothing of the user.

It is my further purpose in certain instances to secure the inner and outer napkins together so as to maintain the desired registration by means of spots of glue at the corners or elsewhere.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating in folded position a single pair of related napkins embodying this invention.

Figure 2 shows the napkins quarter-folded together by way of illustrating one type of fold to which this invention is adapted.

Figure 3 is a view similar to Figure 1 showing how the two napkins may be joined adhesively if desired.

Figure 4 is a perspective illustration of a package of napkins embodying this invention.

Like parts are identified by the same reference characters throughout the several views.

In accordance with this invention, a napkin 5 is registered centrally with respect to a protecting sheet 6 which is preferably of like form and is preferably also adapted for use as a napkin. As indicated above, the inner napkin may be relatively light, dainty or delicate, as it will be protected mechanically from injury as well as from dirt by the greater size of the protecting sheet 6.

Broadly, it is immaterial what fold is used in preparing my improved napkins for the market but the fold should be such that the inner or protected napkin 5 is completely enveloped by the outer or protecting sheet 6. As an example of a fold suitable for this purpose, I have shown in Figure 2 the usual "quarter-fold" with one corner of the protecting sheet turned back to expose the napkin 5.

The two napkins will preferably be unconnected since the fold used will ordinarily insure retention of the desired relationship. It is contemplated, however, that for some purposes, it may be desirable to connect the two sheets together as by spots of glue shown at 7 in Figure 3.

In the package shown at 8 in Figure 4, a band 9 holds a stack of napkin sets, as shown in the other views. The napkins may be made available for use either with or without breaking the band 9. As long as the band is present, it will hold the napkins of the package tightly compressed so as to prevent the exposure of the inner or protected sheet in the manner suggested by Figure 2. At all times the weight of napkins in the stack or package will operate, regardless of the presence of band 9, to maintain each of the lower sets of napkins in the package under sufficient pressure to hold the protected sheet firmly about the inner or protected sheet.

I claim:

1. A set of napkins or the like, comprising superimposed paper sheets of like shapes and differing sizes, the smaller sheet being symmetrically registered in the center of the larger and the two sheets being folded together as a unit, with the larger sheet completely enveloping the smaller.

2. The combination with a paper napkin of a larger sheet of like shape and coarser texture upon which said napkin is symmetrically registered, said sheets being folded together with the larger sheet completely enveloping said napkin in a position to protect it from dirt and mechanical injury.

3. The combination with a paper napkin and a larger protective sheet projecting at all sides beyond said napkin, of means connecting said napkin and sheet, said napkin and sheet being folded together to a form such that said sheet completely envelopes said napkin.

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