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TOOTHPICK CONTAINER.

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Fig. 1.

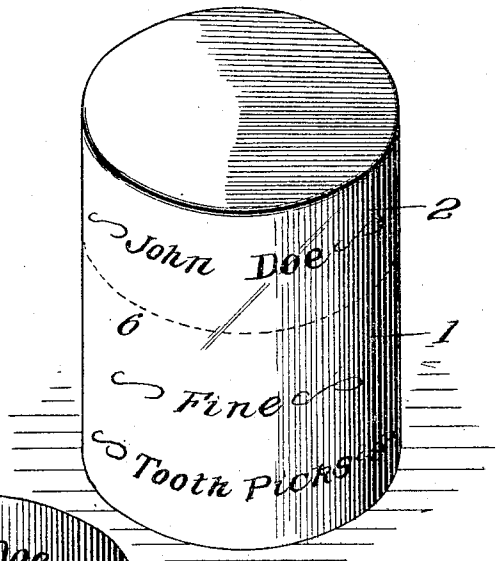


Fig. 2.

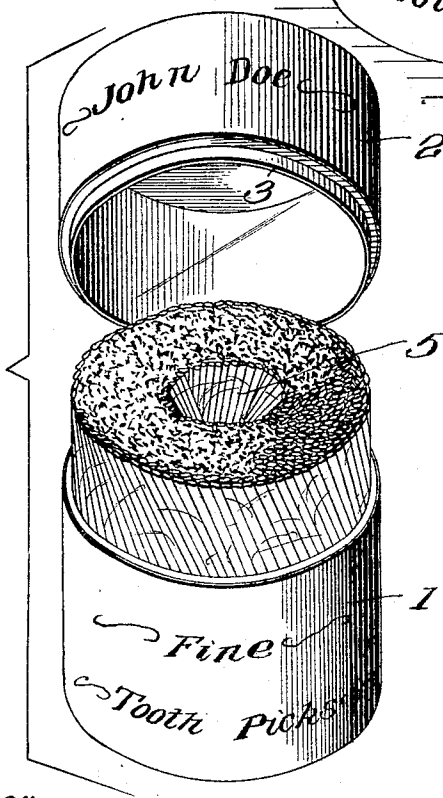
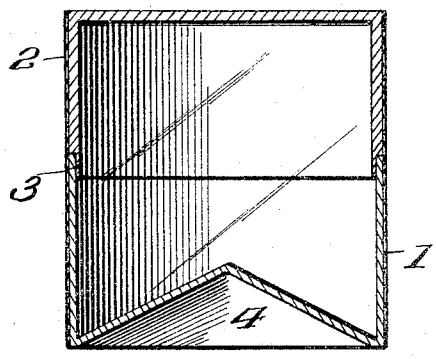


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR WEIK, of Wausau, in the county of Marathon and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toothpick-Containers; and I do hereby 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.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved article of manufacture comprising a simple and efficient container for toothpicks, matches, or like articles, in which the articles may be easily and inexpensively packed by the manufacturer and thereafter, without further handling, exposed in the original package for individual use.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a view in perspective showing the container as an original package. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the cover removed and the toothpicks exposed. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view.

Referring to the drawings, the container, which is shown circular in cross section, although other forms may be advantageously adopted, comprises a base or holder proper 1 and a top 2, the latter having a depending flange 3 which fits within the open top of the base. The bottom 4 of the base is of conical form so that articles which are loosely placed therein will be disposed on a slant, leaving an opening 5 in the center into which a finger may be inserted for ready extraction of a single article without handling of the others.

It is manifest that toothpicks, etc., may be readily packed in the container by the manufacturer and the original package displayed for sale inclosed by a suitable seal 6 as paper which may bear advertising matter. The purchaser has only to cut the paper seal to remove the cover from the container in offering the articles for use, the base forming a holder of pleasing aspect, and by reason of the peculiar formation of the bottom the contained articles are presented in a readily accessible form. By the use of my invention undue handling of the article is obviated, thereby rendering it sanitary.

I claim as my invention:

As an article of manufacture, a package of toothpicks or similar articles comprising a holder having a conical base, a cluster of toothpicks within said holder disposed slantingly or at an angle to the vertical axis of the holder and having a central depression in the top of the cluster, a cover for said holder, and a sealing medium inclosing the article and adapted to be cut to permit of the removal of said cover.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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