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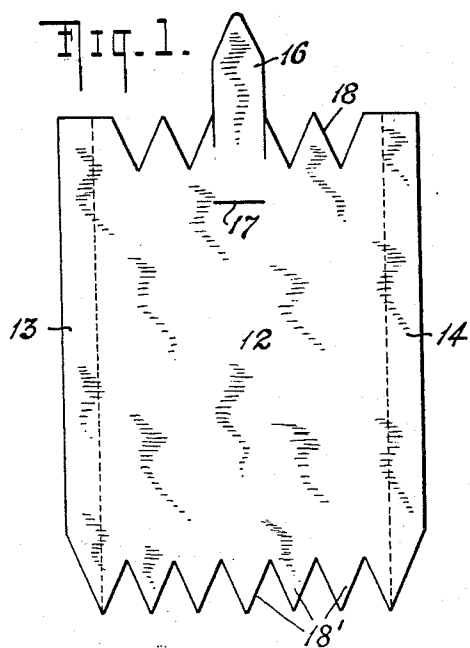
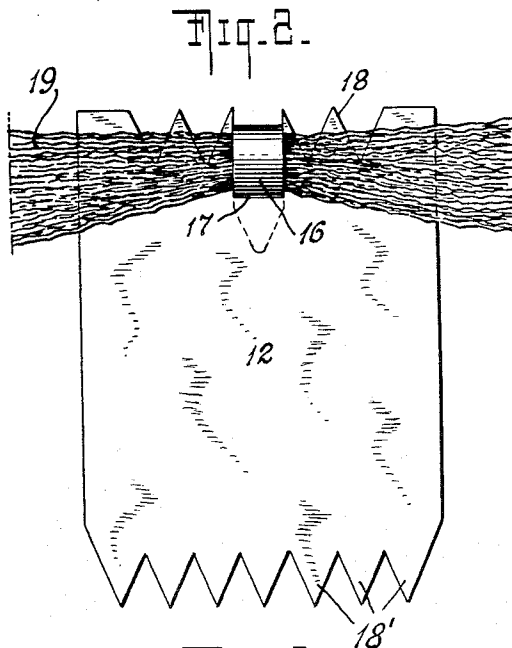
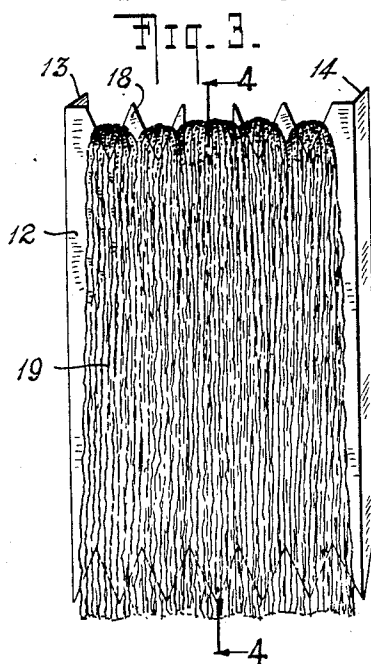
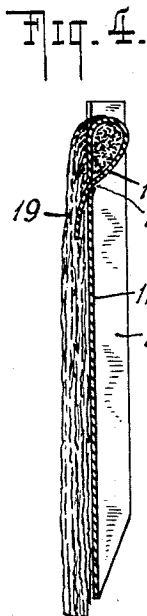
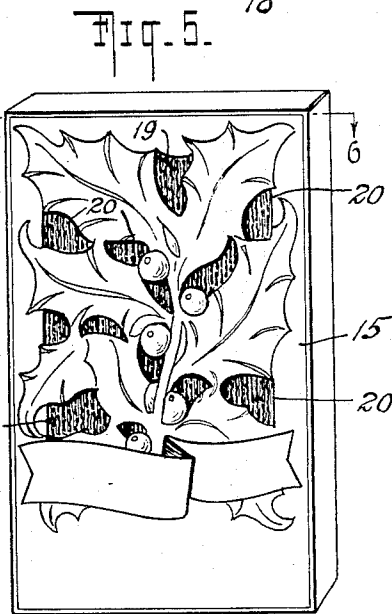
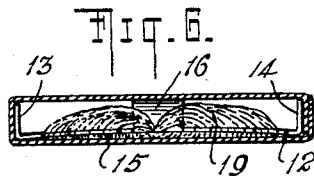
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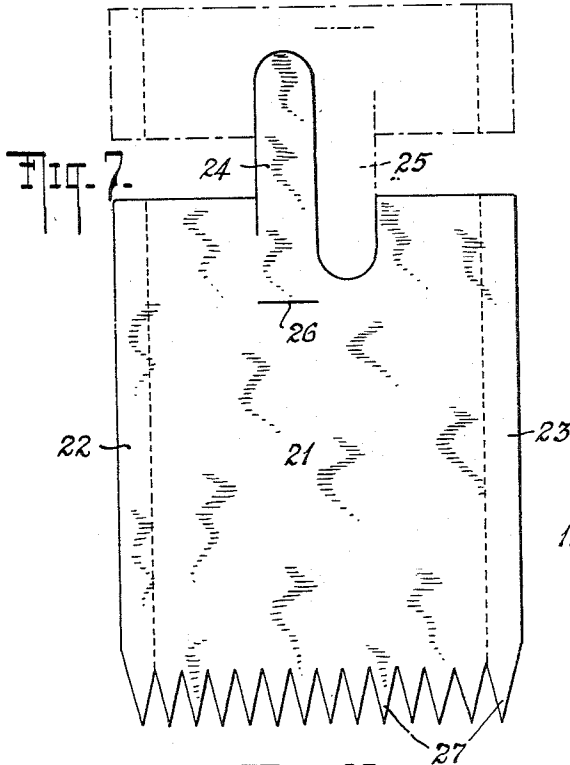
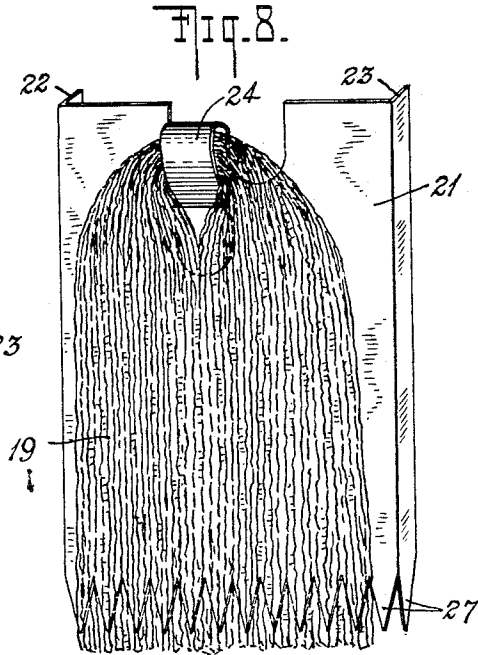
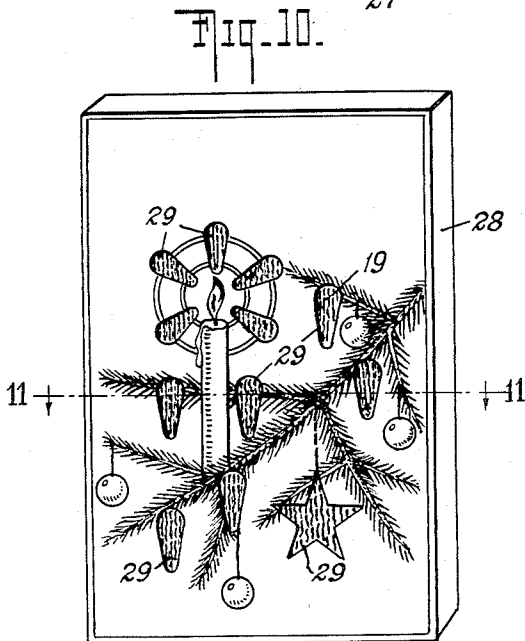
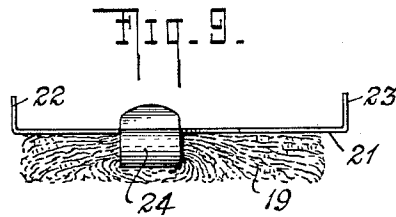
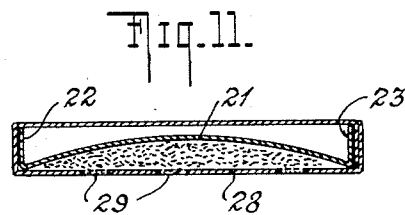
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My invention relates to the packaging of skeins of tinsel used in the ornamentation of Christmas trees and as a decorative adjunct in connection with the trimming of furniture customary during a holiday season. The tinsel which is formed in skeins and the packaging of which is an object of my invention is usually formed of lead and tin foil, in the form of long strands known in the novelty trade as "tinsel icicles". Heretofore, in the packaging of such skeins of tinsel, it has been necessary to secure the strands of foil together to form the skein by a band of paper, a strip of tin foil, or the like. The banded strands of foil were then secured to a sheet of cardboard, one end of which was provided with two circular recesses opening upon the end of the sheet of cardboard, the two portions of the skein passing through such recesses, the two free portions of the skein being permitted to lie against the one face of the cardboard sheet, the sheet carrying the skein then being inserted into a carton. The disadvantages of this prior method of packaging have been that the skein was not positively secured to the backing sheet of cardboard and was therefore liable to destruction or disturbance of the proper positioning of the strands as the backing sheet and skein were removed from the box. A further disadvantage of the prior art method of packaging was that by using a flat backing sheet of cardboard, the strands of foil comprising the tinsel icicle were not in substantially continuous and even contact with the inner surface of the face of the carton, so as to make it possible to have the tinsel show through appropriately disposed apertures in the face of the carton, which apertures, together with the tinsel showing therethrough, could form an appropriate and pleasing design with certain printed matter upon the face of the carton, for instance, holly or a Christmas candle.

In accordance with my invention, I provide a backing sheet of cardboard, upon which the skein of tinsel or decorative "silver" icicles are securely mounted by means of a tongue bent inwardly and passed through a slit in the body of the cardboard sheet, so as to pinch between such tongue and the face of the sheet the strands of foil constituting the tinsel skein. In this manner, the skein is securely fastened in position upon the backing sheet so as to eliminate the possibility of disrupting the proper disposition of the strands of foil upon the surface of the backing sheet, either while the skein is contained within the carton in which it has been packaged or in the course of its removal from such carton.

In accordance with my invention, I also provide the cardboard backing sheet with two integral side strips running the length of the sheet and bent from the face of the sheet so as to be substantially at right angles to such face, the width of such side strips being substantially the same as the width of the carton into which the skein upon its backing sheet is to be inserted. By this construction, I insure the proper positioning of the strands of foil within the packaged carton and their uniform and even distribution throughout the inner surface of the front face of the carton, so that the strands of foil are pressed against the entire inner surface area of the face of the carton, so as to have such strands of foil virtually fill the apertures in the face of the carton to present a pleasing and novel effect of a silver background in conjunction with the variously shaped apertures and the appropriate printed matter provided on the face of the carton.

A still further feature of my invention is the provision of the end edges of the backing sheet with a series of serrations so that such end edges are formed with notches having a series of pointed saw-teeth throughout the length of such edges, whereby the strands of foil passing over the end edges of the backing sheet are more or less uniformly distributed over the entire surface of the backing sheet.

In accordance with one form of my invention, the skein of foil is secured by means of the tongue upon the rear face of the backing sheet or blank, the skein being then turned over the serrated edge of the blank so as to lie against the front face of such blank. In accordance with the second form of my invention, the skein of foil is secured by the tongue upon the front face of the blank.

The two forms of the invention are shown by way of illustration rather than by way of limitation in the accompanying drawings in which Fig. 1 is a plan view of the blank of cardboard used as the backing sheet supporting the skein of foil; Fig. 2 is a plan view of the rear face of the blank with the skein of tinsel secured thereon by the tongue; Fig. 3 shows the front face of the blank after the skein of foil has been turned over the edge of the blank, so that the strands of foil are distributed over substantially the entire front face of the blank; Fig. 4 is a vertical section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3; Fig. 5 shows a carton packaged with a skein of foil in accordance with my invention, showing the front face of such carton and the tinsel visible through the apertures in such carton; Fig. 6 is

a section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5; Fig. 7 shows a modified form of the blank forming the backing sheet for the skein of foil showing in dotted lines the position of another blank as the two blanks are punched from one sheet of stock; Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the modified form of backing sheet with the skein of foil secured thereto; Fig. 9 is a top view of the blank and skein secured thereto shown in Fig. 8; Fig. 10 is a perspective view of the packaged carton; and Fig. 11 is a section on the line 11—11 of Fig. 10.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, in which similar reference characters identify similar parts in the several views, 12 is a blank of cardboard serving as a backing sheet having two integral side strips 13 and 14 running the length of the sheet and bent from the face of the sheet so as to be substantially at right angles thereto, the width of such strips being substantially the same as the width of the carton 15, into which the skein of foil mounted upon the backing sheet is to be inserted. The sheet is provided with a tongue 16 extending from its upper edge as clearly shown in Fig. 1, the sheet having a slit 17 in its face at a point below the extended tongue 16. The upper and lower edges of the sheet are provided with series of serrations 18 and 18', respectively, presenting a series of pointed saw-teeth throughout the length of such edges.

In packaging the skein of foil 19 in accordance with my invention, the skein is positioned upon the sheet with the central portion thereof overlying the lower extremity of the tongue 16 as shown in Fig. 2, the tongue 16 being folded over such central portion of the skein and the pointed end of the tongue being inserted into the slit 17, so that such pointed end passes through the face of the sheet and protrudes from the reverse side thereof.

When this operation has been completed, the portions of the skein extending from each side of the inwardly bent tongue are distributed substantially evenly over the series of serrations 18 at the top edge of the sheet 12, so as to lie against the reverse face of the sheet 12 and substantially over the entire area thereof, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. The backing sheet 12 and the skein of foil distributed thereover are then inserted into the carton 15 by introducing the top portion of the backing sheet first into the carton, the two side strips 13 and 14 being brought into substantially contiguous relation with the inner surfaces of the sides of the carton 15. After the backing sheet 12 and the foil distributed over the surface thereof has thus been inserted into the carton 15, the depending free ends of the skein of foil are tucked within the carton so as to overlie the serrated edge 18' along the lower edge of the backing sheet 12. It will be noted that the insertion of the skein and backing sheet into the carton in this manner causes the foil to be evenly distributed throughout the front face of the carton, the strands of foil being pressed against the entire inner face of the carton substantially filling the apertures 20 in the face of the carton and presenting a pleasing and novel effect of a silver background, in conjunction with the variously shaped apertures and appropriate printed matter, provided on such face.

In the embodiment of my invention illustrated in Figs. 7—11, the backing sheet 21 is provided with side strips 22, 23 and a tongue 24 extending from the upper edge of the backing sheet, one

edge of such extending tongue being substantially in the center of the carton so as to make possible the saving of card stock as the backing sheets are stamped out. By positioning the tongue 24 to one side of the center line of the backing sheet 21, I make it possible to stamp successive sheets of backing material without the loss of card stock which would be necessitated if the lengths of the tongues of adjoining sheets of backing material were not overlapping as clearly shown in Fig. 7; i. e. the tongue 25 of the second backing sheet, the bottom portion of which is shown in dotted lines in Fig. 7, extends into the body of the backing sheet 21 adjacent to the tongue 24.

The backing sheet 21 is provided with a slit 26 and a series of pointed saw-teeth 27 along the bottom edge thereof.

In applying the strand of foil to the backing sheet 21, the strand is placed near the upper edge of the sheet in the manner illustrated in Fig. 2 with respect to the first type of backing sheet, the tongue 24 being folded over the center of the skein and then passed through the slit 26, so that the end of the tongue protrudes through the rear face of the backing sheet 21. The backing sheet and skein of foil distributed evenly over the face of such backing sheet are then inserted into the carton 28 so as to have the strands of foil pressed against the entire inner area of the face of the carton, presenting a pleasing and novel effect of a silver background in conjunction with the variously shaped apertures 29 and appropriate printed matter provided on the face of the carton.

The difference in the two embodiments of my invention of packaging the strand of foil is that in the first embodiment it is necessary to turn the strands of foil over the upper edge of the backing sheet, whereas in the second modification the strands of foil remain upon the face of the backing sheet, upon which they were originally applied in the operation of pinching the skein within the confines of the turned over tongue.

I claim:

1. A backing sheet for use in packaging a skein of tinsel foil, comprising a sheet of cardboard or similar material having two integral side strips running the length of the sheet and bent from the face of the sheet so as to be substantially at right angles to such face, and an integral tongue extending from one end of the backing sheet, such backing sheet being provided with a slit adapted to have the free end of the tongue pass there-through so as to secure a skein of tin foil upon said backing sheet, whereby, when said sheet is inserted into a carton with the tinsel distributed over the face of the sheet opposite that to which the side strips are bent, the tinsel will be pressed against the inner surface area of the carton.

2. A backing sheet as claimed in claim 1 having the upper and lower edges thereof provided with a series of pointed saw-teeth, whereby the strands of foil passing over such end edges are uniformly distributed over the entire surface of the backing sheet.

3. A tinsel foil package comprising a carton, the front face of which is provided with a series of apertures, a backing sheet having a tongue extending from one edge thereof, a skein of foil secured to said backing sheet, the sheet being provided with a slit through which the end of the tongue is adapted to be passed so as to clamp the skein upon the backing sheet by means of said tongue, said backing sheet being provided with two integral side strips running the length

of the sheet and bent from the face of the sheet so as to be substantially at right angles to such face, the width of such side strips being substantially the same as the thickness of the carton, 5 the strands of foil within the packaged carton being uniformly and evenly distributed on the side of the backing sheet opposite that toward which the integral side strips thereof have been bent and so as to have said strands of foil positioned in substantial contact with the inner surface of the front face of the carton. 80

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