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**Place of search**

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1. claims: 1-6, 8-16
   Package and method of making it.

1.1. claims: 1-4, 16
   The package having a bottom gusset and a top sleeve.

1.2. claims: 5, 8, 9, 12, 13
   The sleeve for the bottom gusset being shorter than the width of the folded web.

1.3. claims: 6, 10, 14
   The inside surface of the folded sleeve-forming web not heat-sealing to itself.

1.4. claim: 11
   Closing each of said individual sleeves prior to joining said individual sleeves to said flexible web of material (claim 11 as dependent on claim 1).

1.5. claim: 15
   Web being joined to itself along a side of the package.

2. claim: 7
   Method of making a package with a spacing between the top and bottom end seals of adjacent packages (claim 7 as dependent on claim 1).

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