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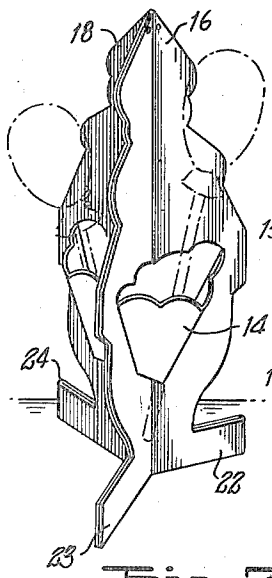


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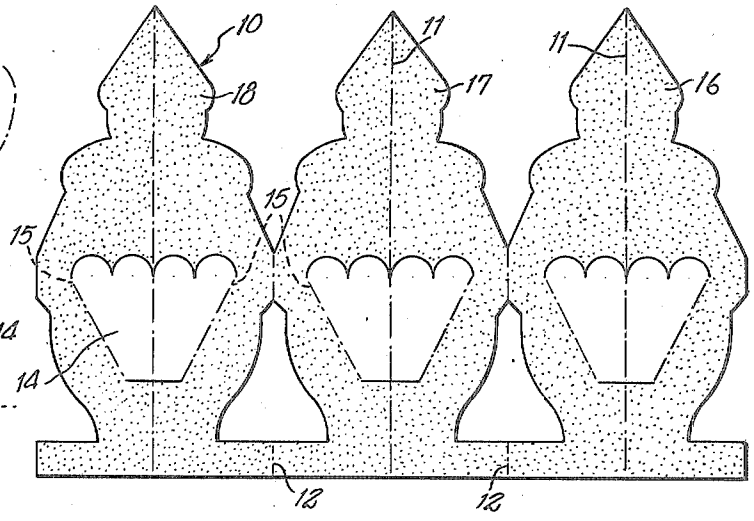


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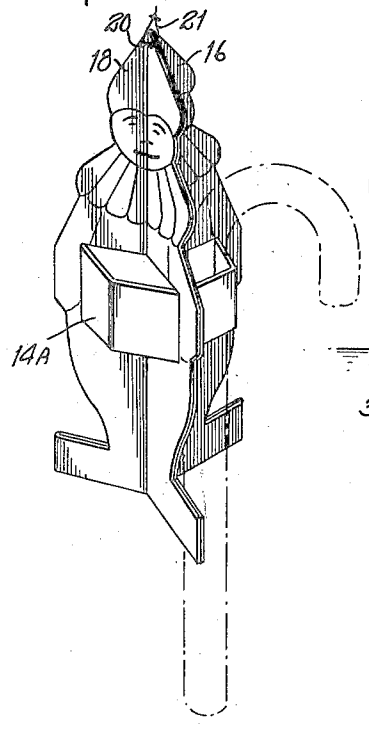
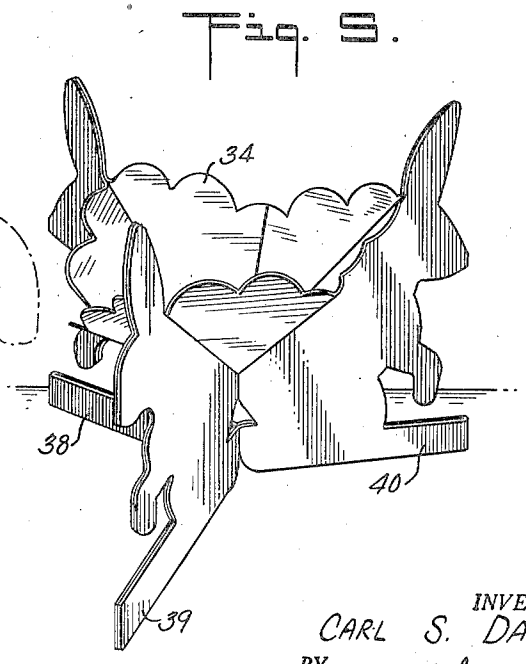


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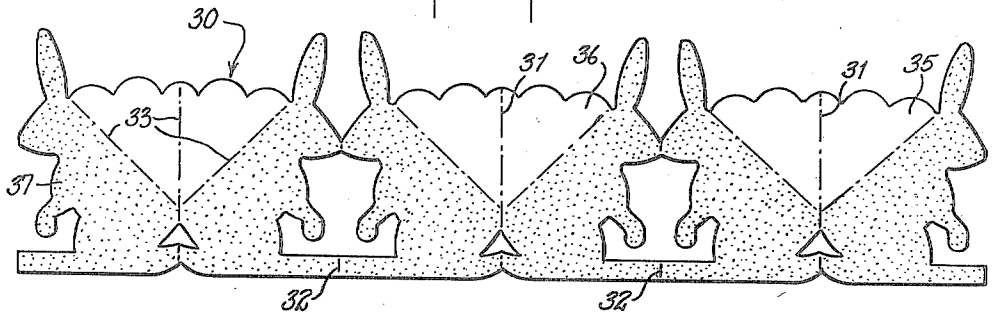


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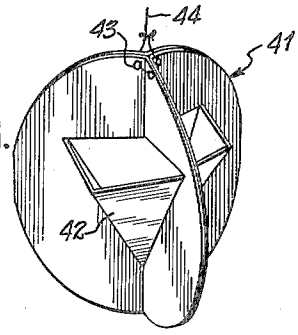


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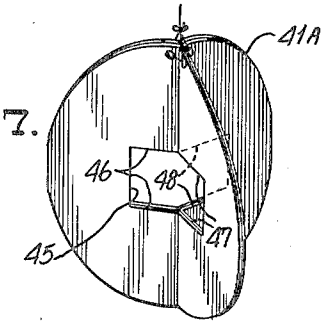


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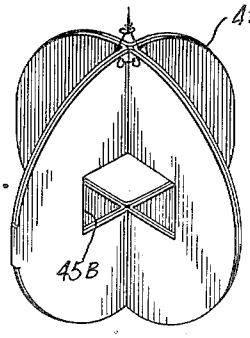
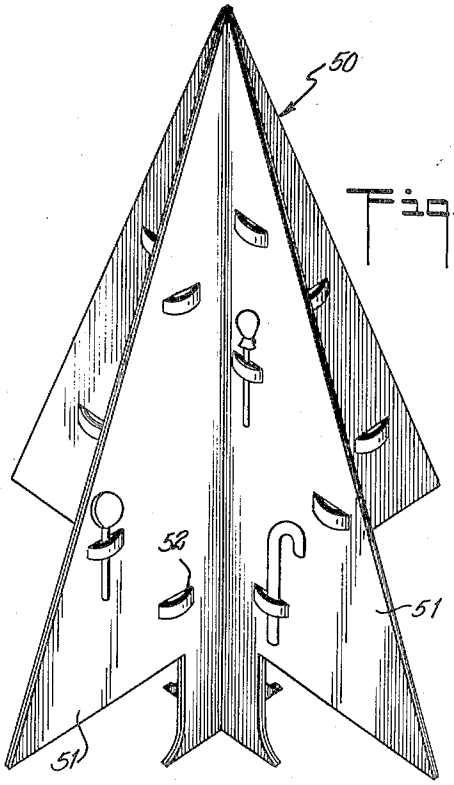


Fig. 9.



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This invention relates to an ornamental container made from cardboard, paper or some similar material which may be used for displaying various articles, such for instance, as confections, and the construction is particularly designed for a container which may be assembled from flat stock by folding and cementing or securing mating edges.

In the shipment of ornamental containers of various outline, the containers assembled are too bulky. Therefore it is important to produce an ornament or ornamental container that may be shipped as a flat piece of stock and may be quickly and easily folded and glued or secured in an assembled relationship.

One of the objects of this invention is to simplify the formation of a container having a particular shape, to eliminate the necessity of pre-assembling the stock for the formation of the same and provide quick and easy means to assemble.

Another object of this invention is to provide a container from the single piece of sheet stock in which the component parts are folded therefrom and may be of such a shape as to substantially reinforce each other.

Another object of this invention is to provide interlocking of the meeting side walls while at the same time providing a container with a rigid construction.

A further object of this invention is to provide means to secure the meeting side walls while at the same time providing a plurality of article holding bands all formed in a rigid construction.

A still further object of this invention is to provide means to secure the meeting side walls of an ornamental container while at the same time providing an aperture through the center of each side wall to form an opening for retaining an article for display.

Another object of this invention is to provide an ornamental container from a single piece of sheet stock in which the sides are folded and secured along their meeting faces to form a three sided figure with a three sided base to support said container in an upright position.

Another object of this invention is to provide an ornamental container from a single piece of sheet stock in which the sides are folded and secured along their meeting faces to form a three sided figure in which there is an article retaining means on each face thereof.

A still further object of this invention is to provide means to secure the meeting side walls of a hanging ornamental container while at the same time providing an aperture through the center of each side wall to form an opening for retaining an article for display.

A still further object of this invention is to provide an ornamental container from a single piece of sheet stock in which the sides are folded and secured along their meeting faces to form a hanging figure with a plurality of sides with means to retain an article or display on each face thereof.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction as will be

more fully described in the detailed description and illustrated in the drawings in which

Fig. 1 is a plan view of one embodiment of this invention,

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the ornament illustrated in Fig. 1 when folded and secured,

Fig. 3 is another embodiment of this invention illustrating a figure similar to that illustrated in Fig. 2,

Fig. 4 is a plan view of a further embodiment of this invention,

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of Fig. 4 folded and secured,

Fig. 6 is a still further embodiment of this invention shown in perspective,

Fig. 7 is a perspective view similar to Fig. 6 illustrating a further embodiment of this invention,

Fig. 8 is a perspective view somewhat similar to Fig. 7 and

Fig. 9 is a still further embodiment of this invention illustrated in perspective.

In the display of confections and various small items of merchandise such as packaged cosmetics, etc., it is most important to produce a cheap but attractive container and it is of the utmost importance that the container may be shipped in flat form and easily assembled by folding and gluing or stapling or securing in its assembled relationship. The ornamental containers that are a part of this invention are illustrated in various forms in the drawings, Figs. 1 through 9 and the invention contemplates the possibility of either hanging the container or supporting the container on its own base. Further this invention contemplates various forms of holding devices either as a central basket shaped container or with a plurality of basket shaped containers one on each face thereof or with a plurality of waist bands one on each face thereof or with a plurality of bands positioned on all faces of the device or in a still further form as an aperture surrounded by a plurality of sides. This invention also contemplates the use of various decorative materials to produce bright and colorful ornaments and further in some instances the printing on the faces of the material to simulate various objects. A further feature of the invention is to provide a flexible material so that in certain instances the ornament may be stretched to thoroughly encompass the article to be retained.

Referring to Fig. 1 there is illustrated a cardboard or paper cutout **10** in which the cardboard has not only been cut to a particular configuration from three identical figures **16**, **17**, **18** but in addition the cardboard has been creased on a plurality of central lines **11** and on a plurality of dividing lines **12** to preform the folding of the article. In addition a basket or container **14** may be formed on each face of the article. The basket **14** is likewise creased on the lines **15** and the base and upper edge of the basket **14** may be punched completely through the cardboard so that, referring to Fig. 2, the baskets will assume the shape illustrated when the cardboard or paper cutout **10** is folded so that the figure **16** abuts with figures **17** and **18**. With the ornamental container folded in the relationship illustrated in Fig. 2 it may be glued or secured along each of the meeting faces of the figures **16**, **17** and **18** and thus the ornamental figure becomes not only ornamental but useful as a container for holding articles of confection such as lollipops. It is apparent that each of the basket containers **14** will provide means for the lollipop stick to extend through while the basket formation **14** will retain the candy end of the lollipop. It is to be further noted in Fig. 2 that the figures **16**, **17** and **18** are formed with extended bases or feet **22**, **23**, **24**. The extended feet **22**, **23**, **24** in their assembled relationship form a solid supporting base to retain the figure in its upright position.

Referring to Fig. 3 a further embodiment of this in-

vention is illustrated in which the same configuration **10** as that illustrated in Fig. 1 may be used except that the confection containers **14A** are formed of a different shape so that the container **14A** is in fact a waist band with an equal opening in the top and bottom. In some instances the material used shall be quite flexible thus permitting the expansion or stretching of the waist band **14A**. In Fig. 3 there is also illustrated that the exterior surface of the ornament may be printed or painted to represent a clown or any other such figure as so desired. It is also to be noted in Fig. 3 that the top or head portion of the clown is provided with apertures **20** in which a string **21** may be mounted so that this ornament may be hung instead of standing upright as illustrated in Fig. 2. With a waist band formation **14A** it is apparent that a different type of article may be supported and as illustrated in dotted lines a candy cane will slip through this type of waist band to be supported one on each face of the ornament.

Referring to Fig. 4 there is illustrated a further embodiment of this invention in which a piece of cardboard or paper **30** has been cut to a particular configuration as illustrated and similar to Fig. 1 the cardboard **30** is precreased on its center lines **31** and also creased on the lines **32** so that the cardboard **30** when folded will fold on these particular lines to form a figure as illustrated in Fig. 5. It is also important that the lines **33** be stamped or precreased on each of the faces so that a basket **34**, Fig. 5, will be formed. With the figure folded into the relationship illustrated in Fig. 5, the meeting faces of the figures **35**, **36** and **37** may be glued, cemented, stapled or otherwise to retain the ornament in the assembled relationship illustrated in Fig. 5. It is further apparent that the ornament illustrated in Fig. 5 is provided with extended feet **38**, **39** and **40** to provide a wide supporting base for the container. Thus this container may be supported on any flat surface in an upright position.

Referring to Fig. 6 there is illustrated a hanging ornament **41** that may be constructed in the same manner as the ornament of Fig. 4 except that its outer configuration is simply a circle and instead of forming a single central basket container, the ornament will be provided with a separate pocket **42** on each face of the ornament and in view of the fact this ornament is provided for hanging a plurality of apertures **43** are provided in the upper edge thereof and a string **44** passed through said apertures of said ornament.

Referring to Fig. 7 there is illustrated a hanging ornament **41A** that is similar to the ornament **41** of Fig. 6 except that instead of forming pockets **42** each of the plurality of faces are punched out to provide a rectangular opening **45**. Thus when the meeting faces are glued or secured in their assembled relationship as illustrated in Fig. 7 there is formed a central opening **45** with three supporting ridges **46**, **47** and **48** above and below the opening. It is apparent that an article may be thus supported within this opening for display. Referring to Fig. 8 there is illustrated an ornament **41B** which is quite similar to the ornament **41A** of Fig. 7 except that there are provided four faces instead of three and thus the central aperture **45B** will be provided with four supporting ridges.

Referring to Fig. 9 there is illustrated a still further embodiment of this invention illustrating a four sided cardboard figure **50** to resemble a Christmas tree. In this embodiment it is important that the cardboard be preferably of a corrugated board having some resiliency. The figure **50** will be formed from a single piece of flat stock in the same fashion as the figures illustrated in Figs. 1 and 4 except that there are four faces instead of three. Of course the folding lines will be precreased to insure folding the figure into the form illustrated in Fig. 9. Figure 50 is provided with a plurality of identical faces **51** and each face **51** is provided with a plurality of bands **52**. The band **52** is provided by punching through the upper and lower face and if the material is the corrugated board it is easy to stretch the cardboard slightly to thus provide a slightly resilient band **52**. The bands **52** are utilized as illustrated to permit mounting lollipops, candy canes and other such confections in the relationship illustrated.

Although there is illustrated a variety of figures that may be formed by folding a flat piece of material and although there is illustrated three sided and four sided figures, other ornamental figures may be formed of more or less sides without departing from the spirit of this invention and although the figures are illustrated with means to hang or be supported in an upright position, the figures may be formed to set in any other position without departing from the spirit of this invention and although there are illustrated various forms of containers or means of retaining an article or confection, this invention shall not be limited to these particular forms but this invention shall be limited only by the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. An ornamental container formed with a plurality of joined identical sides, each side folded along its longitudinal center, the folded portion of each side lying adjacent the central axis of the container, each side having two halves and each half lying in a different plane, each adjacent side having one-half lying in the same plane with the one-half of the side it is adjacent to, said joined identical sides provided with a single portion that is a portion of each half that is not in the same plane as either half and protrudes from the face of each half to form an article holder.

2. In a device according to claim 1 in which each side is formed as a specific figure to represent a decorative article.

3. In a device according to claim 1 in which each side is formed with extended feet providing a supporting base.

4. In a device according to claim 1 in which each side is provided with a small aperture through the top of each figure to provide means to hang said container.

5. In a device according to claim 1 in which the single portion between sides is formed as a waistband.

6. In a device according to claim 1 in which the single portion between sides is formed as two sides of a single basket shaped container.

7. An ornamental article holder formed with a plurality of joined identical sides, each side folded along its longitudinal center, the folded portion of each side lying adjacent the central axis of the article holder, each side having two halves and each half lying in a different plane, each adjacent side having one-half lying in the same plane with the one-half of the side it is adjacent to, said joined identical sides provided with a plurality of projecting waistbands.

8. In a device according to claim 7 in which the article holder is formed from a corrugated cardboard and in which the waistbands have a degree of stretch inherent in said corrugated board.

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