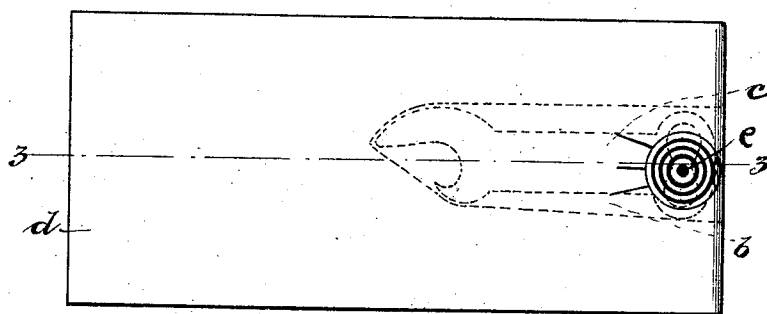
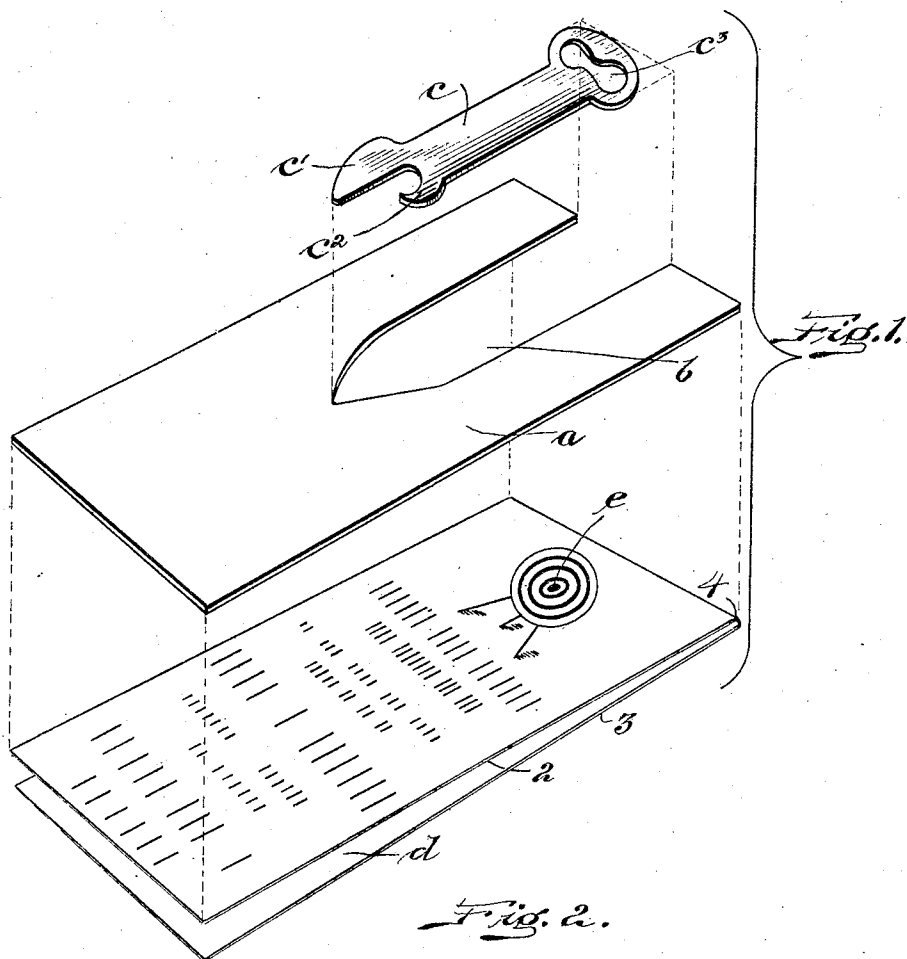


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTUS W. STEPHENS, of Waltham, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Packages for Implements, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide means for putting up in attractive form for free distribution or other disposal, useful and inexpensive articles or implements such as are commonly distributed free of charge for advertising purposes. An example of this class of articles is a bottle cap remover stamped from a flat metal plate, and provided with jaws to engage a sheet metal bottle cap or crown, and with an orifice to adapt it to receive a key ring. Bottle openers of this character are distributed as advertisements by dealers in bottled goods, the dealer's advertisement being stamped upon a flat surface of the bottle opener.

My invention is embodied in a casing adapted to contain an article of this character, together with suitable advertising matter, the article being concealed by the casing, and the latter being provided with a rupturable portion adapted to be penetrated by a pencil or other sharpened instrument, and with an indicator which coincides with an orifice in the article, so that when a pencil is pushed into the casing at the point marked by the indicator, it will enter the orifice in the contained article, and engage the latter, the rupturability of the casing enabling the penetrating instrument and the article engaged thereby to be withdrawn from the casing.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification,—Figure 1 represents in perspective the parts of an advertising device embodying my invention, said parts being separated from each other. Fig. 2 represents a side elevation of the advertising device, the parts being assembled and shown partially by dotted lines. Fig. 3 represents a section on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In the drawings, *a* represents a relatively stiff body, having a recess *b* which is open at one end of the body. The body *a* may be of stiff cardboard or pasteboard, or it may be of any other suitable material, the thickness of the body being preferably about equal to the thickness of the article *c* to be inserted in the

recess *b*. In the present embodiment of my invention, the article *c* is a bottle crown or cap remover, having flat sides and having at one end jaws *c'* *c''* adapted to engage a bottle cap or crown, and at the other end an orifice *c'''* adapted to receive a key ring. The recess *b* is formed to approximately fit the marginal contour of the article *c*, the thickness of the body *a* being substantially the same as the thickness of the article *c*.

d represents a cover composed of a sheet of relatively thin flexible paper or other suitable material, adapted to be readily punctured by a sharpened instrument, such as a lead pencil, the cover *d* being of such form that when folded across the middle of its length, it will form two flaps 2 3 adapted to cover the sides of the body *a*, and a connecting neck or guard 4 extending across the end of the body into which the recess *b* opens. The flaps 2 3 are pasted or otherwise secured to the sides of the body, and they form the sides of a pocket, the edges of which are formed by the walls of the recess *b*, said pocket fitting the article *c*. The neck or guard 4 extends across the mouth of the pocket, and prevents the article *c* from escaping accidentally therefrom, the parts being assembled by placing the body *a* upon one flap of the cover, then placing the article *c* in the recess *b*, and then folding the other flap over the cover and the article *c*. One of the flaps of the cover is provided with an indicator *e*, here shown as the printed representation of a target, the bull's-eye of which is arranged to register with the orifice *c'''* in the article *c*.

From the foregoing it will be seen that when a sharpened instrument, such as a lead pencil, is pushed into the cover at the bull's-eye of the target, it will penetrate the cover, and pass through the orifice *c'''* of the article *c*. Then by moving the penetrating instrument forcibly outward, the article *c* may be caused to break through the neck or guard 4, and be thus withdrawn from the casing. The flat sides of the casing afford ample room for advertising matter, which may be rendered significant by added matter, such as the following: "Push a pencil through center of target, then pull up, and bring out a winner." The body *a* and cover *d* are extremely simple and inexpensive in construction, and enable advertising matter to be attractively presented.

It is obvious that if an article *c* of greater

thickness than that shown, is employed, the thickness of the body *a* would be correspondingly increased, the form of the recess *b* being varied to suit the form of the article *c*.

5 I claim:

A package for implements, comprising a relatively stiff body having a recess open at one edge of the body, and forming pocket edges, a relatively thin cover secured to the
10 opposite sides of the body and extending across the open end of the recess, said cover forming rupturable pocket sides and a rupturable pocket guard or closure, and having an indicator on the portion which forms one
15 of the pocket sides, and an article formed to occupy said pocket, the said article being con-

finer by the said pocket edges, sides and guard, and having an opening registering with the indicator, the said pocket sides permitting a penetrating instrument inserted at the part 20 occupied by the indicator to pass through said opening and engage the article, while the rupturability of the guard permits said instrument and the article engaged thereby to be withdrawn from the pocket. 25

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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