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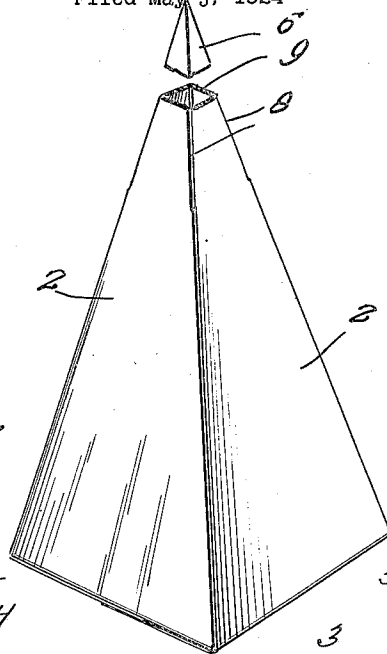


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

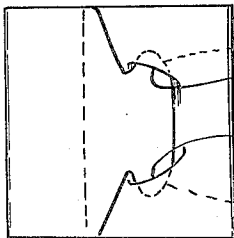
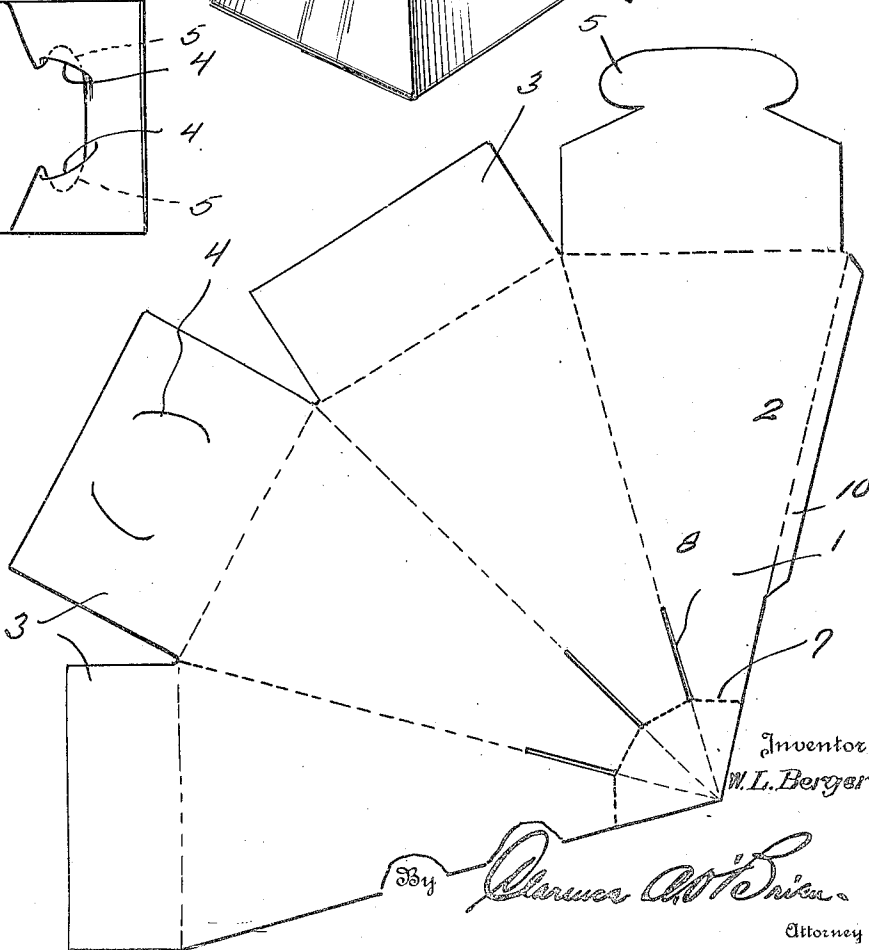


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to improvements in containers, and particularly to a container for pop corn and the like provided with means whereby the contents may be conveniently poured therefrom.

An object of the invention resides in providing a container for pop corn and like substances of special form and adapted to permit the ready filling of the container at one portion thereof which is to be subsequently filled and provide another portion of the container with a readily detached section for forming a restricted pouring opening from which the contents of the receptacle may be poured into the mouth or the hand in a convenient manner.

It is well known at the present time that pop corn is usually placed in sacks and the like after which it is salted and buttered ready for use, and that it is necessary to dig into the sack with the fingers in order to get the popcorn for consumption or else to pour it out of the open end which frequently results in a larger quantity being poured out of the sack than is desired, there being no means for restricting the flow of the popcorn from the sack. This method of placing pop corn in sacks therefore contains a number of disadvantages to the consumer which the present invention is designed to overcome. In a provision of a container of the above mentioned character the restricted pouring opening only permits a small amount of the contents to flow outwardly therethrough and enables the same to be placed in the mouth or if desired may be poured in the hand in order that the desired quantity may be obtained.

Another object of the invention resides in providing a container having the above advantages and in addition forming a closed container prior to the use of the contents thereof which will effectively contain the pop corn therein, it being necessary to remove a portion of the container from the whole in order to provide the pouring opening.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a container which may be constructed of a single piece of sheet material having a filling opening at one end whereby the container may be readily filled with material and closed through the cooperation of interfitting and interconnected flaps, and provided with an elongated end portion terminating in a point adapted to be readily

severed from the major portion of the container to provide a pouring opening of restricted character to permit the pouring of the contents therefrom.

The invention includes other objects and purposes and the detailed construction and arrangement of the parts which are more particularly pointed out in the following description and claims directed to a preferred form of the invention, it being understood however that variations may be made in the size and shape and arrangement of the parts of this container without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

In the drawing forming part of this application:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the container with the apex portion severed therefrom.

Figure 2 is a bottom view of the base portion of the container.

Figure 3 is a view of the pattern or shape from which the container is made.

The container forming the present invention is formed preferably from a blank 1, the body portion of which is adapted to provide a plurality of sides 2 of triangular form adapted to form in assembled relation a pyramidal container indicated in Figure 1. The pyramidal container illustrated is provided with a plurality of extensions 3 from the lower end of the triangular portions thereof adapted to extend into overlapping relation to form the bottom of the container, while a pair of said extensions are formed for interlocking connection as indicated at 4 and 5 respectively, the tongues 5 being adapted for insertion through the slots 4 in order to interlock the two extensions which are at opposite sides of the container for holding said extensions in proper bottom forming relation. The apex of the container as indicated at 6 is formed for removal from the remaining portion along the perforated line 7 extending around the container across each of the sides. Below this serrated portion the corners or lines of intersection of adjacent walls of the container are slotted as indicated at 8 so that the portion thereof adjacent the pouring opening 9 formed by the removal of the apex 6 from the container as illustrated in Figure 1 may be enlarged if desired to permit the more ready pouring of the contents. It is also

to be noted that the slots 8 allow the opening 9 to be made smaller, so that the severed apex 6 may be placed thereover, to act as a closure. An extension 10 is provided on the blank shown in Figure 3 from which the container is formed to permit the proper connection with the adjacent wall in container forming relation so that it may be glued or otherwise secured thereto to form a substantially rigid structure.

The container may be constructed of heavy paper, card board or the like found desirable for the purpose for which it is to be used, preferably for pop corn, peanuts or like edible material adapted to be sold in small packages. The container may be readily filled through the bottom and the extensions 3 folded over one another in the manner as shown in Figure 2 closing the same, following which it may be sealed if desired, by placing a strip of gummed paper over the bottom thereof ready for sale to a prospective consumer. Upon the purchase of one of these cartons or containers with pop corn filling the same, the apex portion 6 may be torn or twisted off of the end of the container along the serrated line 7 in a manner as illustrated in Figure 1 after which the material may be poured from the container in small quantities, or the end portions turned back or torn off by turning the upper ends of the sides outwardly for the length of the slotted portion 8 thereof after which the material may be poured from the container more rapidly.

In this manner it will be seen that a pop corn, peanut or like container has been provided whereby the contents may be poured directly into the mouth in small quantities or into the hand for subsequent consumption in a convenient manner without accidentally pouring too great a quantity outwardly thereof. It will therefore be seen that a novel and efficient form of container for pop corn, peanuts and like articles has been provided

which overcomes numerous disadvantages now evident in placing the same in sacks.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

1. A container of the class described including a piece of sheet material formed to provide a pyramidal hollow body, the apex portion of the hollow body being perforated along lines perpendicular to the corners of the body to permit the removal of the apex thereof for providing a pouring opening, the corners of the body being slotted for portions of their lengths beginning at the perforated lines and terminating a distance from the base portion, said base portion of said body being formed with a plurality of extensions, some of said extensions being adapted for interlocking connection to close the bottom of the container.

2. A container of the class described including a piece of sheet material formed to provide a pyramidal hollow body, the apex portion of the hollow body being perforated along lines perpendicular to the corners of the body to permit the removal of the apex portion for providing a pouring opening, the corners of the body being slotted for a portion of their length beginning at the perforated lines and terminating a distance from the bottom of the body, and means on the bottom of the body for closing the same.

3. A container of the class described formed from a piece of sheet material bent to provide a pyramidal hollow body including a plurality of sides, said sides provided with perforated lines intermediate their ends perpendicular to the corners of the body whereby the apex portion may be removed for forming a pouring opening, said corners being slotted beginning with the perforated lines and terminating a distance from the bottom of the body.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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