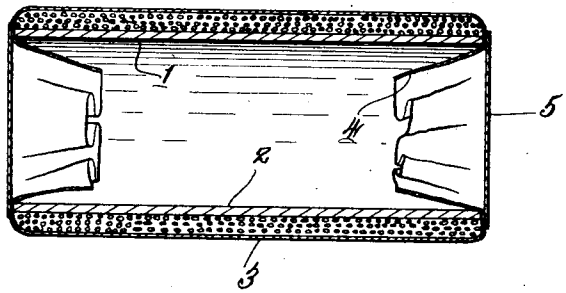
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Fig. 1.



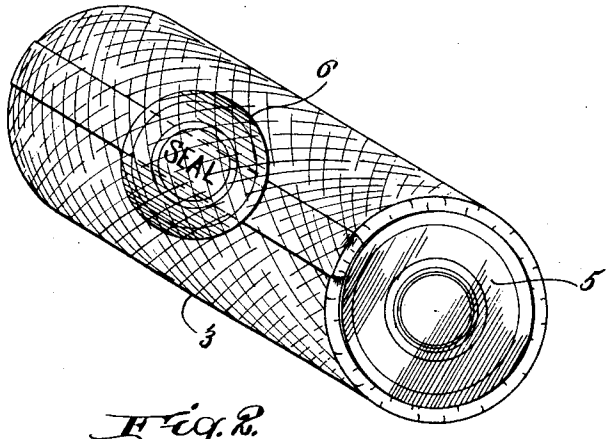


Fig. 2.

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Tinsel ribbon or tinsel cord is a lustrous material which is primarily for ornamental purposes, the lustrous effect being obtained by interweaving or covering the body of the cord or strands with thin strips of bright new metal. This is easily tarnished and in the packaging of this material for sale the preservation of the appearance is an important element. As in the regular course of events several months must elapse between the manufacture and sale or use of the tinsel and, further, as the material is made in various colors and must be open to inspection while on sale, the protection of the bright metal from tarnishing, with consequent deterioration of the commodity, particularly in humid climates, presents a difficut problem.

The present invention relates to a tinsel package by and in which the commodity is completely protected so as to preserve its appearance, the tinsel being at the time open to inspection and fully exposed for this purpose.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated a package embodying the invention in the preferred form.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a section on the plane of the axis.

Figure 2 is a perspective view.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, each of which is used to indicate the same or similar parts in the different figures, the package comprises a tube 1 which is preferably of paper and of considerable diameter and length in proportion to the size of the package. The tinsel cord or material 2 is wound on the tube in any suitable manner, being preferably in a rather thin layer of uniform depth. The package is then wrapped with a transparent sheet material 3, that which is preferred in the present instance being known as cellophane. The transparent covering 3, which is proof against the penetration of the atmosphere and moisture, is turned inside the tube as to its end edges at 4 and the ends are further closed by means of circular seals 5 affixed thereto with any suitable adhesive, and covering the entire ends of the package.

The longitudinal edges of the covering material 3 are also preferably secured by means of a seal 6 shown on the side of the package.

The tinsel material which, as already stated, is partially composed of bright new metal which gives the luster characteristic of this commodity, is thus fully protected and at the same time exposed for inspection through the transparent covering, the nature of the package accomplishing the important result that it is not necessary to break the package, expose the contents and destroy the value to enable the prospective customers to examine and determine the shade and other qualities of the material before purchasing. It is also of interest that the relatively large diameter and smooth curvature of the tube eliminates sharp bends and kinking of the material.

The tubular formation of the package, the inside diameter of the tube being sufficient to admit the ends of the wrapper and the fingers of the operator, greatly simplifies the wrapping operation. The wrapper, being longer than the tube, is rolled about the tubular package and the ends being then turned inside the tube, serve to hold the wrapper in position, but to effect a tight closure of the package the seals 5 are affixed at each end as shown. To accomplish this, first one and then the other end of the package enclosed in the transparent wrapper, as described, is moistened by touching a damp towel or sponge, the moistened end being then pressed down on the top seal of a pack of seals, which are preferably glue coated for this purpose. Wrapping is preferably completed, as aforesaid, by affixing the seal 6 which secures the edges of the transparent wrapper 3.

I have thus described specifically and in detail a package embodying the features of my invention in order that the nature of the invention may be fully understood, however, the specific terms herein are used descriptively rather than in a limiting sense, the scope of the invention being defined in the claims.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A tinsel package comprising a tube, a layer of tinsel covering the tube, a transparent impermeable sheet wrapped about the package circumferentially and turned in at

the ends of the tube, and end seals affixed to and closing the ends outside the sheet.

2. A tinsel package comprising a tube of relatively large diameter to admit the fingers in wrapping the package, a layer of tinsel covering the tube, a transparent impermeable sheet wrapped about the package in the direction of the circumference of the latter and turned in at the ends of the tube, and circular seals affixed to and closing the ends outside the sheet, and a seal closing the longitudinal edges of the wrapping sheet.

Signed by me at Baltimore, Maryland, this 18th day of October, 1927.

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