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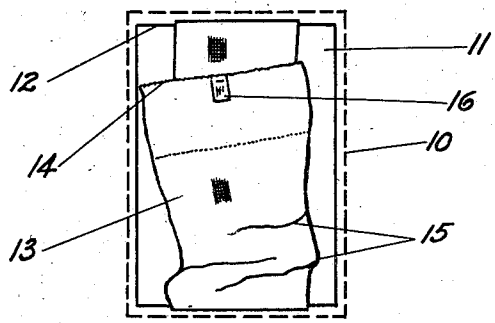


Fig. 1

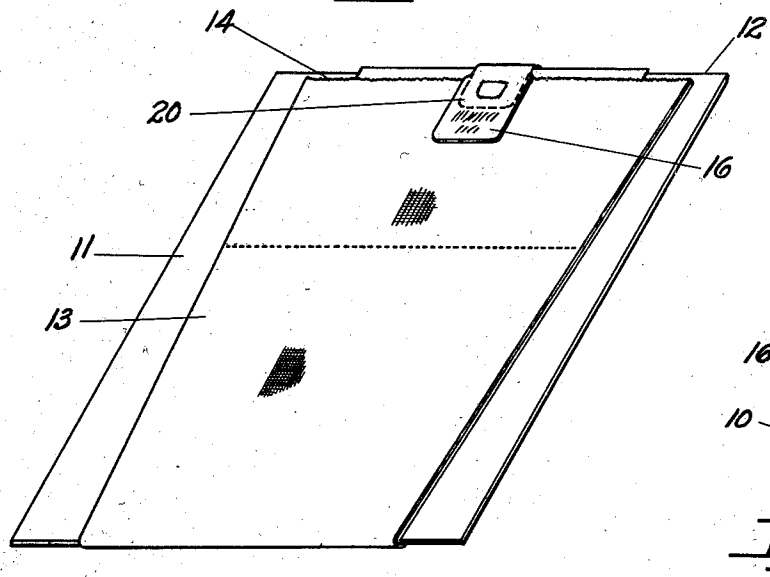


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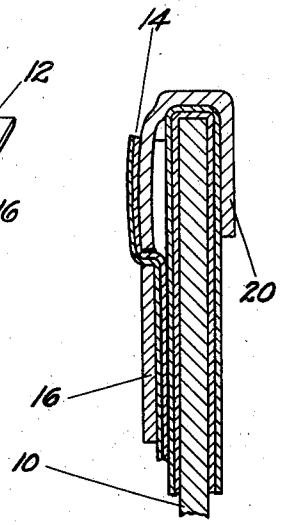


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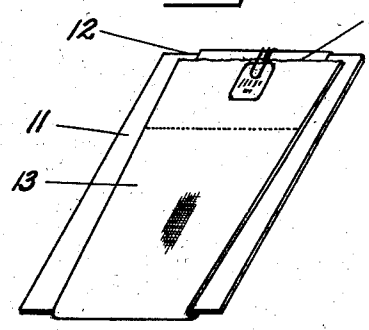


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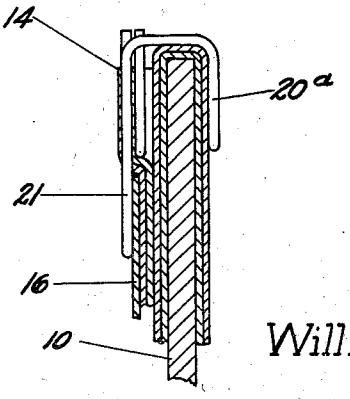


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1 Claim. (Cl. 206—80)

My invention relates particularly to the packaging of hosiery or like fabric goods and it consists in providing for the maintaining of the same in neatly folded and symmetrically placed display position notwithstanding the disturbing handling to which the packaging is normally subjected in shipment and servicing, as fully set forth in connection with the accompanying drawing and specifically defined in the subjoined claim.

Fig. 1 indicates the ordinary method of packaging stockings and the very objectionable displacement of the exposed terminal portions which my invention provides for positively avoiding without possible effect upon the delicate fabric.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view illustrating my improved method of fixedly securing the folded stockings upon a supporting sheet; Fig. 3 being an enlarged cross-sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 indicates a modified hook-on means, and Fig. 5 is an enlarged cross-sectional view thereof on the line 5—5.

One of the minor but practically important problems involved in the manufacture and sale of the delicately fabricated silk stockings so extensively used by women, relates to the satisfactory packaging and handling of such goods for transportation and offering to customers; especially to the insuring of them against damage to such delicately textured portions as are apt to be prominently exposed in wearing them as well as in presentation for sale, and of easy maintenance of their orderly and attractive appearance during the handlings incident to proper showing of them to prospective purchasers.

The primary object of my invention is to overcome the practically serious difficulty which is indicated in Fig. 1. In this showing of known packaging, a pair of ladies stockings is illustrated as contained in a suitable box or enclosure 10; with the stockings folded transversely at different points in their length, upon a supporting sheet 11 of relatively stiff paper or the like, and with the upper face portion 13 of the body exposed and the top edges of the welt 14 adapted to normally lie adjacent the top edge 12 of the sheet and the fabric folds thereon. The showing further indicates the heretofore unsolved problem which my invention satisfactorily solves; namely that of preventing the sagging of the exposed upper portion of the stocking into unsightly folds as indicated at 15, which is commonly caused by handling of the package for transportation and selling. This solution involves the maintaining of said welt edges 14 in their desired normal position adjacent the top edge 12 of the fold-covered sheet, with orderly tautness of the exposed stocking and without subjecting the delicate body portion of the stocking to any pressure tending to impair its normal handsome appearance, while at the same time providing for easy release and renewal of the neatly tauted upper portion of the stocking.

The welt edges 14 of the two stockings constituting a pair, are commonly held together so that the unsightly folds 15 cannot occur in each stocking but only in a joined pair; such joining being ordinarily effected in connection with the providing of a marker or ticket 16 secured to the substantial welt fabric of the stockings, as indicated in Fig. 1. In the Figs. 2 and 3 showing of my improved packaging such a marker or ticket 16 is indicated as similarly securing the welt edges of two stockings, by engaging the welt fabric in an opening of the ticket as set forth in Kimball Patent No. 1,854,149; while in Figs. 4 and 5 the simple ticket or marker 16 may be held by the separate welt-clamping means indicated.

In my improved packaging I have found it essential to the satisfactory avoidance of the unsightly and possibly harmful folds 15 in the leg fabric, to provide free suspension of the independently-held-together tops of paired stockings, upon the turned-over leg fabric on the top 12 of the supporting sheet 11; so as to normally maintain said tops in tauting position adjacent the top of the sheet, without applying any disfiguring pressure upon the turned-over leg fabric and with freedom of removal from such position as required for full showing of the stockings. As indicated in Figs. 2 and 3 this is accomplished by simply forming the exposed ticket 16 with a hook-on extension 20, adapted to be folded-over upon the turned-over fabric on the sheet 11 so as to loosely bear against the rear portion of the fabric and thus harmlessly hold the united tops of the stockings in normal position until purposely unhooked for displaying the stockings. This essential hook-on characteristic of my invention may be provided with equal simplicity as indicated in Figs. 4 and 5, by forming the separate welt-top clamping device 21 with a hook-on extension 20^a adapted to loosely overhang the turned-over fabric on the sheet 11 substantially as said extension 20 does, and thus maintain the united tops in normal position until purposely lifted off. The simplicity of the means required to effect my improved packaging is actually an essential to satisfactory solution of the problem dealt with, the importance of which is due to the

multitude of packagings employed and such solution necessarily involving exclusion of complication and expense as well as avoidance of possible damage to the delicate fabric handled.

What I claim is:

The combination with a pair of stockings or the like folded on spaced lines extending crosswise of their length upon a supporting sheet, with their top edges terminating adjacent a fold-covered edge of said sheet; of a holding device for said terminal stocking edges comprising an inscription uniting member attached to the latter and a hook-on member comprising a flange-extension turned-over upon the fold-covered sheet to retain said terminal edges in position.

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