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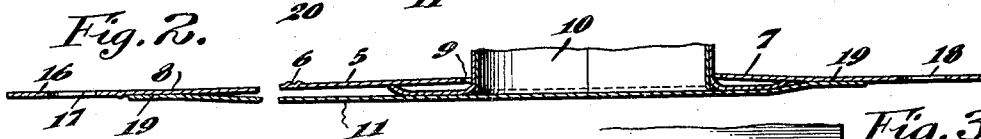
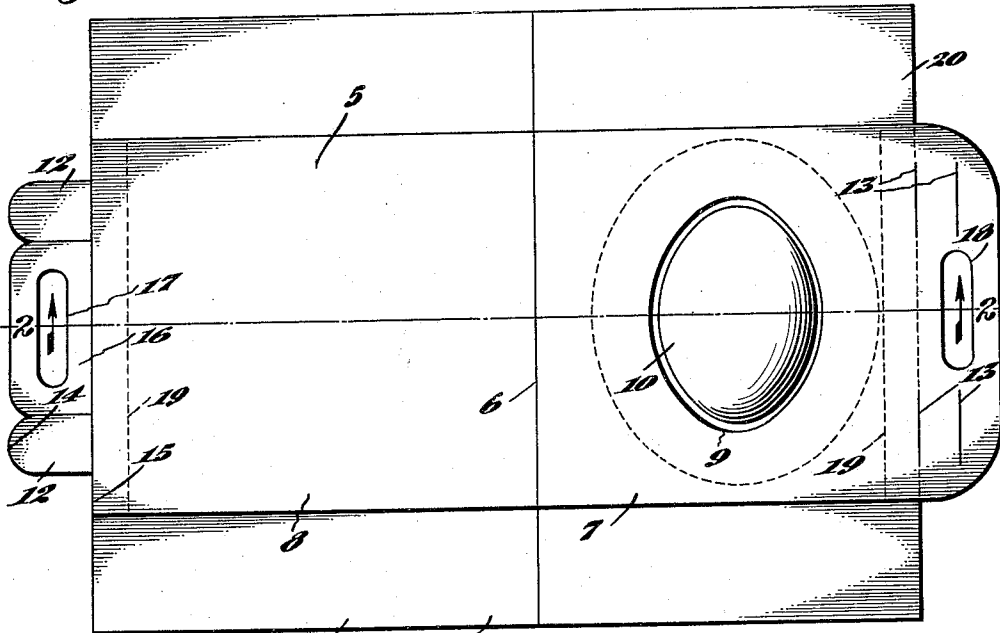


Fig. 4.

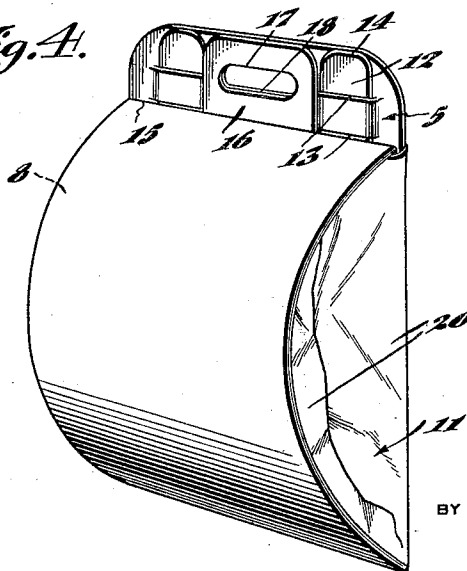
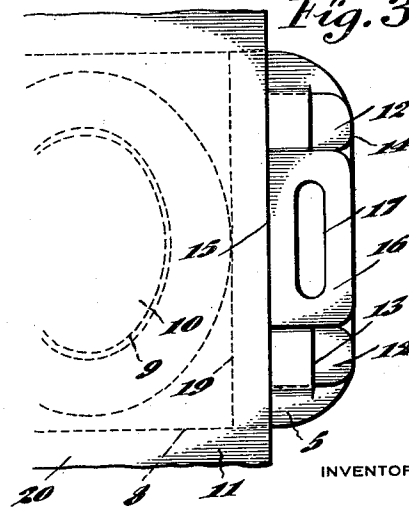


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to light delivery containers and is particularly directed to an improved container for hats, which container includes means for supporting the hat, protective means for preventing crushing of the hat, covering means for preventing the entrance of dirt to the hat, and carrying means for convenient handling during transportation or delivery of a cleaned or new hat. In the conventional practice, cleaned or new hats are conveyed from the hat shop by the owner or delivered in plain light paper envelopes or bags which are not designed in any way to prevent crushing and destruction of the block of the hat. In other instances, particularly of new hats, the delivery is in heavy pasteboard boxes which are exceedingly bulky and difficult to carry. The container bag in the present instance is designed with a view not only to efficiency but to economy and lightness so that the container may be gratuitously provided with the cleaned and blocked hat or new hat.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide a light delivery container for hats which is exceedingly adaptable for transportation by the person and in which the hat is quickly and easily mounted in a form.

Another object is to provide a hat delivery container which includes means for enclosing and covering the hat container therein without entailing any damaging contact or crushing of the covering upon the hat as is frequently occurring in the use of standard paper bags.

Another object is to provide a hat delivery container which is foldable about the hat after convenient insertion and mounting of the hat in the container wall and which includes means for locking the container in closed position and provides a handle portion for transporting the bag.

Another object is to provide a hat delivery container economically constructed of pasteboard of a sufficient weight to retain its form and additionally embodying a shroud for covering the hat to prevent the admission of dust, etc., thereto.

Further objects and advantages will be

more fully apparent from a description of the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the inside of the container in open or outspread condition, illustrating a hat in mounted position in one wall of the structure.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken on line 2-2 Figure 1 additionally detailing the open container.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view of the container illustrating it in closed condition and illustrating the devices for locking it in closed position and for carrying it.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the closed container showing the shroud in position for closing the open ends of the container.

The container body is formed of a paper material which is stiff or heavy enough to protect and support the hat but which will be flexible for permitting bowing or arching of the container wall without cracking or buckling of the material. The weight of the material is such that it cannot be collapsed upon the crown of the hat in ordinary use. The material must furthermore be tough enough to resist tearing and breaking particularly on the lines of scoring marking the hinge upon which the respective panels are folded for enclosing the mounted hat and for defining the tucking flaps and handle members. For this reason a medium weight of pasteboard or cardboard is preferred.

There are two main panels or sections constituting the body of the container. These sections are defined on a single sheet of material 5 by a scoring line 6 and may be designated respectively as a hat supporting or carrying section 7 and a hat protective section 8.

The hat carrying section or panel of the sheet includes an orifice 9 of sufficient size to admit the crown of a hat 10 whereby the brim of the hat may be disposed in position lying flat against the outer surface of the support wall or section. The opening is designed of a maximum size for the admission of any size hat. The protective wall or section is of greater length than the support wall so that connection of the cooperating fasten-

ing means on the respective outer ends of the panels causes the protective section to assume a bowed or arched condition. The hat being inserted into the orifice from the outer side of the hat support wall, the crown is, therefore, disposed within the shelter of the arch formed by the bowed curved wall.

The cardboard sheet constituting the body of the container is thus formed and disposed to provide a supporting and protective structure over which a light covering or shroud 11 may be placed. No contact of the container or cover with the crown of the hat occurs and there is no tendency to deform the block thereof by contact. By the use of the orifice for receiving the hat crown, the brim is also maintained in nicely pressed condition by the disposition thereof flat against the outer surface of the support wall where it is maintained by the paper covering sheet or shroud which stretches over this surface as will be hereinafter described.

The outer ends of the panels of the sheet are secured together by tucking flaps 12 and slots 13 in the respective adjoining ends of the panels. The tucking or insert flaps 12 are extended from the end of the protective wall 8, one toward each end of this end edge. Pairs of the parallel slots 13 are cut in the outer end margins of the support panel. The slots as regarded in pairs for each flap are spaced apart and spaced in from the end edge of the panel parallel therewith. The flaps are aligned with the slots longitudinally of the sheet of material and are each threaded through the respectively adjacent pair of slots. The ends of the flaps are rounded as at 14 to aid in insertion and are of sufficient length to extend well beyond the slots to lie against the surface of the panel beyond the slots. The flaps are set in from the side edges of the sections whereby the edge 15 marking the end of the arch section lies against or abuts the surface of the supporting wall to maintain the aforesaid arching. (See Figure 4.)

An intermediate flap 16 is disposed between the tucking flaps and extends from the protective section. This flap lies against the face of the support panel and provides an aperture 17 cooperating with and registering with a corresponding aperture 18 in the support wall. These registering openings constitute finger clearance openings providing the means for carrying the container. The provision of a handle member on each panel provides a durable and rugged carriage means for the container and provides that in the event of the flaps becoming loosened or being damaged, the bag can be maintained in closed condition by these members gripped together in the hand.

The covering sheet or shroud 11 is disposed over one side of the sheet of pasteboard making up the container, which side

constitutes the outer surface of the closed bag. The sheet which is preferably of paper is attached by adhesive along its end margins as at 19 and is of sufficient width relative to the width of the cardboard sheet to provide a tucking margin or flap 20 at each side which flaps may be tucked in between the arched wall and the support wall for effectively closing the open ends of the cardboard container. The hat is inserted when the container is in outstretched position, that is to say, with the sheet of cardboard in totally flattened condition, the sheet of paper material or covering lying loosely against the cardboard sheet, between its attached ends. The hat is inserted between this loose portion and the cardboard sheet into its position in the orifice. The wall sections or panels may be reversely bent on the hinge line or scoring 6 so as to widely separate the sheet of paper from the cardboard bottom for easy insertion of a hat.

A hat container for delivery purposes is thus provided which is exceedingly adaptable for transportation and which is exceedingly cheap to manufacture making it possible for the hat shop owner or cleaner to deliver a new or cleaned hat to the customer in a protective and easily portable container. The container is easily handled and is of a shape whereby it may be carried at the side without being at all awkward. The person carrying the container disposes the flat side of the container toward his side and the arched side, disposed outwardly, protects the blocked hat against damage.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A container of the nature described, comprising, a cardboard sheet folded into two sections, one of which is flat and the other of which is secured in bowed condition relative to the flat section, the flat section having a hat form included therewith, and a paper shroud for closing the ends of the container between the respective sections.

2. A container of the nature described, comprising, a cardboard sheet folded to provide a hat supporting wall and a hat protecting wall, and a shroud secured to the cardboard sheet to retain the hat in the support wall and for closing the open ends of the container between the walls.

3. A container for a hat, comprising, a cardboard sheet folded to provide two panels, tucking flaps formed on the end of one panel, said other panel providing slots to receive said flaps, said first panel assuming a bowed form for protecting the hat when the flaps are inserted in the slots, said last panel having an orifice therein through which the crown of the hat is inserted, and a paper sheet enclosing said formed container being unattached adjacent the orifice for insertion of the hat between the paper sheet and the wall and having loose portions adapted to

be tucked into the open ends of the container between the panels, and cooperating handle members formed at the joined ends of the panels.

5 4. A container for a hat, comprising, a sheet of cardboard foldable to provide adjacent walls, means for connecting the ends of the walls to maintain one wall thereof in arched condition, the other wall having
10 an orifice therein through which the crown of the hat may be inserted from the outside of the set up structure, and means attached to the cardboard sheet on the outer face thereof overlying the orifice for maintaining the
15 rim of the hat in flat condition against the outer surface of the latter wall.

5. A container for a hat, comprising, a sheet of relatively rigid cardboard folded to provide adjacent walls, cooperating handle elements formed on the adjacent ends of the
20 walls for connecting the ends of the walls and maintaining one wall in an arched condition, said handle elements extended in substantially parallelism with the other or flat
25 wall, and means for securing a hat in the other or flat wall with the crown thereof disposed in the shelter of the arched wall, said arched wall protecting but not contacting the crown of the hat and dependent on the assembly of the container for its support.

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