

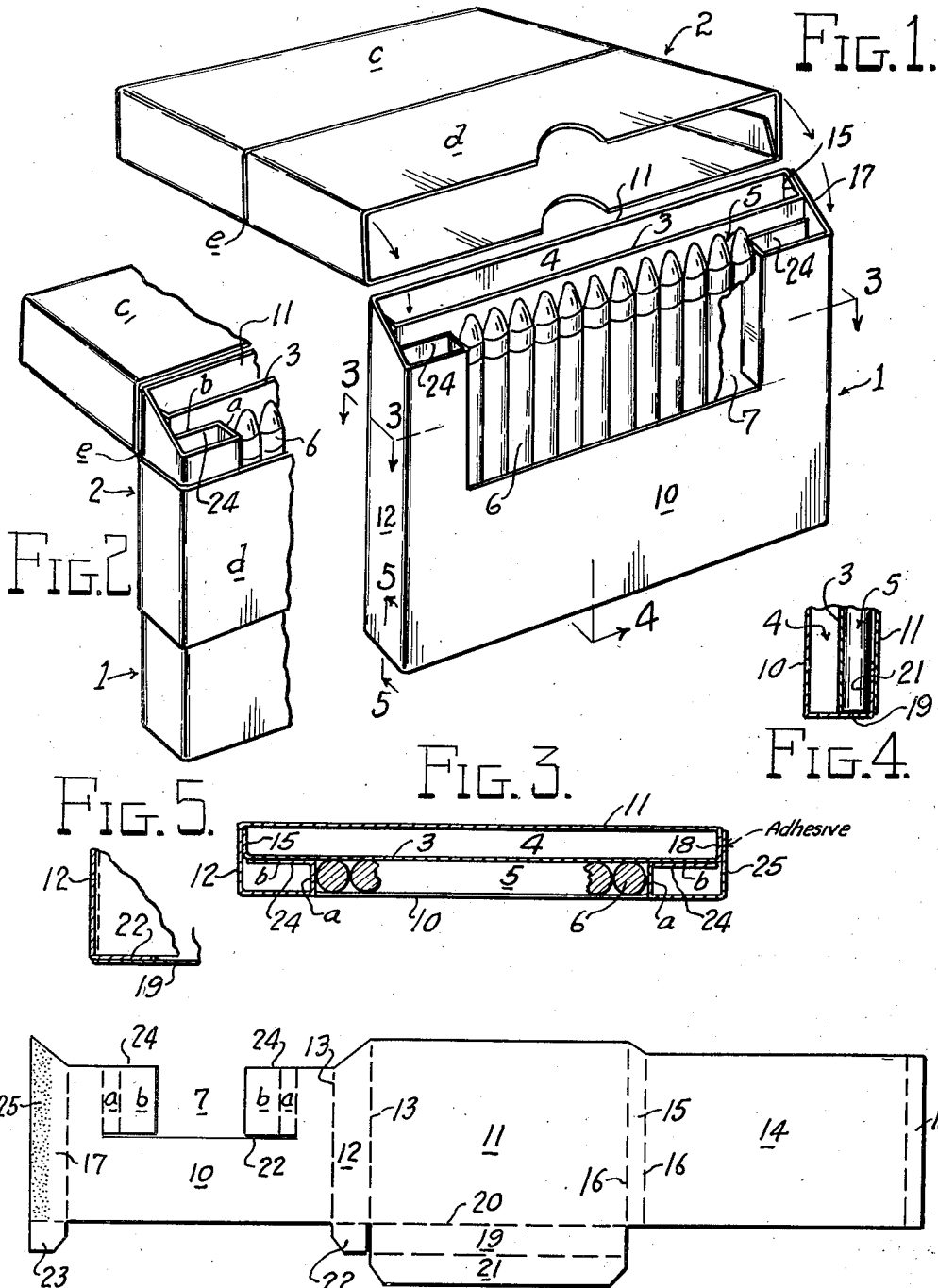
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This invention relates particularly to containers for holding crayons and color card sets used by school children.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a container of this character the body member of which is of improved one-piece construction whereby to enhance the practicality and commercial value thereof.

Another object of the invention is in the provision of a cover for a container of this character which has a telescoping fit on the body member and comprises two hingedly connected sections the upper one of which may be swung laterally on its hinge to expose the upper open end portion of the body member when the cover has been partially removed.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following detailed description and from the accompanying drawings forming a part thereof and illustrating one embodiment of the invention, in which—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the container body and its cover with the latter entirely removed; Fig. 2 is a similar fragmentary view with the cover only partially removed and its top portion swung over to expose the upper open end of the body member; Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 in Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a fragmentary section on the line 4 in Fig. 1; Fig. 5 is a section on the line 5—5 in Fig. 1, and Fig. 6 is a plan of a blank from which the body member of the container is made.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the body member of the container and 2 the cover member which telescopes thereover. The body 1 is of rectangular form and thin from front to back with one edge, which is the top edge, when in vertical usable position, open and with its remaining end and bottom edges closed. The bottom member is divided by a partition 3 into a rear open-top compartment 4 for receiving color cards or the like, and a front compartment 5 for holding a row of crayons 6, as shown. A central top portion of the front side of the body member is open or cut away, as shown at 7, to expose the upper end portion of the row of crayons, and the compartment 5 may be conveniently made of a length to suit the number of crayons to be used, as hereinafter described. The open top edge of the body member is preferably formed on an upwardly and rearwardly extending incline, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

One feature of the invention consists in forming the body member 1 in a simple, efficient and economical manner from a single-piece blank.

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This blank is shown in flat form in Fig. 6 and includes the front panel 10 and rear panel 11 connected at their inner or adjacent edges by an end section 12 along suitable fold lines 13. The rear panel 11 is connected at its opposite end to the partition panel 14 by an end section 15, which, in the present instance, is substantially one-half the width of the opposite end section 12 and connects to the panel 15 by suitable fold lines 16. The front panel 10 has folding connection at its outer end with an end flap 17 which is substantially the width of the end section 12, while the partition panel 14 has fold line connection with a flap 18 that is substantially one-half the width of the flap 17. The rear panel 11 is slightly greater in depth or vertical height than the panels 10 and 14 and the upper ends of the end sections 12 and 15 and of the end flaps 17 are inclined accordingly. A bottom section 19 is attached by a fold line 20 to the lower edge of the back panel 11, and to the outer edge of this section is attached a tuck-in flap 21. Tuck-in flaps 22 and 23 are attached to the lower ends of the respective sections 12 and 17.

The opening 7 in the top portion of the front panel 10 is formed by slitting the panel crosswise at 22 and removing a central portion above said slit short of both ends thereof, thus providing opposing end tongues 24 that are foldable inwardly within the container compartments 5 and outwardly along the partition 3 when the blank is folded. Each tongue 24 has an inner narrow section *a* of a width corresponding to the thickness of the compartment 5 and also has a free end section *b* corresponding in width to that of the space between the corresponding end of the compartment 5 and the adjacent end of the container. It is thus apparent that the horizontal length of the crayon holding space 5 is dependent on the length of the slit 22 and the length of the section *b*. Therefore, if it is desired to provide a container with a greater or less length of crayon-holding space 5, this can be easily done by varying the length of the slit 22 in the blank and also the length of the sections *b* of the tuck-in flaps 24.

In forming the container body, it is preferable to first place the panel 14 over the back panel 11 to be spaced therefrom by the end sections 15 and 18 folded at right angles thereto so as to form the compartment 4. After the flaps 24 have been folded inwardly, the front panel 10 is folded over the panel 14 in spaced parallel relation thereto with the section 12 serving as an end member against which the end flaps 18

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flatwise abut, the sections *b* of the flaps 24 bearing flat against the partition panel 3 and the end flap 17 lapping the end section 15 and sealed thereto by an adhesive 25 applied to the surface of flap 17. The flaps 22 and 23 are then turned inwardly under the bottom edge of the container, and the flap 19 is turned under the lower open bottom of the body member with its flap 21 tucked in. It is apparent that the end sections 15 and 18 at the ends of the partition panel 14 serve to properly space such panel from the back panel 11 and that the sections *a* of the turned-in flaps 24 serve to firmly space the front panel 10 from the partition panel 3 and also to define the horizontal width of the crayon receiving space 5.

The cover 2, which telescopes over the body member 1 of the container and is of substantially the same vertical depth as the body member, is divided substantially midway into upper and lower sections *c* and *d* that are hinged together along a rear meeting edge thereof as at *e*. This permits the top section *c* to be swung back to expose the open top of the body member when the cover has been raised a suitable distance on the body for the purpose.

I wish it understood that my invention is not limited to any specific construction, arrangement or form of the parts, as it is capable of numerous modifications and changes without departing from the spirit of the claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent, is:

1. A container body for crayons and color cards or the like made from a single-piece blank comprising a back panel, a front panel and a partition panel at opposite ends of the back panel,

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end sections foldably connecting the front and partition panels to the back panel with the partition panel connection one-half the width of the container body, end flaps on the free ends of said front and partition panels, with the partition panel flap one-half the width of the other and of the container body, said front and partition panels being folded over the back panel in spaced parallel relation to each other and to the back panel with the section and flap at the ends of the partition panel spacing it from the back panel and with the section and flap at the ends of the front panel spacing it from both the back and the partition panel, and with the flap of the front panel lapping the outer side of the end section of the partition panel and fixed thereto, and bottom tuck-in flaps for closing the lower ends of the container body.

2. An arrangement as called for in claim 1, together with the provision in the front panel of an opening extending downwardly from its top edge and having foldable side wall flaps turned rearwardly and outwardly in the space between the front and partition panels and along the latter to cooperate with the partition and front panels to form a crayon storage space.

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