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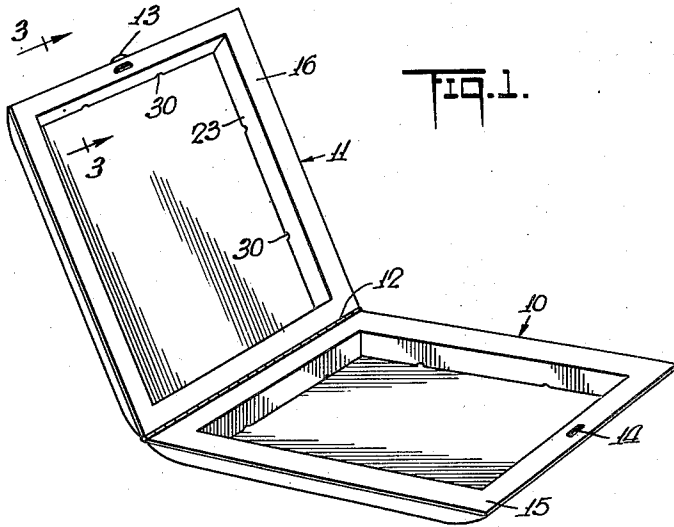


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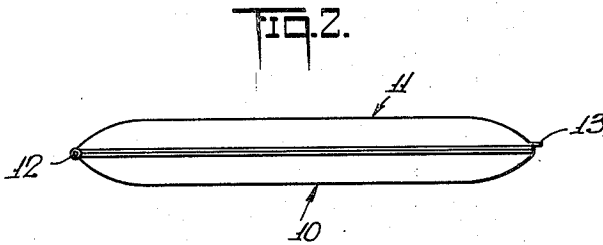


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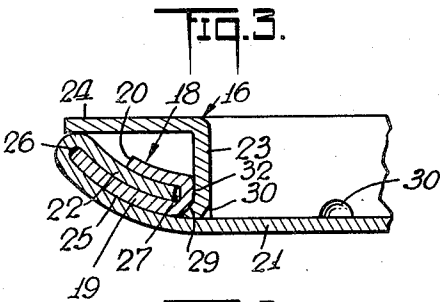


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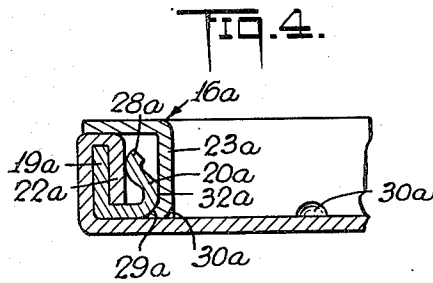


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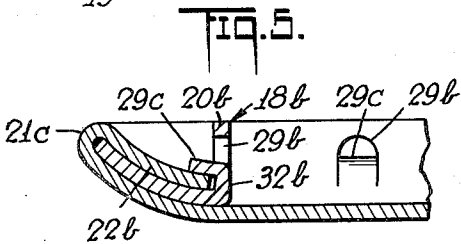


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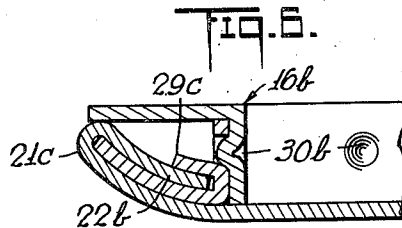


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My invention relates to a container construction that may be employed for cigarette, compact, vanity or similar cases, and is an improvement of the construction illustrated in my Patent No. 2,218,665.

In the manufacture of cases of the foregoing character, a covering, a frame and a clamping member are provided, and the outer covering is caught between the two, and securely held in position.

The principal object of my invention is to provide an independent attachment of the outer covering to the frame, so that the clamping member serves to reinforce the grip on the already secured outer covering.

Other objects are to provide a construction for a container which will permit a streamlining of the edge construction; to provide a construction wherein the outer covering will not separate from the frame during the assembly of the container; and to provide a container which is simpler and more economical to manufacture, and which permits greater convenience in handling.

I accomplish these and other objects and obtain my new results as will be apparent from the device described in the following specification, particularly pointed out in the claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an open container employing my construction.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the container in closed position.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view of a portion thereof, taken through 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a similar view of a modified form of construction.

Fig. 5 is a similar view of a further modification, without clamping member.

Fig. 6 is the same view with clamping member inserted thereover.

An example of my construction is illustrated in the drawings as comprising two sections 10 and 11 hinged together as at 12 having complementary latch elements 13 and 14 of suitable construction to secure the two sections together when in closed position.

Container sections 10 and 11 are provided with hinged clamping members 15 and 16, respectively, which are formed with interengaging hinged sections constituting the hinge 12.

One of the container sections, illustrating my present construction, is illustrated in Fig. 3, and comprises a channel-shaped frame 18 having a shaping leg 19 and a holding leg 20; a side wall

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or flexible covering 21 made of leather, fabric or other suitable material adapted to be tightly stretched over the frame 18 and having a marginal portion 22; and the clamping member 16, having an inner vertical leg 23, and an outwardly extending flange 24.

The flexible covering is tightly stretched across the frame member with its marginal portion 22 overlying the outer side 25 and edge surface 26 of the shaping leg 19, and turned inwardly and downwardly into the frame channel 27.

Whereas, in the construction illustrated in my aforesaid patent, I relied on the stiffness of the flexible material, so that the folded-over edge portions would remain in snug fitting engagement with the channel walls of the frame during assembly to the clamping members, I have now provided for variations in the materials used, with different degrees of stiffness, by independently securing the marginal edges to the frame. I can thus narrow the amount of space hitherto required for the channel frame, where space is a factor, or change the frame to produce new and interesting shapes to the edges of the container, such as the streamlined effect illustrated in Fig. 3, requiring additional space for the frame.

Such independent attachment of the marginal edges of the cover to the frame involves the problem of preventing distortion of the holding leg of the frame which should preferably be in sliding engagement with the inner vertical leg of the clamping member. I have discovered this can be accomplished as will be apparent hereinafter.

Independently securing the cover has resulted in additional beneficial results. Less care is required in the handling of the covered frames before attaching the clamping members thereto, with attendant reduction in the cost of production; and the covered but unclamped frame members may be stored for longer periods of time with less damage.

In Fig. 3, the shaping leg 19 is contoured to give a streamlined edge to the container. The marginal portions 22 are caught in the channel by bending over a portion of the holding leg 20 until the pressure against the inside of the shaping leg is sufficient to secure the marginal portion. Recesses 29 may be formed at the base of leg 20 of the frame, so that corresponding indentations 30, in the free edge of the inner vertical leg 23 of the clamping member 16 may be engaged therein to interlock the two together, the inside surface of leg 23 fitting tightly against the flat surface 32 of the frame leg 20.

As clamping member 16 is compressed into po-

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sition, the outwardly extending flange 24 abuts the flexible material on the edge surface 26 and additionally serves to hold the flexible covering in taut position thereon.

In Fig. 4, the shaping leg 19a is formed substantially parallel to the holding leg 20a, with the top portion 28a compressed against the marginal edge 22a of the flexible covering. The surface 32a of leg 20a is engaged by the inner surface of leg 23a of the clamping member 16a, and indentations 30a may be formed therein as previously described, to engage recesses 29a in the base of leg 20a, substantially as previously described.

Instead of recesses being formed in the base of the frame, tongues may be notched out of the leg to secure the flexible cover, and the notches used as gripping sections for the indented side wall of the clamping member.

This is shown in Fig. 5 where the frame holding leg 20b is notched as at 29b, to form tongues 29c, which are bent over to compress the flexible covering marginal portions 22b and secure the same to the frame member 18b.

In the assembly view, Fig. 6, the clamping member 16b is shown compressed over the covering 21c and slid over the side wall 32b of the leg 20b. Indentations 30b engage the notches 29b to lock the frame and clamping member together.

It is desirable in all constructions to provide a flat surface along the holding leg of the frame so that the clamping member may be properly supported thereagainst. Thus the problem of providing such a wall support, while at the same time employing a portion thereof for holding the marginal portions of the cover, is accomplished in my construction.

Moreover, should the clamping member be assembled so that the indentations do not tightly fit the recesses or notches therefor, the flexible cover still cannot be loosened, since it is independently secured to the frame.

A lining for the inside of the flexible cover, as shown in my patent, may additionally be employed in my construction, where the inside of the covering is not finished, so as to present a pleasing appearance.

I have thus described my invention, but I desire it understood that it is not confined to the particular forms or uses shown and described, the same being merely illustrative, and that the invention may be carried out in other ways with-

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out departing from the spirit of my invention, and, therefore, I claim broadly the right to employ all equivalent instrumentalities coming within the scope of the appended claims, and by means of which, objects of my invention are attained and new results accomplished, as it is obvious that the particular embodiments herein shown and described are only some of the many that can be employed to attain these objects and accomplish these results.

I claim:

In a container of the class described, an inner frame member having inner and outer legs forming a continuous channel with the outer surface of the inner leg having a flat contacting surface; an outer frame member having an inner vertical flange and an outwardly extending lateral flange; a sheet of flexible material extending tautly across and in direct contact with said inner frame member and having marginal edge portions overlying the outer leg and edge surfaces of the inner frame member, with the marginal edge portions of the flexible cover turned inwardly and downwardly into the mouth of the inner frame channel, and mechanical securing means positioned within the channel of the inner frame member for compressing the marginal edge portions of the cover against one leg of the inner frame member, said vertical flange and inner leg having co-acting parts to retain said members in assembled relation.

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