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Fig. 1

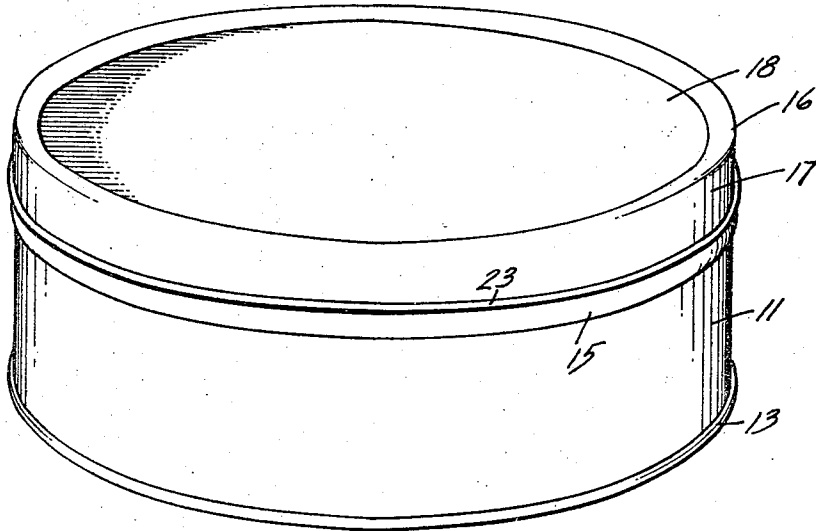
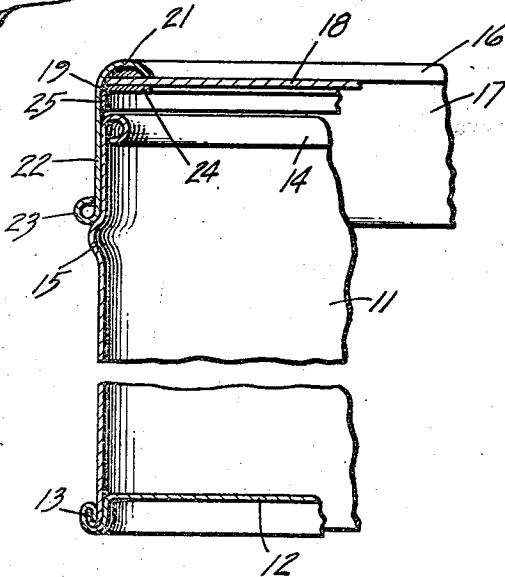


Fig. 2



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This invention relates in general to containers and more particularly to decorated containers for the packaging of candy, cakes and a variety of other products.

5 An important object of the invention is the provision of such a container which embodies in its cover construction a removable or inter-changeable display insert which may take the form of a transparent member such as glass, 10 Cellophane, etc., or a pictorial member suggestive of a holiday season such as Christmas or Easter or a pictorial reproduction of some famous man or woman or a work of art.

15 Another important object of the invention is the provision of an insert holding or supporting device of simple and inexpensive construction which securely holds the insert in place and which permits of ready removal, for the purpose 20 of removing an insert or interchanging one insert for another.

Numerous other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent as it is better understood from the following description, which, taken 25 in connection with the accompanying drawing, discloses a preferred embodiment thereof.

Referring to the drawing:

30 Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of container to which the invention is applicable; and

35 Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary vertical section of a container showing in detail the cover construction, the insert and the insert holding device.

To illustrate a preferred application of the present invention, Fig. 1 shows a cylindrical body 11 of relatively short height and large diameter and having a bottom end 12 permanently secured thereto by a double seam 13 or in any preferred 40 manner. The body 11 has its top marginal edge bent inwardly to provide an inward hollow bead or curl 14. A short distance downward from the curled top the body 11 is bent outward to form an outward limiting bead 15 to provide a stop for a slip cover. The body 11 may be suitably decorated by lithographing or otherwise.

45 The container body 11 is closed by means of a composite slip cover 16 telescopically and frictionally fitting over that part of the body between the curl 14 and the stop bead 15, which may be 50 called the cover engaging part of the body. The slip cover 16 comprises an annular or ring like body engaging member 17, an insert 18 and an insert holding device 19. The cover ring 17 comprises a rounded top 21 and an outer depending 55 wall portion 22 which terminates in an outward-

ly curled hollow bead 23. The rounded top 21 terminates at its inner portion in an innermost depending flange.

The insert 18 consists of a circular disc of slightly less diameter than the inside diameter of 5 the friction flange 22 and may take the form of a transparent member such as a glass panel, or a Cellophane panel when it is desired that the contents of the container be visible. The insert 18 may also take the form of a decorated or litho- 10 graphed fibre disc or a sheet metal disc, which may illustrate a variety of decorative or ornamental objects, such as pictorial illustrations suggestive of the Christmas and Easter seasons, or a colored reproduction of the likeness of some 15 famous man or woman, or the ornamental reproduction of a piece of art, or a variety of other objects which appeal to the esthetic senses.

The insert holding device 19 comprises an annular member, preferably stamped out of sheet 20 metal, and substantially L-shaped in cross section. The horizontal leg 24 of the L provides a supporting ledge or shoulder for the outer marginal part of the insert. The vertical leg 25 of the L provides a friction wall conforming to the cylindrical shape of the inner wall of the flange 22 25 and is adapted to frictionally engage the inner surface of the flange 22 to hold the insert in place by friction.

30 It is conceivable that instead of having an open friction ring as described above for holding the insert in place, the horizontal shoulder 24 may be extended until it covers the whole inner surface of the insert. In other words, an inverted, shallow, cup shaped member may be provided or substituted. This alternate construction is within 35 the contemplation and scope of the present invention. This construction, while requiring more sheet metal, may be desirable where the chosen insert is not of a transparent nature and is of 40 frail construction, requiring support for its whole interior surface.

45 In assembling the three pieces 17, 18 and 19 making up the composite cover 16 and in assembling the cover to the body the preferred procedure is as follows: The insert 18 is pushed into the member 17 through the opening defined by the bead 23 until it engages the edge of the rounded top 21. The L-shaped retaining ring or insert holding device is then positioned in like 50 manner within the member 17 until the ledge 24 of the device engages the insert 18 and presses it against the top 21. Thus assembled, the cover 16 is slipped or telescoped over the cover engaging area of the body 11 with the bead 23 contact- 55

ing the bead 15 and limiting further downward movement of the cover.

The member 17, like the body 11, may be decorated, by lithographing or otherwise, in a variety of preferred colors or designs.

As best seen in Fig. 2, it will be noted that the inner extremity of the curved portion 21 of the cover serves to clamp the transparent or other panel insert 18 securely between this portion of the cover and the ledge portion 24 of the annular ring member 19. This provides means other than the frictional contact of the ring with the cover flange 22 for securely holding the parts in assembled position.

It is thought that the invention and many of its attendant advantages will be understood from the foregoing description, and it will be apparent that various changes may be made in the form, construction and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention or sacrificing all of its material advantages, the form hereinbefore described being merely a preferred embodiment thereof.

I claim:

1. In a container for candy and the like, a container body, a friction cover for said container and comprising an outer depending body engaging friction wall and an upwardly and inwardly curved portion terminating in an innermost depending flange, a display insert member remov-

ably fitting within said wall, said insert member bearing decorative design material of a seasonal nature, and a retaining and supporting device for said insert member having an inwardly extending portion and a depending outer flange portion adapted for frictional engagement against and within said outer wall of the cover, said inwardly extending portion of the supporting device cooperating with said innermost depending flange of the cover to removably clamp said display insert member in position therebetween.

2. In a container for candy and the like, a container body, a friction cover for said container and comprising an outer depending body engaging friction wall and an upwardly and inwardly curved portion terminating in an innermost annular depending flange, a display insert disk member removably fitting within said wall, said insert member bearing an ornamental design of a seasonal character, and a retaining and supporting ring for said disk, said ring having an inwardly extending flange and a depending outer flange, the latter flange being adapted for frictional engagement against and within said outer wall of the cover, said inwardly extending flange of said ring cooperating with said annular depending flange of the cover to removably clamp said display insert member in position therebetween against displacement.

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