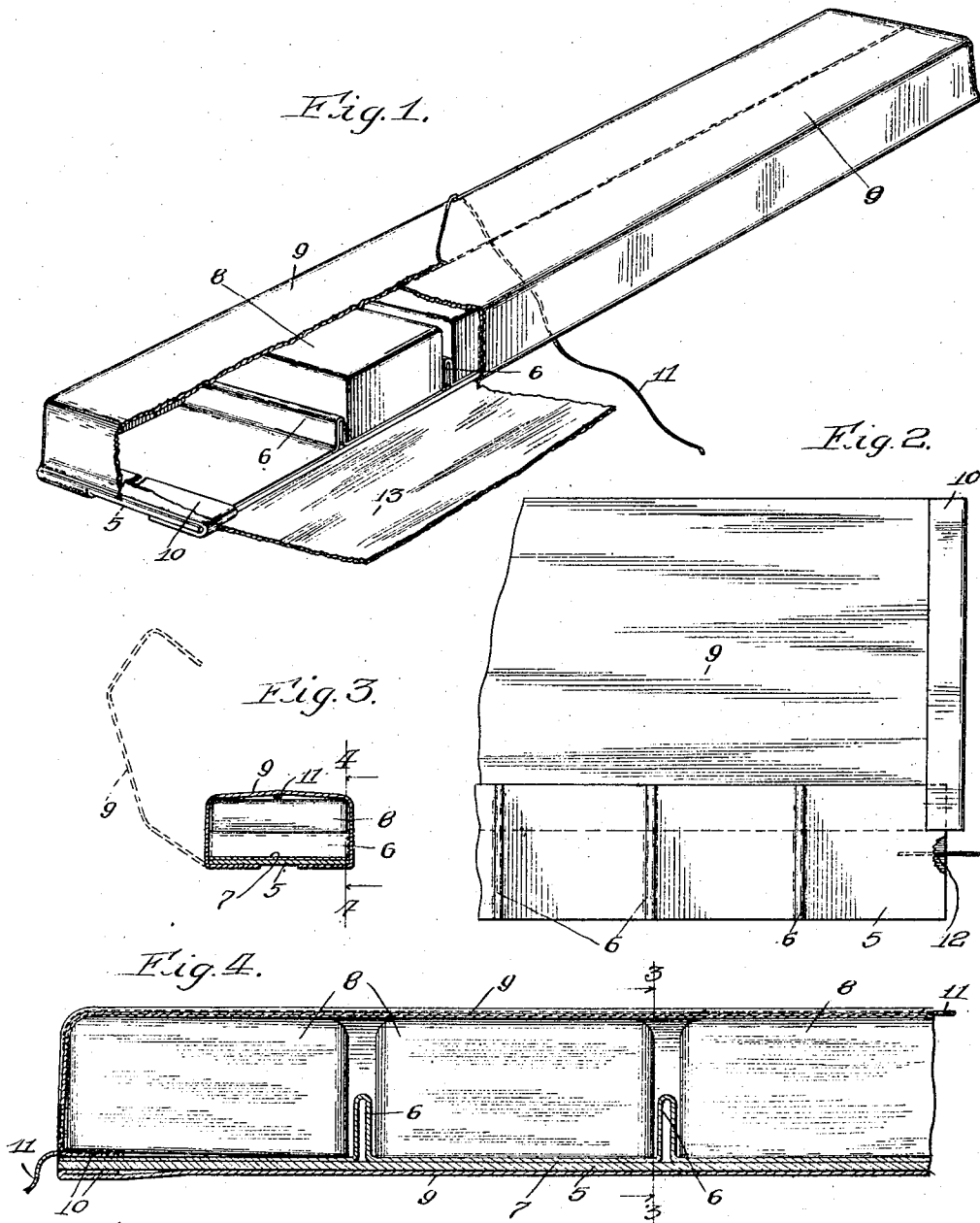


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH RICE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sanitary Containers and Openers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to containers and openers therefor, and the object of this improvement is the provision of a container having an opener fitted thereto, one adapted to hold confections and the like, and which is sanitary, simple of construction and efficient in use.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in substantially the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed, and will be best understood by referring to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective, of a container embodying my invention, there being a portion of the cover torn away to expose underlying parts; Fig. 2 is a fragmental view of a portion of such a container with the cover secured at one edge only to the base of the container; Fig. 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 4 but on a smaller scale; and Fig. 4 is an enlarged section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, I provide a base 5 of card-board, or other suitable material which has sufficient rigidity to give the container its form. On the upper side of the base 5, I provide a plurality of spaced ribs 6 extending upwardly and adapted to form partitions to separate the articles which are to be contained in the container. I have shown the ribs 6 as extending only transversely across the base 5, but when so desired, these ribs may be extended in any other direction, or when so desired may be disposed in such a manner that more than one row of articles may be disposed on the base 5. I preferably make the ribs 6 by rebending a sheet of paper 7, or other suitable material, in the manner indicated, so that the rebent portions 6 extend upwardly from the base 5. The ribs 6 preferably extend upwardly a distance less than the thickness of the articles 8 which are to be contained in the container, so that the articles will prevent the corners of the ribs from injuring the

cover 9. The sheet 7 is secured to the base 5 by means of glue, or other suitable material.

I preferably make the cover 9 of paraffined paper, although any other suitable substance may be used. This cover 9 is first secured along one of its edges to the under side of one of the longitudinal edges of the base 5, as indicated in Fig. 2. The ends of the cover 9 are doubled on the upper side of the base 5 and secured thereto by means of glue or other suitable substance. The articles are then placed in the spaces between ribs 6 and the other longitudinal edge of the cover 9 secured to the under side of the other longitudinal edge of the base 5 (see particularly Figs. 1 and 3). This provides a container which is entirely sealed and one in which the articles are separated from each other.

In order to provide means for opening the container easily and quickly, I secure one end of a cord 11 to one end of the base 5, as at 12, and position the cord under the cover 9 across the tops of the articles 8 and allow its other end to extend between the end edges of the cover 9 and the base 5 (see Fig. 4), so that such free protruding end forms a hand hold by which the cover 9 may be torn to open the container. In Fig. 1 I have shown the cord as having been torn through a portion of the cover 9. From this it will be observed that by tearing a portion of the cover 9 as indicated at 13 in this figure, the articles 8 may be easily removed, and when so desired, some of the articles may be retained in the container and be maintained therein in sanitary condition since nothing can touch said articles until the cover 9 has been torn away from them. This provides a means whereby the articles may be taken out of the container as used or desired, and in consecutive order.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction, I do not desire to limit myself to the particular details set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and changes as come within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A container comprising a base; a cover having its edges secured to said base and inclosing a chamber; ribs on said base dividing the chamber into small chambers; and a cord secured at one end of the con-

tainer, extending between the ribs and the cover and having its other end protruding between edges of the base and cover providing a means adapted to tear the cover
5 to open the small chambers consecutively.

2. A container comprising walls inclosing a chamber; partitions in the chamber dividing the latter into a row of small compartments; and a severing string secured to the
10 wall at one end of the chamber passing through each of the compartments and pro-

truding from the other end of the chamber, adapted to sever one of the walls and open the compartments consecutively.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 26th day of October, A. D. 1914.

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