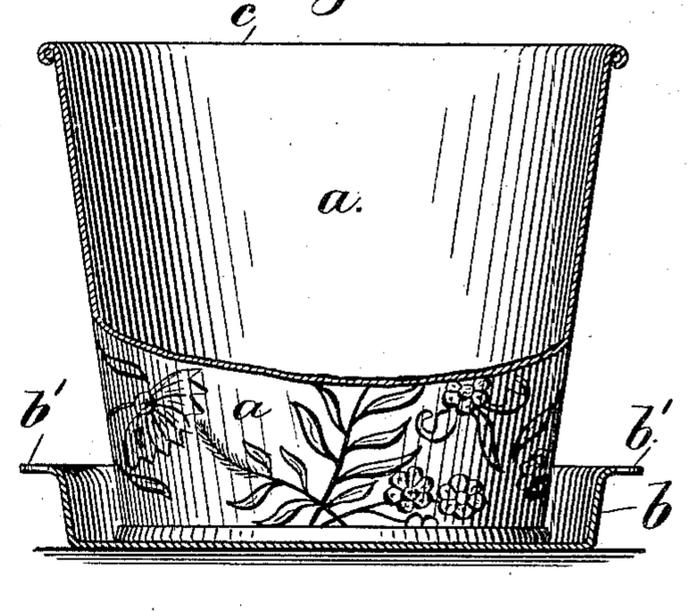
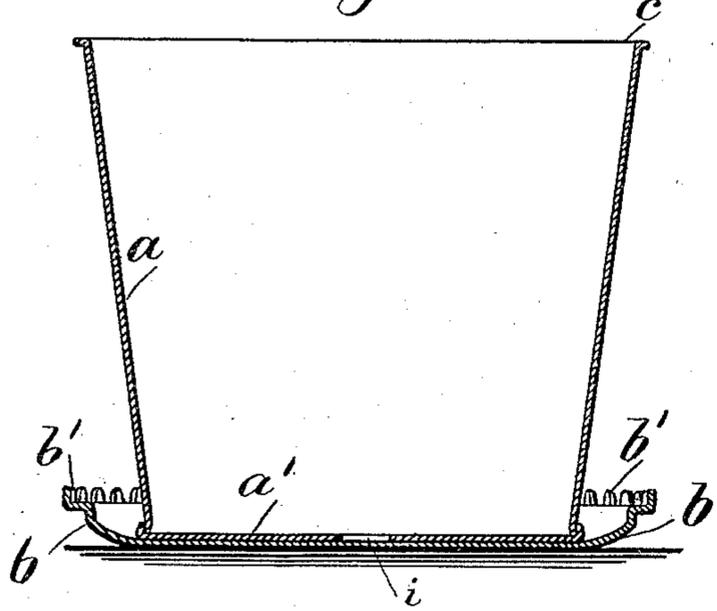
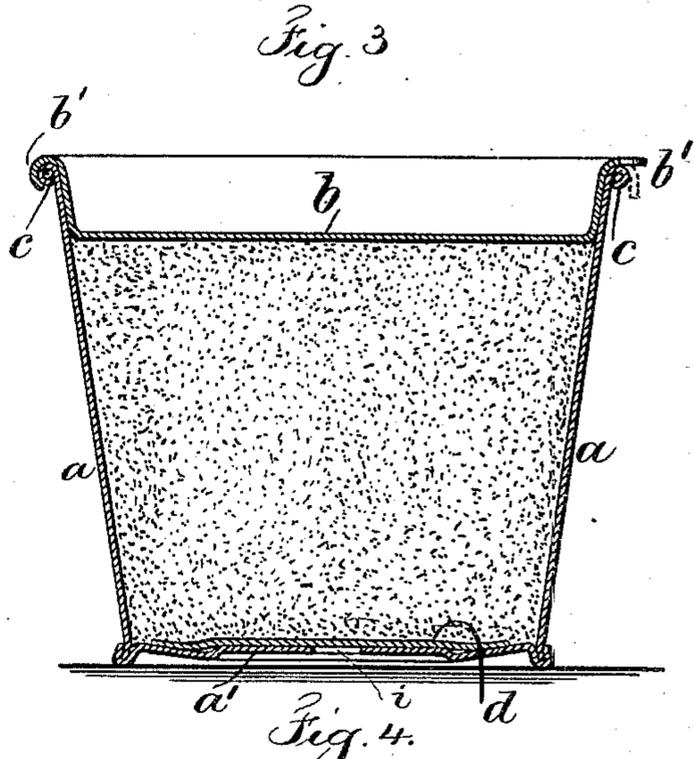
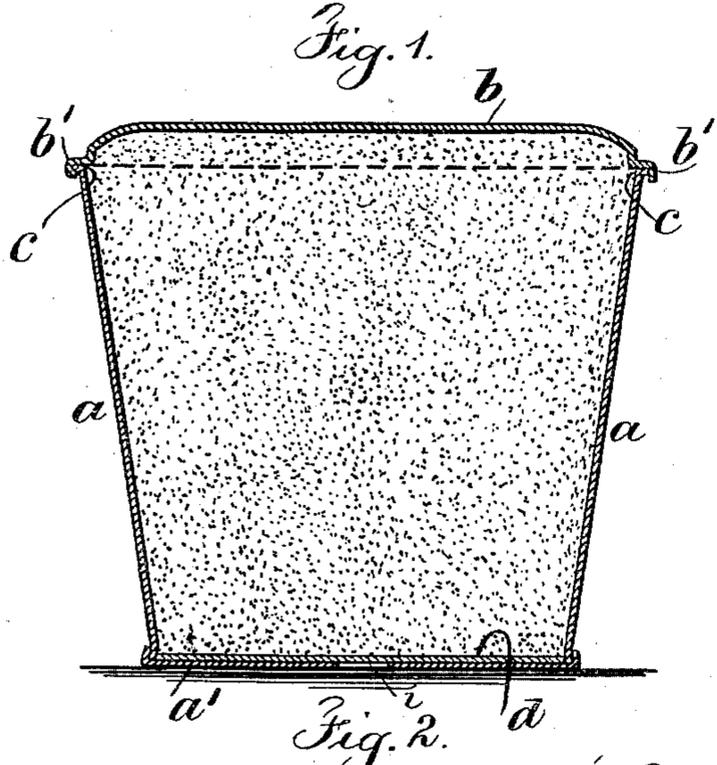


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY A. LEE, of Glen Ridge, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented an Improvement
5 in Packages for Merchandise, and the following is declared to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to what is known as a "utility package"—that is, a package designed
10 to hold articles of merchandise, such as coffee, tea, sugar, spices, fruits, &c., and in which such goods are sold, said package after the goods are used being adapted for other economic or ornamental purposes. Various forms
15 of utility packages have heretofore been employed.

My invention consists in a package formed preferably of sheet metal, and having a tapering cylindrical body open at the larger end
20 and closed at the smaller end, and I employ a cover or lid stamped up to the desired shape of the same material as the body, which cover is adapted to fit in or upon the open end of the body and close the same after the article
25 of merchandise has been placed therein.

My improved package when the goods have been removed is adapted for use as a flower-pot, the lid or cover serving as a saucer to the
30 body portion or pot.

My improved package can be made of sheet metal, papier-maché, wood pulp, or any other similar material.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical section of a filled package having a convex
35 cover, and Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same parts arranged as a flower-pot. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of a filled package having a concave cover with an overturned edge, and Fig. 4 is a section and partial elevation
40 of the same parts arranged as a flower-pot; and Fig. 5 is an elevation of the concave lid or cover of Figs. 3 and 4.

a represents the tapering cylindrical body of the package, which is preferably made of
45 sheet metal, having a vertical seam. This body is open at the upper and larger end and closed with a bottom *a'* at the smaller end, in which bottom *a'*, I make one or more small holes *i*.

b represents the lid or cover of the package, and the surface of the body *a* and lid *b* may be ornamented in design or color in any way
50 desired, and the edge *b'* of said cover may be provided with scallops or with two or more projections or tongues.

The lid or cover *b* may be convex, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, to rest upon and over the upper edge *c* of the body *a*, and said cover is secured to said body by bending over around
60 the edge *c* two or more of the projections or scallops. The lid or cover *b* may be concave, as shown in Figs. 3, 4, and 5, and adapted to fit into the upper end of the body *a*, and to be held in place by the friction of tight fitting, or by bending over two or more of the
65 projections or scallops around the upper wired edge *c* of the body *a*, or by both.

The cover or lid *b*, Fig. 1, is adapted when inverted to form a saucer *b*, Fig. 2, to the
70 body *a*, which, when the goods are removed, can be used as a flower-pot. The cover or lid *b*, Fig. 3, is adapted to form a saucer *b*, Figs. 4 and 5, without being inverted. I prefer to employ a disk *d*, of sheet metal or pasteboard,
75 placed in the bottom of the body *a* over the holes in the bottom *a'* before the package is filled to prevent any of the contents of the package escaping.

My improved package is a very desirable and convenient article, and is also quite or-
80 namental and pleasing to the eye, and forms a desirable receptacle in which to put up for sale such articles as coffee, tea, spices, &c., and when the contents are exhausted the body and cover are not useless, but can be utilized
85 as a flower-pot.

I claim as my invention—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a utility package for merchandise, composed of a
90 tapering cylindrical sheet-metal body *a*, open at the larger end and a perforated bottom at the smaller end, and a cover *b*, having an edge to engage the upper edge of the body, said body and cover having an ornamental
95 surface and being adapted to form a flower-pot and saucer, substantially as set forth.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a utility package for merchandise, composed of a
100 tapering cylindrical body *a*, open at the larger end and closed by a perforated bottom at the smaller end, and a lid or cover *b*, having a scalloped edge, said body and cover being adapted to form a flower-pot and saucer, substantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 28th day of January, A. D. 1889.

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