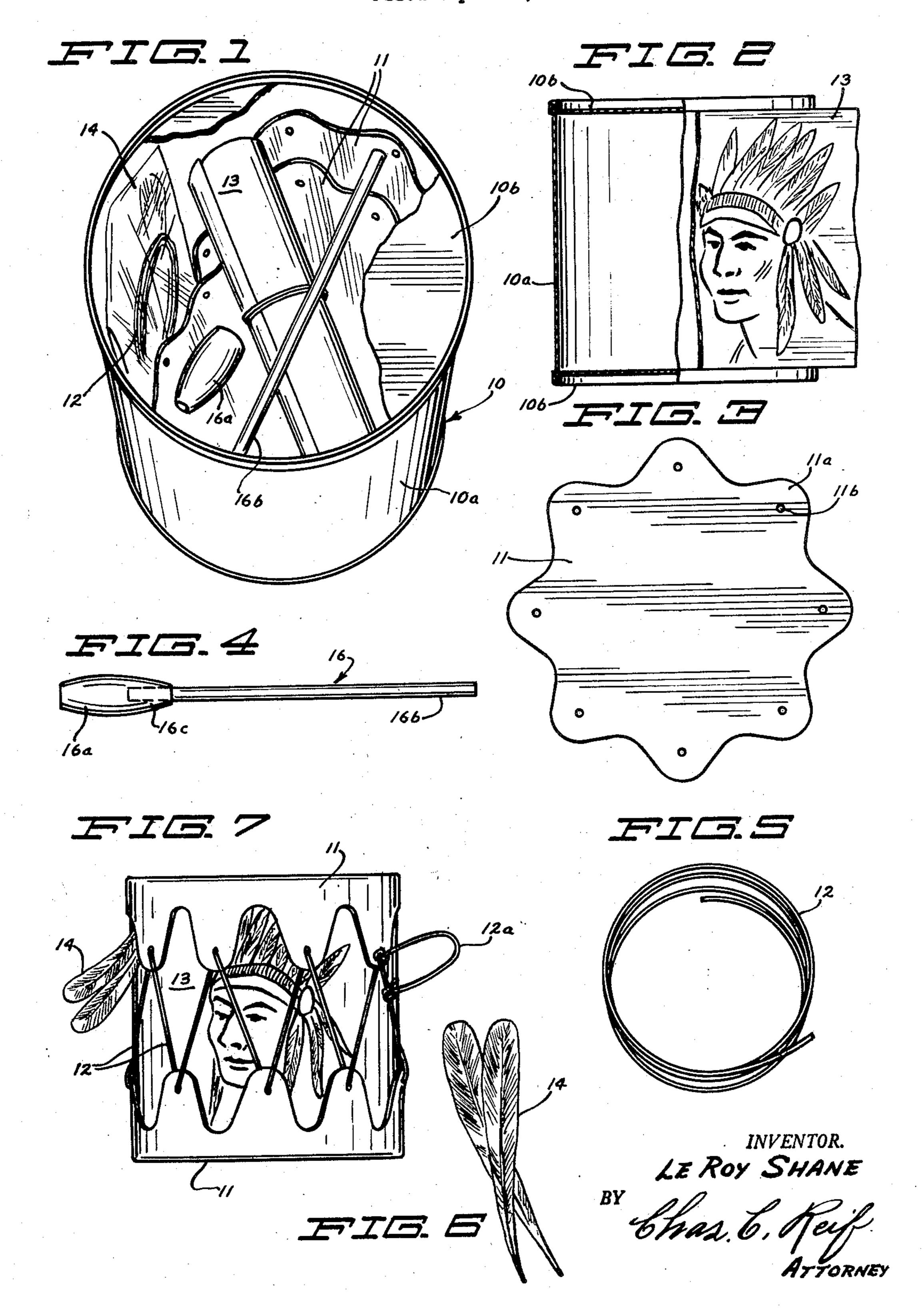
DRUM PACKAGE

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2,850,156 DRUM PACKAGE

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This invention relates to a package, and particularly to a package which may be made into a drum, such as a toy drum, and to a method for making said package into a drum. It is desirable to have a package in which parts of a drum may conveniently be packed for shipping and handling and which will permit a person, and especially a youngster, to have the pleasure and the training of assembling the items in said package to form a drum.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide a package comprising a sealed container having drum parts therein, so that said container and contents may be made into a drum.

It is another object of this invention to provide a package comprising a substantially cylindrical member having sealed ends and containing therein parts of a drum which may be removed from said first mentioned member to form with said member a drum.

It is a more specific object of this invention to provide 25 a cylinder sealed at each end containing therein a pair of drum heads, a lacing and a beater, whereby said ends may be removed from said cylinder and said drum assembled with said cylinder, heads and lacing forming a drum.

It is also an object of this invention to provide a package comprising a cylinder sealed at each end and adapted to form the shell of a drum, said cylinder containing a pair of drum heads having circumferentially spaced tabs thereabout, a lacing, a beater, a pictorial label and a plurality of decorative members, whereby said ends can 35 be removed from said cylinder and said items assembled with said cylinder to form a drum.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will be fully set forth in the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings in 40 which like reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view with the top portion of applicant's device broken away and disclosing the contents therein;

Fig. 2 is a view showing a portion of applicant's device in side elevation and a portion thereof in vertical section;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a portion of applicant's device constituting a head for a drum;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of a portion of applicant's device constituting a beater for a drum;

Fig. 5 is a view in perspective of a portion of applicant's device constituting a lacing for a drum;

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a group of feathers used with applicant's device; and

Fig. 7 is a view in side elevation showing applicant's

Referring to the drawings, and particularly to Fig. 1, a member 10 is shown. Said member 10 is formed as a cylinder and made of any suitable sheet material, but is preferably made and is here disclosed as being made of a thin metal sheet material. Said member 10 comprises an outer shell portion 10a and upper and lower end portions 10b. Said end portions 10b are secured to the ends of said member 10 in any suitable manner, as by crimping or soldering, so that said end portion and cylinder are tightly sealed. Disposed in said member 10 are a pair of drum heads 11, a lacing 12, a decorative label 13, ornaments 14 and a beater 16 comprising a beater head 16a and a stick or handle 16b.

Said drum heads may be made of any suitable sheet material, such as leather or certain fabrics, and in the

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embodiment of the invention disclosed are shown as being made of a resilient rubber material. Said members 11 have circumferentially spaced tabs 11a thereabout and a perforation 11b in the end portion of each of said tabs. Said beater heads 16a are here disclosed as being of elongated ellipsoidal shape in form and having a recess 16c in one end thereof in which may be disposed and secured an end portion of said stick or handle 16b.

Said lacing 12 may be made of any suitable cord and is preferably made as here disclosed of a plastic material of small diameter and having very little resilience or elasticity so that the same will not stretch when tightened to hold the drum heads in position. Said label 13 may have any decorative pictorial material thereon, but in keeping with the Indian motif of applicant's device the same will preferably have Indian scenes and the heads of Indians having decorative headdress thereon.

While said ornaments 14 may be variously made, they are here disclosed as being feathers and the same may be of a plurality of colors to form a suitable decoration.

In operation, and in carrying out applicant's method, the ends 10b will be removed from said cylinder 10 preferably by cutting, as with a can opener. The contents of said cylinder 10 will be removed therefrom. Said label 13 will be secured about the outer side of said cylinder 10. Said portion 10a will form the shell of the drum to be formed. Said members 11 will respectively be placed over each end of said member 10. Said tabs 11a will be preferably arranged so that they will be respectively placed in vertical alinement with the recess between an opposite pair of tabs. Said lacing 12 will be threaded through said apertures 11b of said members 11, as shown in Fig. 7. Said lacing will then be tightened to hold said drum heads in a taut position. An end portion of said lacing 12 will be used to form a loop to provide said handle 12a. An end portion of said stick 16 will be secured in said recess 16c of said head portion 16a. Said ornamental members 14 will be secured in a decorative manner about said cylinder 10 and may be secured to said cylinder by having their lower end portions disposed under a portion of one of said drum heads 11, as shown in Fig. 7.

Thus it is seen that I have provided a novel package containing all the parts with which a drum may be made. The assembling and the use of said drum are both instructive for a youngster. This device is now in production and has proved to be very successful in use.

It will of course be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the apparatus and in the steps and sequence of steps of the method without departing from the scope of applicant's invention, which, generally stated, consists in a method and device capable of carrying out the objects above set forth, such as disclosed and defined in the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A package having in combination, a smooth walled cylindrical container having hermetically sealed ends, a pair of drum heads in said container formed of flexible resilient vibratory sheet material, circumferentially spaced perforated tabs about said drum heads, a lacing of some length, a head and a dowel adapted to be joined, a pictorial label adapted to cover the outer side of said container, and a plurality of ornamental feathers.

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