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(54) **Packaging material and containers and their method of manufacture.**

(57) A packaging material which can be formed into or form part of a packaging container or outer cover and a method of manufacturing a packaging container or cover is disclosed.

In accordance with the invention, a sheet of transparent polymeric material has identifying means printed onto its rear face by a reverse printing process and the sheet is then either formed into the container or is bonded or otherwise secured to an outer face of the container with the result that the material protects the identifying means printed thereon. In order to make the polymeric material receptive to the identifying means, the sheet material has a dimpled finish on the face to receive the identifying means and this face is subjected to corona treatment prior to the printing step. If the sheet material is to be bonded or otherwise secured to the surface of the container it is formed of a relatively thin flexible film but if the sheet material is to be formed into the container itself, it is formed of a relatively stiff and thick material which is largely self-supporting.

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