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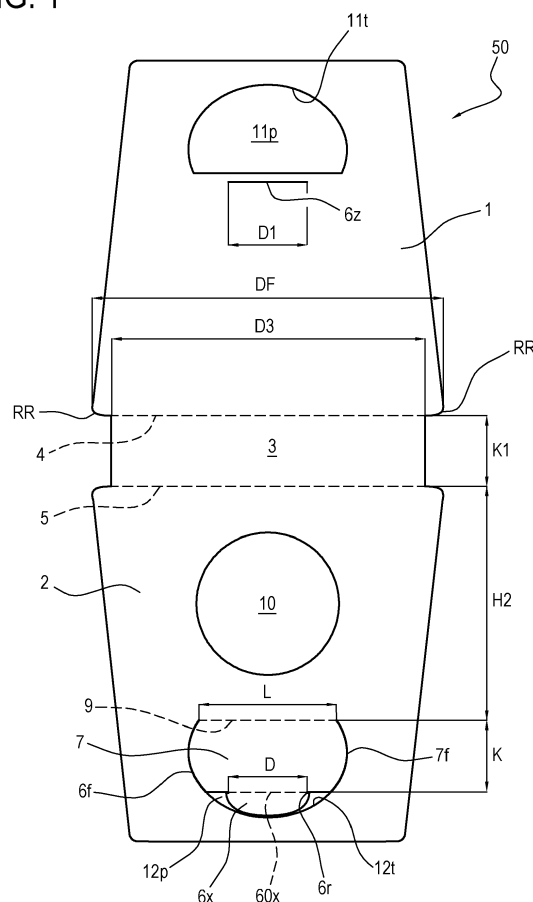
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(54) **ACCESSORY FOR HOUSING CONTAINERS FOR ITEMS OF JEWELLERY AND RELATED METHOD**

(57) Described is an accessory for housing containers (C) for items of jewellery, comprising a semi-finished element (50) having a first face (1) and a second face (2) having a polygonal shape; a first strip or tab (3) located between and connecting, at a first lower end thereof, the first face (1) and the second face (2); the first and second face (1) and (2) each being configured, in proximity of the other upper end thereof, with a corresponding through-slot (11p) and (12p); the first and second face (1) and (2) being foldable, in use, about the first strip or tab (3); the first and second face (1) and (2) and the strip or tab (3) forming, in use, a space (S) for housing the container (C); means (60) being provided, acting between the first and second face (1) and (2) configured for stably associating the first face (1) and the second face (2) in the folded configuration for stably housing the container (C).

FIG. 1



Description

[0001] This invention relates to an accessory for housing containers for items of jewellery.

[0002] In the field of items which are generally available and can be found in jewellery shops or the like, including costume jewellery, it is customary to place the "item of jewellery" selected by the consumer inside boxes defined for that purpose.

[0003] In practice these containers, which we have defined as boxes, may be of the most diverse shapes, types of finish, type of material and colours: this is in such a way as to be able to adapt the jewellery item to the wishes of the consumer, in a manner proportional to the total shopping cost in question.

[0004] They may range from boxes made of wood with high quality coatings to more or less colourful plastic boxes up, to those which are most commonly used, which are also attractive, made of paperboard coated with paper of different colours.

[0005] In the most commonly used forms, we find the classic prismatic shaped box, which usually has a square base and a reduced height, inside of which there is always a layer or support made of protective material, such as foam rubber or the like, provided with notches or retaining elements (for example, elastic bands) for association with the item of jewellery.

[0006] These boxes, in the bottom-lid arrangement, have these elements which are equal and complementary in terms of dimensions or simply with the lid party closing the underlying bottom.

[0007] To complete the package, the dealer usually inserts the above-mentioned box inside a shopping bag of adequate and complementary dimensions, in order to favour, on the one hand, the transport by the customer and to make, on the other hand, a package which is simple but functional, attractive and, in most cases, provided on the outside with details of the dealer: logo, address, etc.

[0008] However, all this results in, for the dealer, a not insignificant cost and a storage system, as it is necessary to correlate the colours between box and shopping bag. That is, in the various sizes, colours, dimensions, etc.

[0009] The aim of this invention is to provide an accessory for housing containers for items of jewellery which overcomes the above-mentioned drawbacks of the prior art.

[0010] More specifically, the aim of the invention is to provide an accessory for housing containers for items of jewellery which is able to facilitate as much as possible the operation for final packaging by the dealer.

[0011] A further aim of this invention is to provide an accessory which carries the container of the item of jewellery having a shape already defined as a shopping bag adaptable to the dimensions of the above-mentioned container of the item of jewellery.

[0012] Another aim of the invention is to make an accessory whose external shape in the form of a shopping

bag is easily adaptable, during its production, to the various market needs, that is, choice of the manufacturer-dealer to adapt shapes, materials and patterns of the accessory to the relative sale and market initiatives, as well as to adapt it to the needs or requirements of the user-purchaser.

[0013] Another aim of this invention is to avoid written personalisation of the accessory itself, with the possibility of greater rationality in the warehouse, together with a lower final cost.

[0014] These aims are fully achieved by the accessory according to the invention as characterised in the appended claims.

[0015] This and other features of the invention will become more apparent from the following description of a preferred embodiment of it, illustrated by way of non-limiting example in the accompanying drawings, in which:

- Figure 1 is a plan view of the accessory according to the invention in its post-production configuration and before adopting the shape useful for the sale;
- Figure 2 is a perspective view of the accessory according to the invention in an assembled configuration, ready for use;
- Figure 3 is a plan view of the accessory according to the invention, in an alternative embodiment even if using the same criteria as the preceding drawings, in its post-production configuration and before adopting the shape useful for the sale;
- Figure 4 is a perspective view of the accessory according to the invention in pre-assembled configuration;
- Figure 5 is a perspective view of the accessory according to the invention in an assembled configuration;
- Figure 6 is again a perspective view of the accessory according to the invention in the configuration for receiving the container-box for items of jewellery;
- Figure 7 is a perspective view of the accessory according to the invention in a final configuration for containing the container-box.
- Figures 8 to 11 show perspective views of the accessory according to the invention in a final configuration for containing the box, according to various solutions of the associating means.

[0016] With reference to the accompanying drawings, and in particular to Figure 1, the accessory consists of a semi-finished element (50) which, in that drawing, extends on a plane.

[0017] This semi-finished element is made, in the simplest solution, by cutting or punching from a larger body.

[0018] Preferably, it will consist of paperboard with a thickness suitable for allowing the weakened or fold lines which will be described below, in order to allow folding and the making of the accessory according to this invention in its final configuration of use and sale.

[0019] The semi-finished element (50), for housing

containers (C) for items of jewellery is shown, in a preferred embodiment, in Figures 1 and 2.

[0020] The semi-finished element comprises a first face (1) and a second face (2) polygonal in shape.

[0021] A first strip or tab (3) positioned between and connecting, at a first lower end thereof, the first face (1) and the second face (2) along two first weakened or fold lines (4) and (5) parallel to one another.

[0022] The first and second face (1) and (2) are configured, near the other upper end, each, with a corresponding through slot (11 p) and (12p).

[0023] At least one of the first and second face (1) and (2) (in the case according to the invention the second (2)) has a tab (7) having, in turn, a corresponding second weakened or fold line (9) and positioned inside the corresponding through slot (12p).

[0024] Preferably, the wing or tab (7) extends for a portion (L) of the corresponding second face (2) and is configured as a means of associating with the rest of the first face (1).

[0025] Preferably, the wing or tab (7) is also defined by corresponding through cut lines, (7f) which separate it from the second face (2) at the inside of the corresponding slot.

[0026] The first and the second face (1) and (2) are foldable, in use, about the first weakened or fold lines (4) and (5).

[0027] The wing (7) is foldable, in use, about the second weakened or fold line (9).

[0028] The first and second face (1) and (2), the strip or tab (3) and the wing or tab (7) define, in use, a space (S) for housing the container (C).

[0029] Preferably, the first and the second face (1) and (2) have a quadrangular shape.

[0030] As shown in the example of Figures 1 and 2, the first and the second face (1) and (2) have the shape of an isosceles trapezium.

[0031] The portion (L) of the second weakened or fold lines (8) and (9) extends centrally relative to the above-mentioned first and second face (1) and (2).

[0032] Again with reference to Figure 1, the wing or tab (7) is configured, at its free end, with a tongue (6x) protruding from it and associated with it by means of a third weakened or fold line (60x) which is contained inside the slot (12p).

[0033] The first face (1), on the other hand, is configured with a third elongate slot (6z) located below the corresponding slot (11 p) towards the inside of the corresponding face (1).

[0034] The tongue (6x) is foldable about the above-mentioned third weakened or fold line (60x) and can be inserted and associated stably inside the above-mentioned third elongate slot (6z), in such a way as to stably associate the first and the second face (1) and (2) to define, in use, the space previously labelled (S), see Figure 2.

[0035] In more detail, the tongue (6x) is configured, at the third weakened or fold line (60x), with a pair of re-

cesses (6r) defining corresponding bilateral undercut housing sockets (6r).

[0036] The distance (D) between the recesses (6r) measured along the third weakened or fold line (60x) is close to (preferably equal to) the length (D1) of the third slot (6z).

[0037] The through-slots (11 p) and (12p) exhibit, facing towards an outside of the corresponding faces (1) and (2), corresponding portions (11t) and (12t) in use defining gripping elements of the accessory.

[0038] The first strip or tab (3) has a dimension (D3), measured along the first weakened or fold lines (4) and (5), smaller than the dimension (DF) of the lower part of the first and second face (1) and (2), as the latter are configured with a rounded connecting corner (RR).

[0039] The wing or tab (7) has a width (K).

[0040] The strip or tab (3) has a width (K1) which, in the embodiment illustrated, is equal to the value of the width (K) of the wing or flap (7), as described in more detail below.

[0041] The first weakened or fold line (5) defines, with the second weakened or fold line (9), a distance equal to a second value (H2).

[0042] The values (K1) and (H2) are comparable to the corresponding dimensions in thickness and in height of the above-mentioned container (C), as described in more detail below.

[0043] The numeral (10) denotes a through hole, circular in the example illustrated, made only in the second face (2); obviously, equal or similar holes may be made in the remaining first face (1), even if not indicated in the drawings.

[0044] The above are the indications regarding the shape of the semi-finished element (50), during the step, for example, of making the element by punching operations.

[0045] Figure 2 illustrates the accessory in its assembled configuration and ready for use.

[0046] In practice the first and the second face (1) and (2) are folded about the corresponding first weakened or fold lines (4) and (5) in such a way as to position them close, or rather facing, each other.

[0047] The wing (7) is then folded 90° about the second weakened or fold line (9).

[0048] In a subsequent step, the operator will insert the tongue (6x) inside the above-mentioned third elongate slot (6z), in such a way as to stably associate the first and the second face (1) and (2) to define, in use, the space previously labelled (S), see Figure 2.

[0049] The stabilisation of the semi-finished element in the three-dimensional configuration of the accessory, as shown in Figure 2, is made possible by the presence of the above-mentioned recesses (6r) (or bilateral undercut housing sockets) which, with tongue (6x) inserted (exploiting the elastic deformability of it or of the components), lock on the ends of the third elongate slot (6z).

[0050] The distance (D) between the recesses (6r) measured along the third weakened or fold line (60x) is

close to (preferably equal to) the length (D1) of the third slot (6z).

[0051] The appearance is that of a shopping bag with portions (11t) and (12t) which form, together with the corresponding slots (11 p) and (12p), gripping elements of the shopping bag.

[0052] The parallelism of the two faces (1) and (2) and also the parallelism of the strip or tab (3) with the plane defined by the wing (7) already made integral to the first face (1), define, in use, a space (S) for housing a container (C).

[0053] The latter has been shown (in dashed lines in Figure 2) in the simplest and most commonly used shape, that is to say, prismatic with a quadrangular base, and the item of jewellery chosen and sold is placed inside the container.

[0054] The housing space (S) will have a shape matching the shape of the container.

[0055] In effect, the space (S) has a rectangular shape, or cross section, with height (H2) and width (K = K1) which corresponds exactly to the dimensions, in cross section, of the above-mentioned container (C).

[0056] The coupling between the two components will occur by simply moving towards each other, transfer and insertion of the container (C) inside the space (S).

[0057] The retaining of the container on the shopping bag will occur by simple friction or interference between the two components, where the dimensions are been studied *ad hoc*, using also the intrinsic deformability of the material comprising the semi-finished element (50).

[0058] This coupling is illustrated in Figure 2 in order to indicate and display how the same container, in the preferred embodiment illustrated in the accompanying drawings, is completely incorporated inside the accessory (now the shopping bag) to the point where it is seen solely from its two sides or outer bases.

[0059] The predominant appearance is that given by the accessory itself which is shaped like a handbag complete with respective gripping handles.

[0060] This embodiment is clearly very useful for the dealer, since it simply houses the item of jewellery inside of the container (C) and houses the latter inside the space (S) of the accessory.

[0061] It is evident how the shape of the two faces (1) and (2) can, when the semi-finished element is being made, be adapted to various sales needs: for example, fantasy figure, when aimed at children, or seasonal requirements (Xmas, carnival time, etc.) and with a wide range of colours, whilst still maintaining the container inside a same shape and colour, for example neutral.

[0062] Lastly, the particular worth of the solution according to the invention is seen, especially with regard to the hole (10): this allows the semi-finished element to be left anonymous (so with a minimal cost) and to enter the dealer's details (logo, name, address and the like) simply on the upper face of the container, in the space which, after housing, will be located at the above-mentioned hole (10).

[0063] The simplicity of the solution is demonstrated in the following drawings, which illustrate an alternative embodiment, even though it falls within the basic concepts which regulate the construction and composition principles of the product finished and ready for use.

[0064] Figure 3 shows the following components, with corresponding indication between numbering and relative elements.

[0065] A first face (1) and a second face (2) with a polygonal shape.

[0066] A first strip or tab (3) positioned between and connecting, at a first lower end thereof, the first face (1) and the second face (2) along two first weakened or fold lines (4) and (5) parallel to one another.

[0067] The first and the second face (1) and (2) are configured, at the other upper end, each, with a projecting portion (11) and (12), to define a corresponding through slot (11 p) and (12p).

[0068] Two wings or tabs (6) and (7) located at the outer ends of the first and second face (1) and (2), which have corresponding second weakened or fold lines (8) and (9) which extend, in length, for a portion (L) of the corresponding first and second face (1) and (2).

[0069] The wings or tabs (6) and (7) are also defined by corresponding through cut lines (6f) and (7f) which separate them from the first and second face (1) and (2).

[0070] The first and the second face (1) and (2) are foldable about the first weakened or fold lines (4) and (5).

[0071] The wings (6) and (7) are foldable about the second weakened or fold lines (8) and (9) towards each other and can be superposed on each other and associable stably.

[0072] Preferably, the first and the second face (1) and (2) have a quadrangular shape.

[0073] As shown in the example of Figure 3 and the following drawings, the first and the second face (1) and (2) have the shape of an isosceles trapezium.

[0074] Again, the portion (11) and (12) of the first and the second face (1) and (2) is curvilinear.

[0075] The portion (L) of the second weakened or fold lines (8) and (9) extends centrally relative to the above-mentioned first and second face (1) and (2).

[0076] The through-cut lines (6f) and (7f) are configured so as to define a curvilinear inner border (11c) and (12c) of the portions (11) and (12).

[0077] In the embodiment illustrated, the second weakened or fold lines (8) and (9) deviate from the outer end portion (1t) and (2t) of the respective faces (1) and (2) by a first value (H); in this way, they define, with the above-mentioned first weakened or fold lines (4) and (5), a distance equal to a second value (H2).

[0078] The wings or tabs (6) and (7) have a width (K), preferably equal to each other.

[0079] The strip or tab (3) has a width (K1) which, in the embodiment illustrated, is equal to the value of the width (K) of the wings or tabs (6) and (7), as described in more detail below.

[0080] The numeral (10) denotes a through hole, cir-

cular in the example illustrated, made only in the first face (1); obviously, equal or similar holes may be made in the remaining second face (2), even if not indicated in Figure 3.

[0081] The above are the indications regarding the shape of the semi-finished element (50), during the step, for example, of making the element by punching operations.

[0082] The subsequent drawings illustrate the steps which lead to the making of the accessory in the final shape of use.

[0083] Figure 4 clearly shows how the first and the second face (1) and (2) are folded about the corresponding first weakened or fold lines (4) and (5) in such a way as to position them close, or rather facing, each other.

[0084] The tabs (6) and (7) are then folded 90° about the second weakened or fold lines (8) and (9), towards each other, as shown in Figure 4.

[0085] In a subsequent step, the two wings (6) and (7) are superposed and made integral with each other, for example by simply gluing between the surfaces in contact: in this way the semi-finished element is in a closed and three-dimensional configuration, as shown in Figure 5.

[0086] The appearance is that of a shopping bag with protruding portions (11) and (12) which form, together with the corresponding slots (11p) and (12p), gripping handles protruding from the shopping bag.

[0087] The parallelism of the two faces (1) and (2) and also the parallelism of the strip or tab (3) with the plane defined by the wings (6) and (7) already made integral, define, in use, a space (S) for housing a container (C).

[0088] The latter has been shown in the simplest and most commonly used shape, that is to say, prismatic with a quadrangular base, and the item of jewellery chosen and sold is placed inside it.

[0089] Figure 6 shows the combination between what we will now call shopping bag - closed semi-finished element and the container (C).

[0090] The housing space (S) will have a shape matching the shape of the container (C).

[0091] In effect, the space (S) has a rectangular shape, or cross section, with height (H2) and width (K = K1) which corresponds exactly to the dimensions, in cross section, of the above-mentioned container (C).

[0092] The coupling between the two components will occur by simply moving towards each other, transfer and insertion of the container inside the space (S).

[0093] The retaining of the container on the shopping bag will occur by simple friction or interference between the two components, where the dimensions are been studied ad hoc, using also the intrinsic deformability of the material comprising the semi-finished element (50).

[0094] This coupling is illustrated in Figure 7 with the container (C) as a dashed line in order to indicate and display how the same container, in the preferred embodiment illustrated in the accompanying drawings, is completely incorporated inside the accessory (now the shop-

ping bag) to the point where it is seen solely from its two sides or outer bases.

[0095] The predominant appearance is that given by the accessory itself which, in the accompanying drawings, is shaped like a handbag complete with respective gripping handles.

[0096] This embodiment is clearly very useful for the dealer, since it simply houses the item of jewellery inside of the container (C) and houses the latter inside the space (S) of the accessory.

[0097] It is evident how the shape of the two faces (1) and (2) can, when the semi-finished element is being made, be adapted to various sales needs: for example, fantasy figure, when aimed at children, or seasonal requirements (Xmas, carnival time, etc.) and with a wide range of colours, whilst still maintaining the container inside a same shape and colour, for example neutral.

[0098] Lastly, the particular worth of the solution according to the invention is seen, especially with regard to the hole (10): this allows the semi-finished element to be left anonymous (so with a minimal cost) and to enter the dealer's details (logo, name, address and the like) simply on the upper face of the container, in the space which, after housing, will be located at the above-mentioned hole (10).

[0099] For greater security of the accessory-container coupling, there may be (also in the embodiment of Figures 1 and 2, even if not specifically illustrated), at the first strip or tab (3), notches (3l), for example U-shaped (see Figure 3), which generate small tabs (3s) (see Figure 6), which, once folded upwards contribute to the locking of the container (C) inside the space (S) and prevent the withdrawal from the shopping bag.

[0100] The particular solution of the components leads to the definition of a method for forming a package for items of jewellery, comprising the following steps:

- inserting the selected item of jewellery internally of a container (C) having a prismatic shape;
- defining a semi-finished element (50) having a first face (1) and a second face (2) having a polygonal conformation; a first strip or tab (3) arranged between and connecting, to a first lower end thereof, the first face (1) and the second face (2); the first and second face (1) and (2) each being configured in proximity of the other upper end thereof, with a corresponding through slot (11p) and (12p) defining gripping elements; means (60) being provided, acting between the first and second face (1) and (2), configured for stably associating the first face (1) and the second face (2);
- folding the first and second face (1) and (2) about the first weakened and fold lines (4) and (5);
- stably associating the first and second face (1) and (2) using the means (60) to define a stable configuration exhibiting a space (S) open on both sides;
- laterally inserting and stably housing the container (C) internally of the space (S).

[0101] Preferably, the step of stabilising the container (C) inside the space (S) consists in defining the space (S), in cross section, equal to the corresponding cross section of the container (C) in such a way that the associating occurs by slotting in using the interference between the two components.

[0102] With reference to Figure 8, the semi-finished element (50) of Figure 3 has a simplified shape, in which the first strip or tab (3), positioned between and connecting, at their first lower end, the first face (1) and the second face (2), could consist of a single body with the above-mentioned first and second face (1) and (2), that is to say, without a proper definition of two first weakened or fold lines (4) and (5) parallel to each other. In Figure 6 they have been indicated by thin lines to indicate the virtual position. This also applies for the semi-finished element of Figure 1.

[0103] Similarly, as illustrated, there might not be the two wings or tabs (6) and (7) - or just (7) - located at the outer ends of the first and second face (1) and (2);, or, if they are present, there are not the corresponding second weakened or fold lines (8) and (9).

[0104] In the case of the semi-finished element (50), the above is achieved starting from material which is also different from simple paperboard: for example, made from leather or fabric of varying value.

[0105] In this case, reference is made to solutions of accessories which can be adopted by well known brands and which could make the semi-finished element starting from the materials commonly used and with personalised logos, in such a way as to link the accessory according to the invention directly to the quality and design of the relative ranges.

[0106] In these conditions, the accessory comprises associating means generally indicated with the numeral (60), but different according to the particular requirements.

[0107] Figure 9 illustrates the accessory according to the invention in which the associating means are denoted with numeral (61) and comprise simply a button (or pair of buttons) positioned at the upper end of the first and second face (1) and (2). The button (61) may be of the traditional slot type or with magnetic closing.

[0108] In Figure 10 the associating means are indicated with the numeral (62) are constituted by an elastic element, again positioned at the upper end of the first and second face (1) and (2), associated to the rear face and embracing, by means of an end slot (63), a button (64) fixed to the front face. Or vice versa.

[0109] In the example shown in Figure 10, there are two further auxiliary associating means (65), positioned and acting on both sides of the first and second face (1) and (2), in order to realise a closure on both sides of the faces and prevent escape of the container (C) contained by them. The auxiliary means (65) can also be made with the same design as the upper means (62) or consist of simple buttons sealed in a magnetic fashion, as described previously.

[0110] The last solution of Figure 11 illustrates a further variant, wherein the associating means consist of strings or ribbons tied in a bow (66).

[0111] To sum up some of the features of the solution according to the invention, it should be noted that the first face (1) and/or the second face (2) have at least one through hole (10), provided for enabling viewing, in use, the face of the container (C).

[0112] The space (S) has a shape, or rather, a rectangular cross section with height (H2) and width (K) corresponding to the dimensions, in cross section, of the container (C). The coupling between the two components, container and semi-finished element in an assembled and closed configuration being facilitated by simple friction or interference between the two components.

[0113] The semi-finished element (50) comprises, at the first strip or tab (3), notches (3l) which generate small tabs (3s).

[0114] The small tabs (3s) are, in use, configured foldable upwards, that is to say, towards the space (S), in such a way as to contribute to the locking of the container (C) in the same space (S).

[0115] The notches (3l) are U-shaped.

[0116] The associating means (60) consist of at least a button (61) positioned at the upper end of the first or second face (1) and (2).

[0117] Alternatively, the associating means (60) are constituted by a pair of buttons (61) having a magnetic closure.

[0118] In a further alternative, the associating means (60) are constituted by an elastic element (62), positioned at the upper end of the first and second face (1) and (2), associated to the rear face and embracing, by means of an end slot (63), a button (64) fixed to the front face.

[0119] The accessory comprises further auxiliary associating means (65) positioned and acting on both sides of the first and second face (1) and (2) in order to realise a closure on both sides of the faces and preventing escape of the container (C) contained by the faces.

[0120] In another variant alternatively, the associating means (60) comprise strings or ribbons tied in a bow (66).

[0121] The above clearly shows the simplicity of the semi-finished element solution from whatever material it is made, starting from base materials, with a minimum cost, such as paperboard, until reaching valuable materials with which it will be possible to give life to a practical accessory, with a high quality and very attractive appearance, and also suitable for well known brands on the market.

[0122] The invention achieves the set aims: in particular, simple to manufacture, reduced costs, personalisation of appearance, speed in making end product for sale, reduction in storage requirements.

Claims

1. An accessory for housing containers (C) for items of

- jewellery, comprising a semi-finished element (50) having a first face (1) and a second face (2) having a polygonal shape; a first strip or tab (3) located between and connecting, at a first lower end thereof, the first face (1) and the second face (2); the first and second face (1) and (2) each being configured, in proximity of the other upper end thereof, with a corresponding through-slot (11p) and (12p); the first and second face (1) and (2) being foldable, in use, about the first strip or tab (3); the first and second face (1) and (2) and the strip or tab (3) forming, in use, a space (S) for housing the container (C); means (60) being provided, acting between the first and second face (1) and (2) configured for stably associating the first face (1) and the second face (2) in the folded configuration for stably housing the container (C).
2. The accessory according to claim 1, wherein the first strip or tab (3) is positioned between and connects, at a first lower end thereof, the first face (1) and the second face (2) along two first weakened or fold lines (4) and (5) parallel to one another.
 3. The accessory according to claim 1 or 2, wherein at least one of the first and second face (1) and (2) has a wing or tab (7) having a corresponding second weakened or fold line (9) and positioned internally of the corresponding through-slot (12p); the wing or tab (7) extending for a portion (L) of the corresponding first or second face (1) or (2) and being configured as means (60) for associating with the remaining second or first face (2) and (1); the wing or tab (7) being further defined by corresponding through-cut lines (7f) that separate it from the first or second face (1) and (2) internally of the corresponding slot; the first and second face (1) and (2) being foldable, in use, around the first weakened or fold lines (4) and (5); the tab (7) being foldable, in use, about the second weakened or fold line (9); the first and second face (1) and (2), the strip or tab (3) and the wing or tab (7) defining, in use, the space (S) for housing the container (C).
 4. The accessory according to claim 3, wherein the wing or tab (7) is configured, at a free end thereof, with a tongue (6x) protruding therefrom and associated via a third weakened or fold line (60x) and contained internally of the slot; the first face (1) being configured with an elongate third slot (6z) positioned below the corresponding slot (11p) towards inside the corresponding face (1); the tongue (6x) being foldable around the third weakened or fold line (60x) and being insertable and associable stably internally of the third elongate slot (6z) so as to stably associate the first and second face (1) and (2) and to define, in use, the space (S).
 5. The accessory according to claim 4, wherein the tongue (6x) is configured, at the third weakened or fold line (60x), with a pair of recesses (6r) defining corresponding bilateral undercut housing sockets.
 6. The accessory according to claim 4 or 5, wherein the distance (D) between the recesses (6r) measured along the third weakened or fold line (60x) is equal to the length (D1) of the third slot (6z).
 7. The accessory according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the through-slots (11 p) and (12p) exhibit, facing towards an outside of the corresponding faces (1) and (2), corresponding portions (11t) and (12t) in use defining gripping elements of the accessory.
 8. The accessory according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first web or tab (3) has a dimension (D3), measured along the first weakened or fold lines (4) and (5), smaller than the dimension (DF) of the lower part of the first and second face (1) and (2), the latter being configured with a rounded connecting corner (RR).
 9. The accessory according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first and second face (1) and (2) are each configured, at the other upper end thereof, with a projecting portion (11) and (12), defining the corresponding through-slots (11 p) and (12p); two wings or tabs (6) and (7) being arranged at the external ends of the first and second face (1) and (2), having corresponding second weakened or fold lines (8) and (9) extending for a portion (L) of the corresponding first and second face (1) or (2); the wings or tabs (6) and (7) also being defined by corresponding through-cut lines (6f) and (7f) that separate them from the first and second face (1) and (2); the first and second face (1) and (2) being configured so as to be foldable, in use, about the first weakened or fold lines (4) and (5); the wings or tabs (6) and (7) being foldable, in use, about the second weakened or fold lines (8) and (9), towards one another and being mutually superposable and associable stably so as to define the means (60); the first and the second face (1) and (2), the strip or tab (3) and the wings or tabs (6) and (7) defining, in use, the space (S) for housing the container (C).
 10. The accessory according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first and second face (1) and (2) have a quadrangular shape.
 11. Accessory according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the first and the second face (1) and (2) have the shape of an isosceles trapezium.
 12. The accessory according to claim 9, wherein the portion (11) and (12) of the first and second face (1) and

(2) is curvilinear.

13. The accessory according to claim 9, wherein the weakened or fold lines (8) and (9) extend for a central portion (L) of the first and second face (1) or (2). 5
14. The accessory according to claim 9, wherein the through-cut lines (6f) and (7f) are configured so as to define a curvilinear inner border (11 c) and (12c) of the portions (11) and (12). 10
15. A method for forming a package for items of jewellery, comprising following steps:
- inserting the selected item of jewellery internally of a container (C) having a prismatic shape; 15
 - defining a semi-finished element (50) having a first face (1) and a second face (2) having a polygonal conformation; a first strip or tab (3) arranged between and connecting, to a first lower end thereof, the first face (1) and the second face (2); the first and second face (1) and (2) each being configured in proximity of the other upper end thereof, with a corresponding through slot (11p) and (12p) defining gripping elements; 20
 - means (60) being provided, acting between the first and second face (1) and (2), configured for stably associating the first face (1) and the second face (2); 25
 - folding the first and second face (1) and (2) about the first weakened and fold lines (4) and (5); 30
 - stably associating the first and second face (1) and (2) using the means (60) to define a stable configuration exhibiting a space (S) open on both sides; 35
 - laterally inserting and stably housing the container (C) internally of the space (S).

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FIG. 1

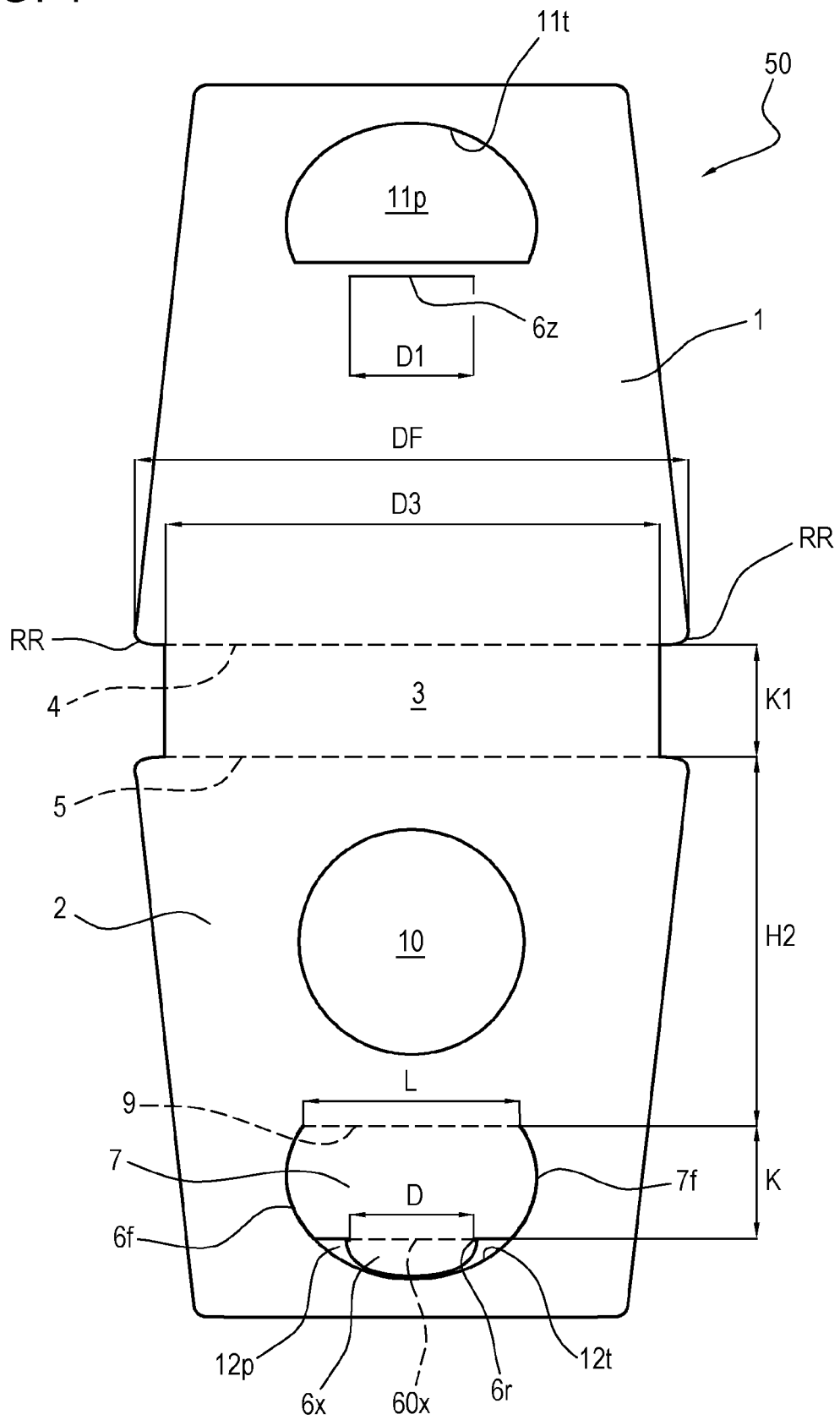


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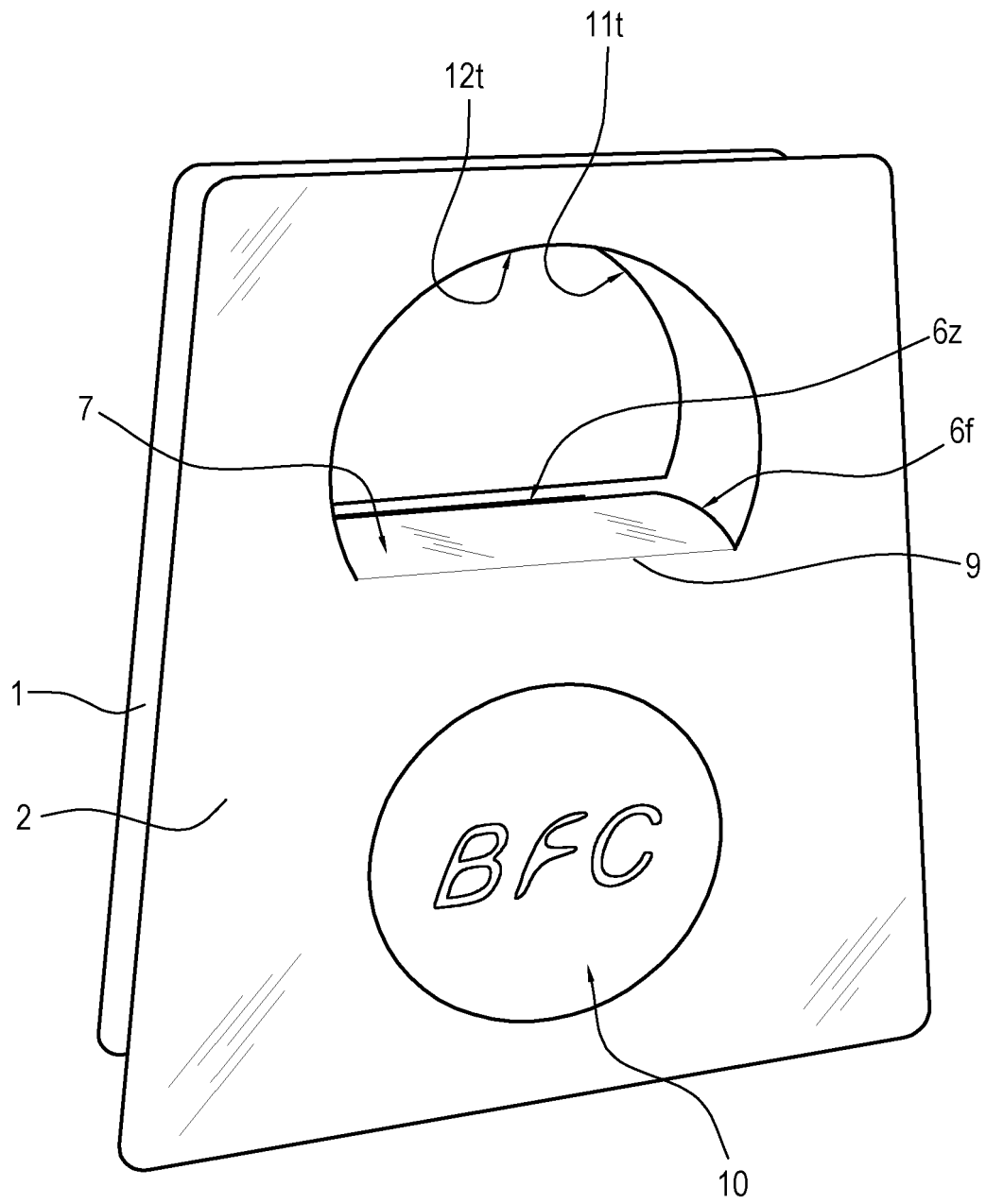


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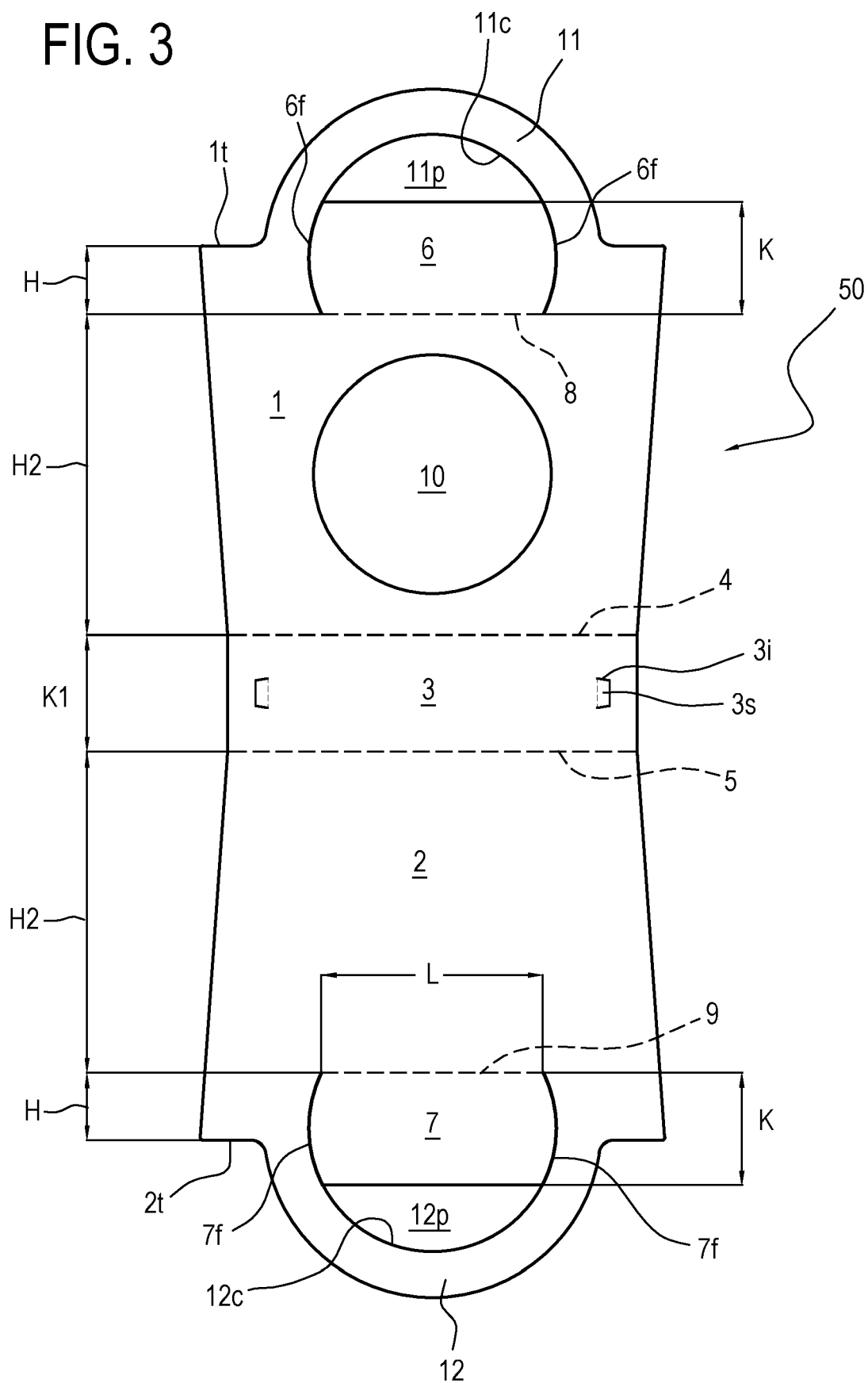


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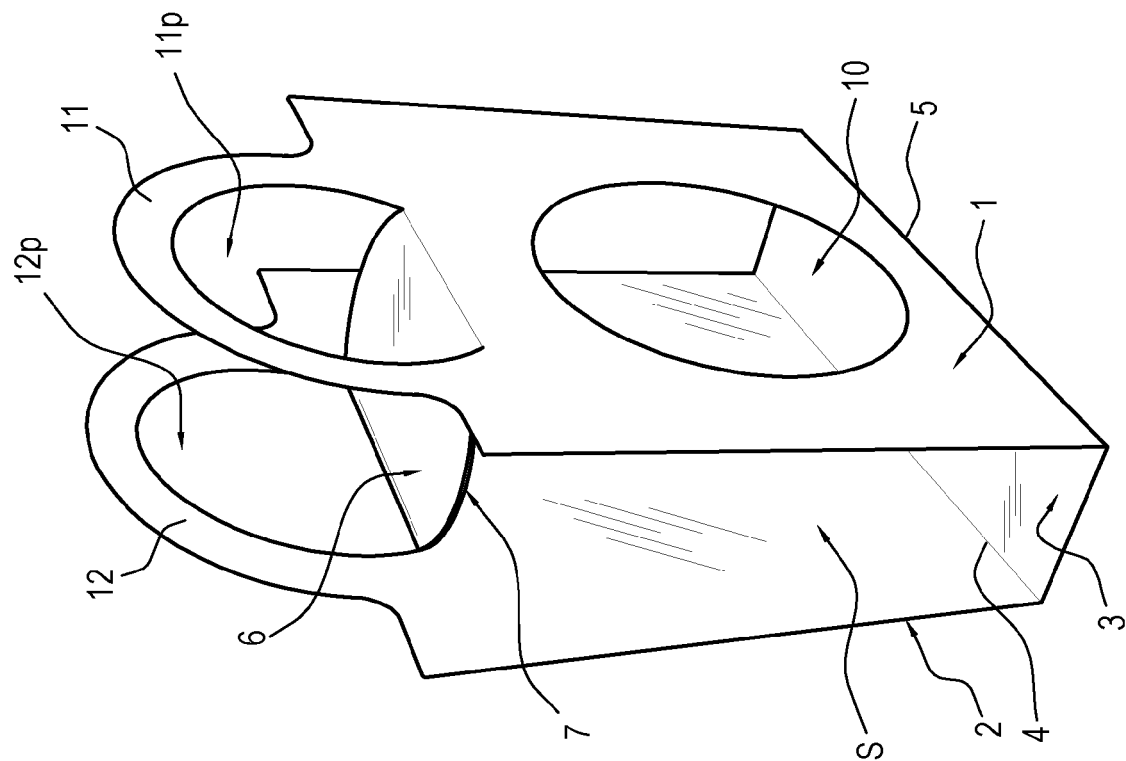
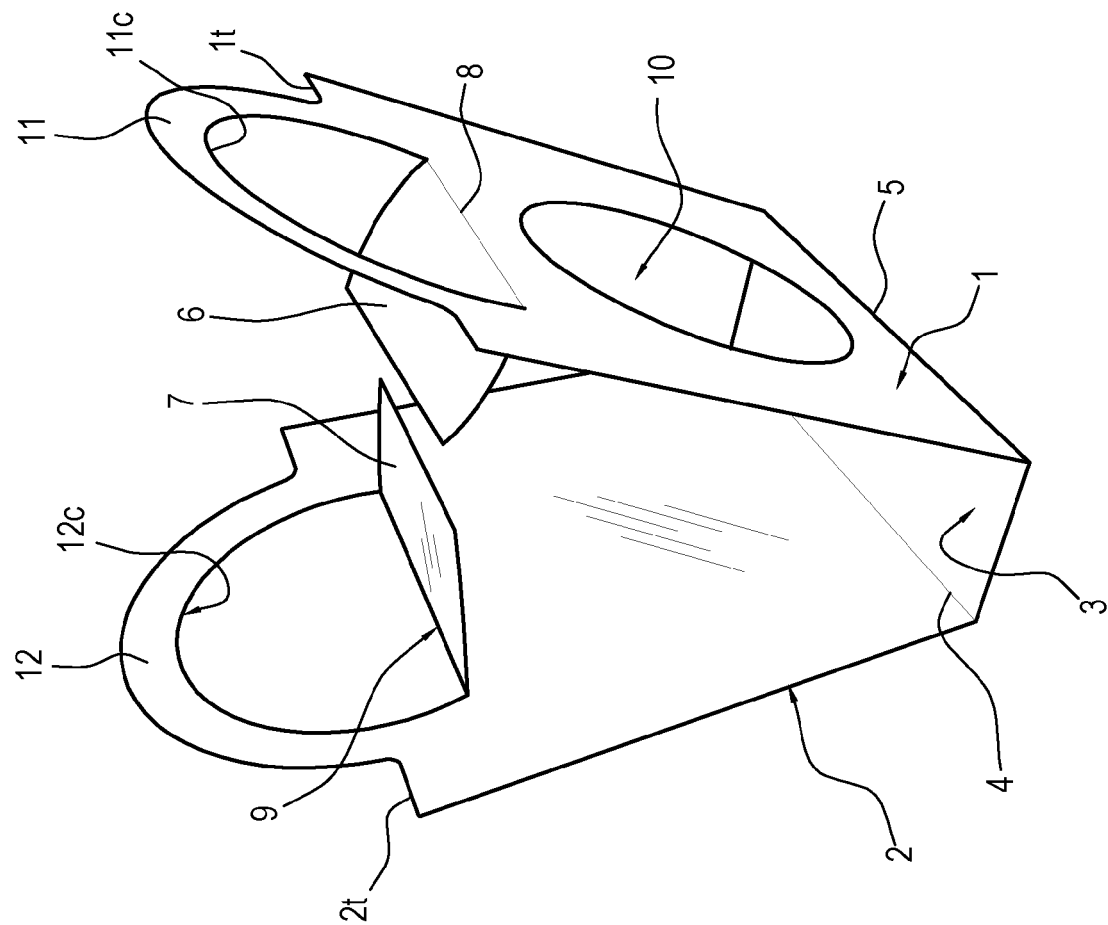


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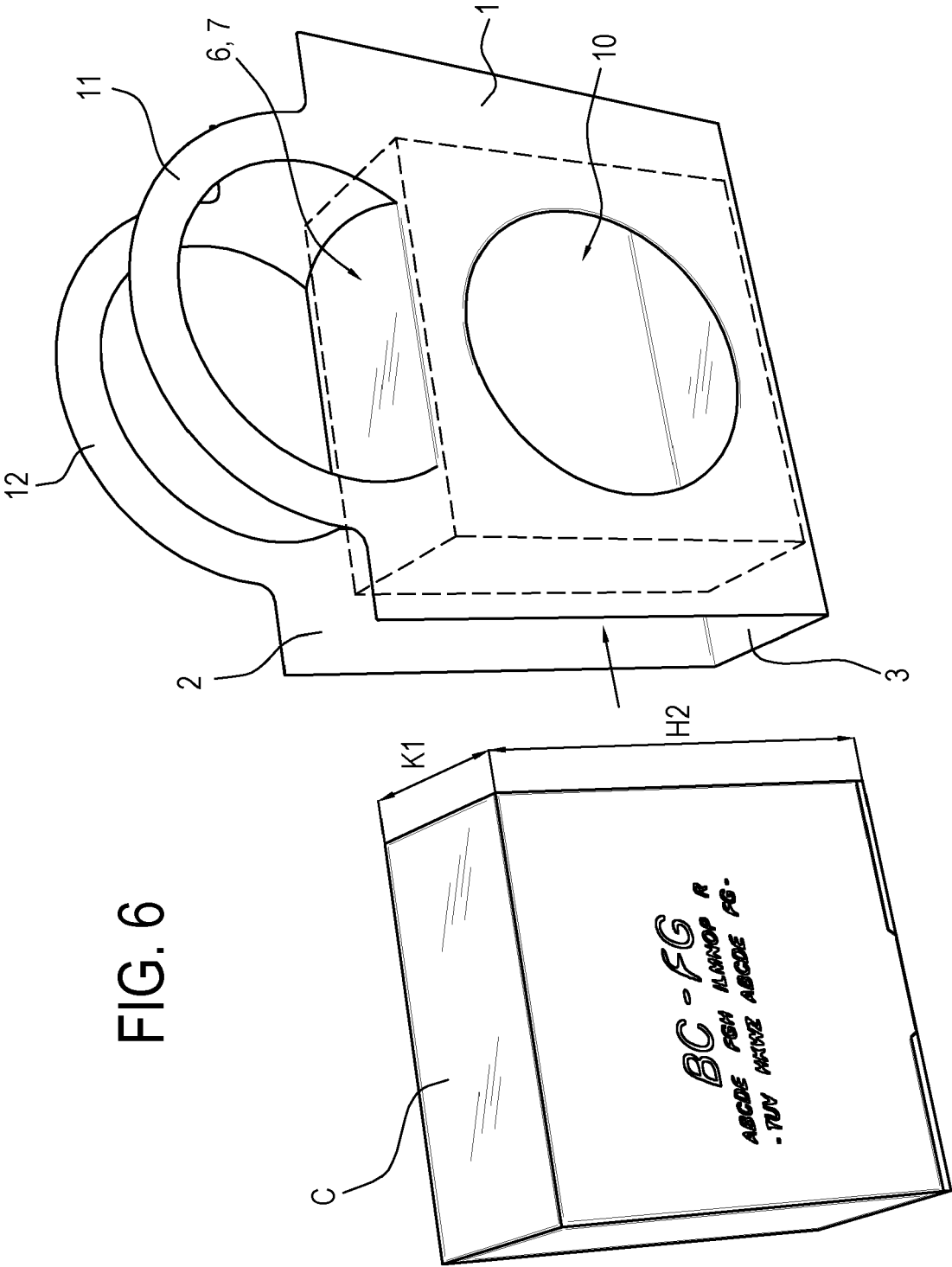


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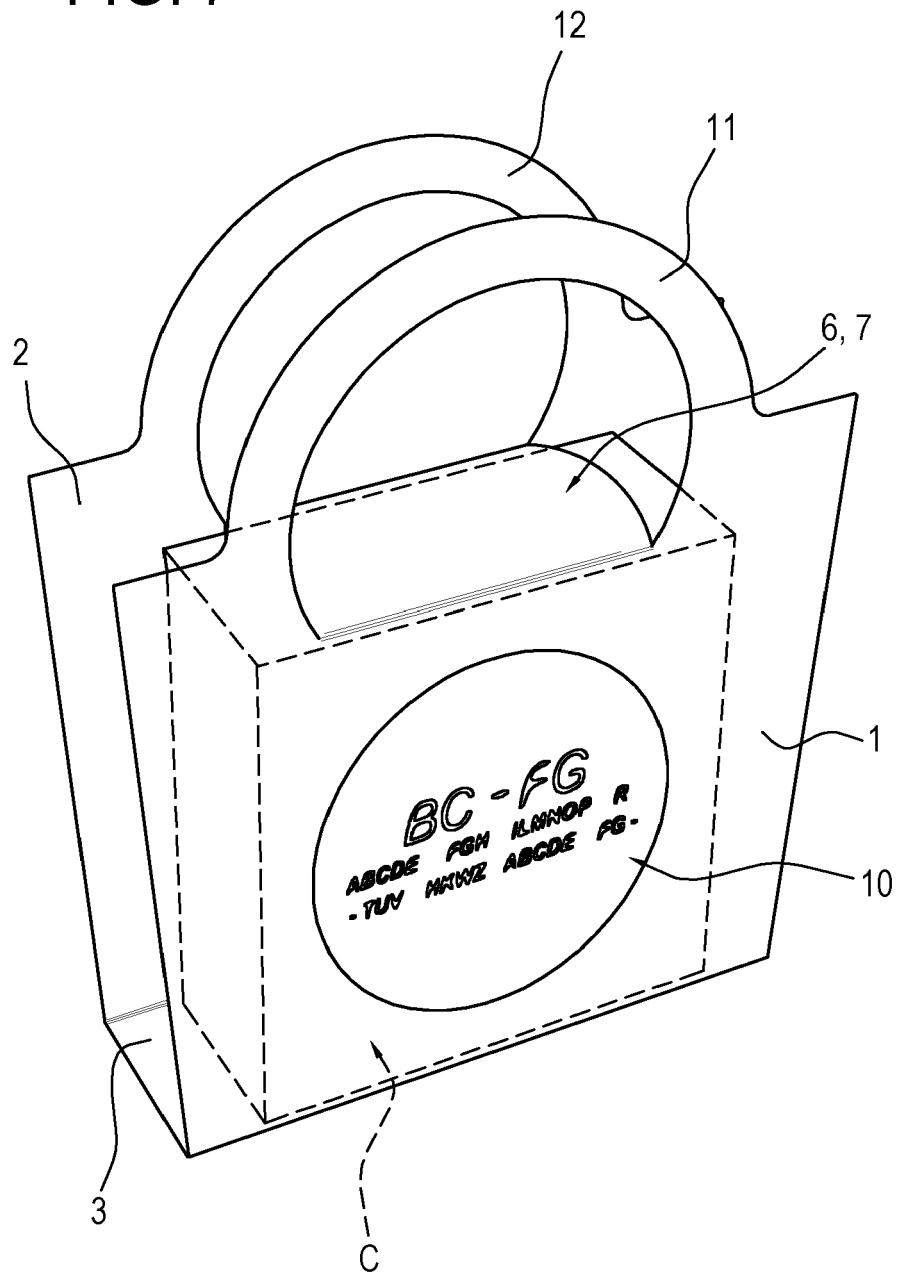


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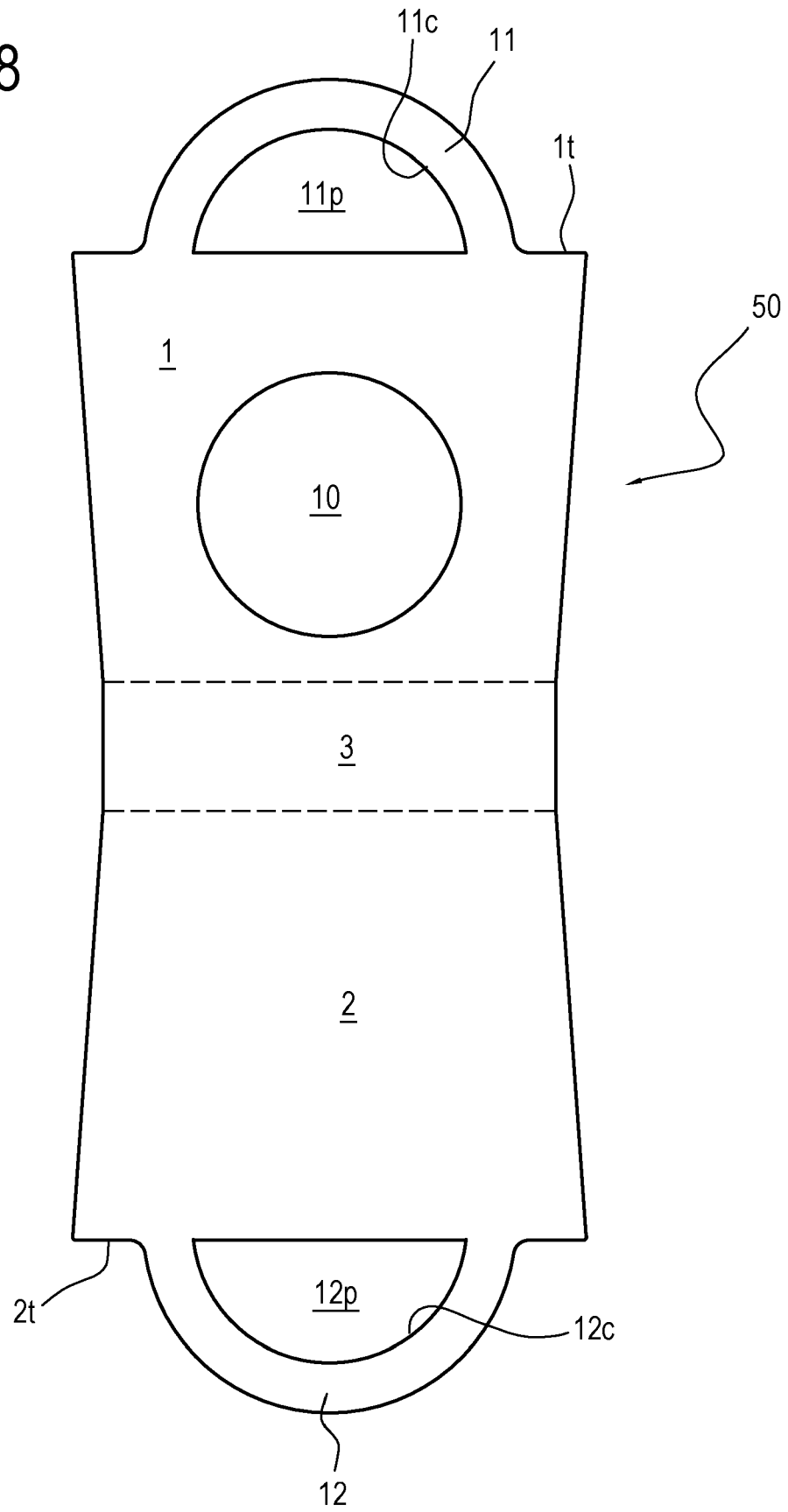


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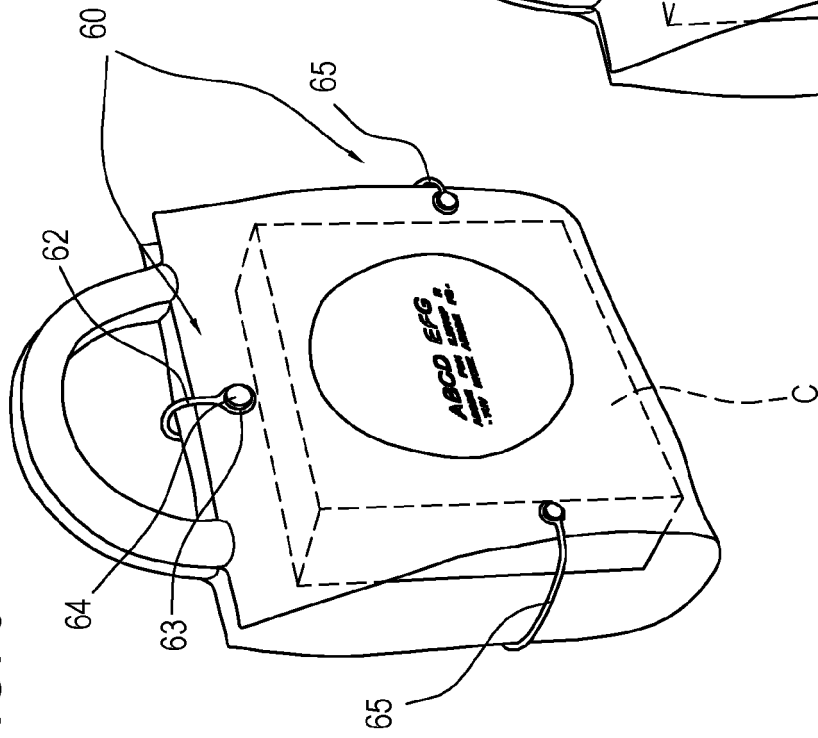


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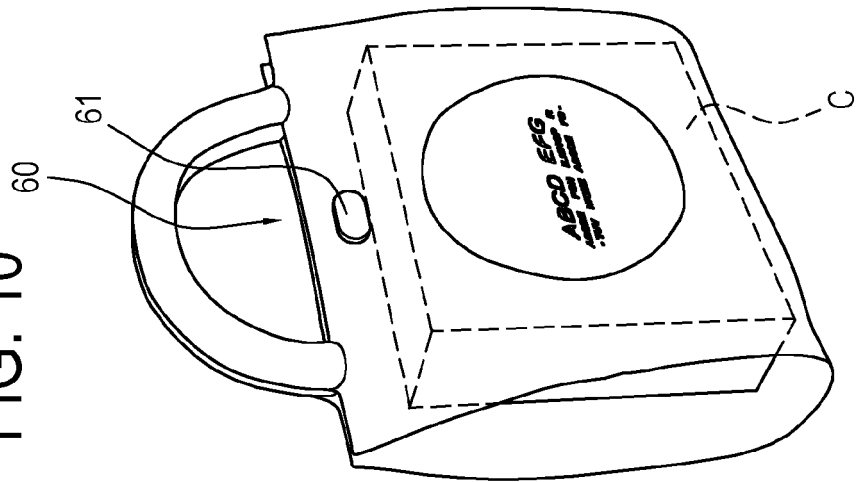
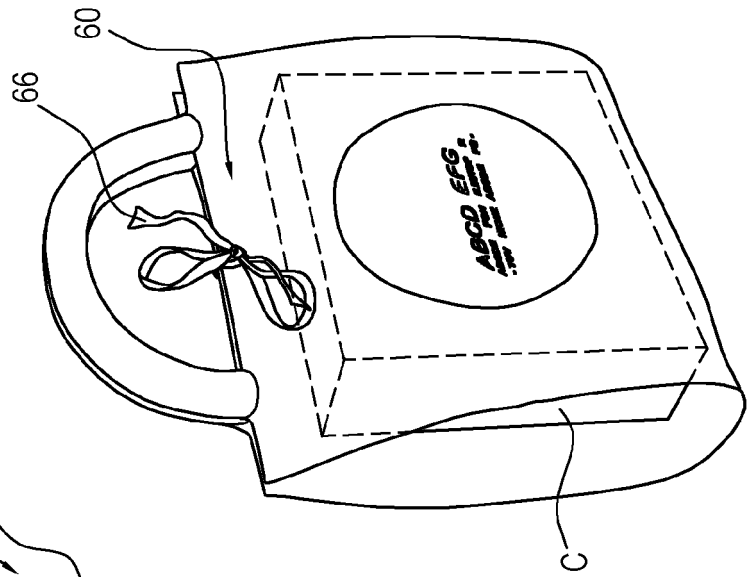


FIG. 11





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