Claims

1.

A method of manufacturing a container (10, 110, 210, 310, 410, 510, 710, 810, 910, 1010, 1110, 1210) which includes the steps of:

forming a wall of the container to include a medal retainer (35, 135, 235, 335, 435, 535, 735, 835, 935, 1035, 1135, 1235); and

retaining a medal (12, 112, 312, 412, 512, 612, 712, 812, 912, 1012, 1112, 1212) to the container by forming a portion (36, 136, 234, 336, 436, 536, 736, 836, 936, 1036, 1136, 1236) of the medal retainer of the container wall over a corresponding portion of the medal, wherein the medal is retained by after-mold deformation of the portion of the medal retainer of the container wall so that the medal is non-removably retained to the container.

2.

The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the forming step of forming a wall of the container includes forming a radially outwardly extending peg (34, 134, 434, 534, 734, 834) in a wall of the container, and the retaining step includes placing the medal over the peg and against the container wall and swaging the peg to form a head (36, 136, 436, 536, 736, 836, 936, 1036, 1236) on the peg to trap the medal between the head and the container wall so that the medal is non-removably retained to the container.

3.

The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the forming step of forming a wall of the container includes forming a depression (28) in the wall of the container around the peg, and the retaining step includes placing the medal in the depression.

4.

The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the forming step of forming a wall of the container includes forming a radially outwardly extending rim (134) in a wall of the container, and the retaining step includes placing the medal within the rim and against the container wall and swaging the rim over a radially outer edge of the medal to form a retaining flange (136) to trap the medal between the flange and the container wall so that the medal is non-removably retained to the container.

5.

The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the forming step of forming a wall of the container includes sub-steps of forming a blank and then forming the container from the blank, and wherein the medal is insert molded to the blank during the blank forming step.

6.

The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the forming step of forming a wall of the container includes sub-steps of forming a blank and then forming the container from the blank, and wherein the medal is insert molded to the container during the container forming step.

7.

The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the retaining step includes applying the medal to the container so that decorative indicia (26) on one side (24) of the medal faces outwardly and so that authentication indicia (32) on another side (30) of the medal faces inwardly.

8.

A container (10, 110, 210, 310, 410, 510, 710, 810, 910, 1010, 1110, 1210) produced by the method set forth in claim 1, wherein the medal is adapted to exhibit an initial state of a visual characteristic and to exhibit another state of the visual characteristic different from and irreversible to the initial state of the visual characteristic.

9.

A package (311, 411, 511, 611, 711, 811, 911, 1011, 1111) including a closure (342, 442, 542, 742, 842, 942, 1042, 1142) coupled to the container set forth in claim 8, and wherein the medal exhibits the initial state of a visual characteristic in an as-packaged state.

10.

A method of using the package set forth in claim 9, including initially opening the package, and wherein, responsive to the opening, the medal exhibits the other state of the visual characteristic different from and irreversible to the initial state of the visual characteristic.

11.

A container (10, 110, 210, 310, 410, 510, 710, 810, 910, 1010, 1110, 1210) composed of glass that includes a wall having a pocket, and a medal (12, 112, 312, 412, 512, 612, 712, 812, 912, 1012, 1112, 1212) composed of metal and retained to the wall by container material (36, 136, 234, 336, 436, 536, 736, 836, 936, 1036, 1136, 1236) of integral one-piece construction with the wall and extending over at least a portion of the medal, wherein the medal is retained by after-mold deformation of a portion of a periphery of the pocket over the medal so that the medal is non-removably retained to the container.

12.

The container set forth in claim 11 wherein the medal is disposed within the pocket in the glass wall and retained by the container material (36, 136) extending over an edge of the medal.

13.

The container set forth in claim 11 wherein the medal has an aperture (38), and the wall includes a portion (36, 336, 436, 536, 736, 836, 936, 1036) received through the aperture and extending over at least a portion of the medal to retain the medal on the wall so that the medal is non-removably retained to the container.

14.

The container set forth in claim 11 wherein the medal has an inward surface (30) facing the container and having an authentication code (32).

15.

A container (1210) that includes:

a wall; and

a medal (1212) retained to the wall by a retainer (1235) of integral one-piece construction with the wall and including a portion (1236) extending over the medal, wherein the medal and one or more portions of the container adjacent the medal have a shared appearance that provides an anti-counterfeit measure and that includes at least one of a common continuous indicia over both the container and the medal or a common continuous aesthetic pattern over both the medal and the one or more portions of the container.

16.

The container set forth in claim 15, wherein the common continuous aesthetic pattern includes a wavy pattern over both the medal and the one or more portions of the container.

17.

The container set forth in claim 15, wherein the common continuous indicia includes at least one of a serial number or a phrase over both the container and the medal.

18.

A package (1011) that includes:

a food or beverage container (1010);

a closure (1042) coupled to the container;

a flaccid loop (1080) coupled between the closure and the container; and

a medal (1012) coupled to the flaccid loop.

19.

The package of claim 18, wherein the medal is retained to a wall of the container by container material (1036) of integral one-piece construction with the wall and extending over at least a portion of the medal.

20.

The package of claim 18, wherein the flaccid loop is a chain necklace.

21.

A package comprising:

a container including a wall having a medal retainer including a portion overlying a corresponding portion of a medal; and

a closure coupled to the container,

wherein the medal exhibits an initial state of a visual characteristic in an as-packaged state, and wherein, responsive to opening of the package, the medal exhibits another state of the visual characteristic different from and irreversible to the initial state of the visual characteristic.

22.

A container composed of glass that includes a wall having a pocket, and a medal composed of metal and retained to the wall by container material of integral one-piece construction with the wall and extending over at least a portion of the medal, wherein the medal is retained by after-mold deformation of at least a portion of a periphery of the pocket over the medal so that the medal is non-removably retained to the container, wherein the medal has an aperture, and the wall includes a portion received through the aperture and extending over at least a portion of the medal to retain the medal on the wall so that the medal is non-removably retained to the container.