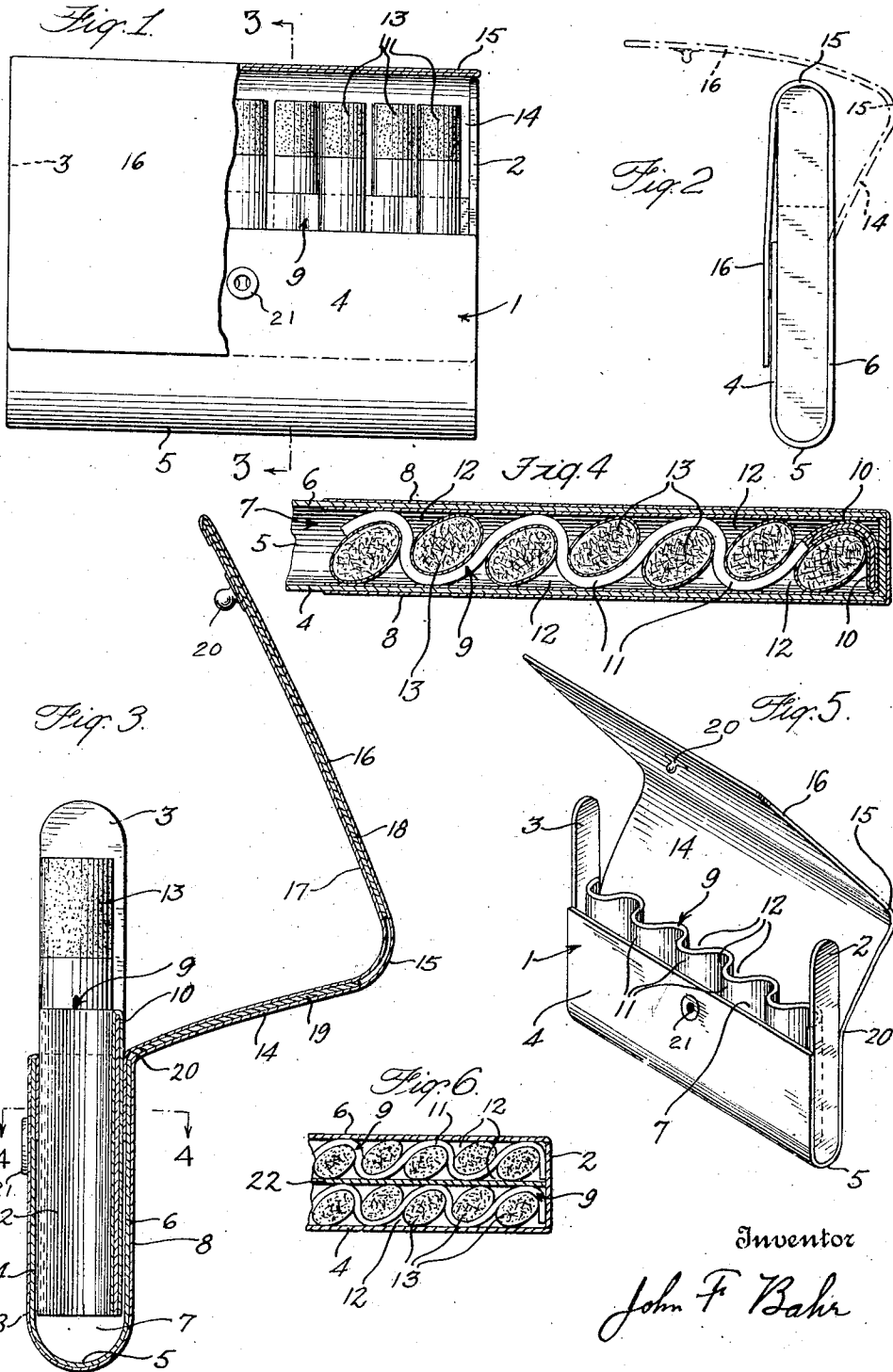


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This invention relates to improvements in cases particularly such used in the dispensing of cigarettes or articles of a similar nature.

Among the principal objects of my invention is to provide a case from which the articles may be conveniently withdrawn without mutilation and in which they are well protected against reasonable forces tending to crush or break the contents.

Other objects of my invention are to provide a case which has a fine appearance, a durable construction to protect the contents and is cheap to manufacture.

With the above and other objects in view the invention resides more particularly in the peculiar arrangements and combination of parts which will be illustrated as a preferred embodiment in the accompanying drawing and described in the specification.

Referring to the drawing, Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the case partially in section to illustrate the position of the enclosed cigarettes.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the case showing in dotted lines the position of the cover when partially opened.

Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 3 to illustrate clearly the shape of the partition and the position of the cigarettes.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the case disclosing the general construction with the cigarettes removed.

Fig. 6 is a section similar to that of Fig. 4 showing a modified form of my invention.

As illustrated in the drawing the case consists principally of two parts, a frame or box of rigid material such as metal which is finished in leather for purpose of appearance and a re-enforced leather cover attached to the frame.

The metallic frame, Figs. 1, 2 and 3, is formed by parts 1, 2 and 3. Part 1 is a rectangular sheet of metal bent upon itself to form a front wall 4, a bottom 5 and a rear wall 6 for the case. The sides of the frame are formed by the parts 2 and 3 which are similar in shape and are preferably soldered to the sides of part 1. These parts 2 and 3 are of greater height than the front and rear walls and therefore extend some distance above them.

The parts 1, 2 and 3, Figs. 1, 3, 4 and 5,

therefore, form a box or frame having an enclosed area 7 open at the top. The external surfaces of the box are finished in thin sheets of leather for the purpose of appearance as indicated by the numerals 8.

To support the cigarettes in spaced relation in the box or space 7 a partition 9 is provided, which is formed and utilized in the following manner.

A sheet of metal which has both of its surfaces finished in leather as designated by 10 is rolled or pressed to form corrugations 11 of the partition 9 which is particularly illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5.

This corrugated partition 9 is of such size as to snugly fit into the space 7 of the box and to project a short distance above the upper edges of the front and rear walls of the same.

By reason of its corrugations Figs. 4 and 5 the partition forms with front and rear walls 4 and 6 respectively, a single row of alternate vertical compartments 12 for the reception of cigarettes 13, Figs. 1, 3 and 4, or articles of a like kind.

As cigarettes generally have an elliptical cross-section the corrugations of the partition are formed so that they will accommodate this shape of cigarette in conjunction with the walls of the box. The corrugations which are, therefore, partially elliptical are also angularly offset so that the greater width of the cigarettes will not lie at right angles to the walls, but will lie at substantially 45° thereto as illustrated in Fig. 4.

By this offset manner the width of the box is materially reduced thereby producing a case which would be more convenient to carry. This reduction in width would not be possible if the cigarettes were not turned as shown.

The frame and partition as disclosed conveniently carry ten cigarettes but it is understood that the size and capacity of the case may be varied to suit the desire as will be described hereinafter.

As will be observed the cigarettes are supported for little more than half their length by the partition and the box, thus leaving the upper ends of the cigarettes free to be grasped. By this arrangement the cigarettes may be conveniently withdrawn from the compartments or inserted into the same.

The spaced relation of the cigarettes by reason of the partition 9 also serves to render each cigarette capable of being withdrawn without mutilation.

The exposed ends of the cigarettes are protected by a re-enforced leather cover which is constructed as will now be described.

The thin sheet of leather 8 which serves to cover the external face of the walls 4 and 6 is extended upward to form a back cover 14, and is extended over the tops of parts 2 and 3 to form a top 15 and is extended downward to the midpoint of the front wall 4 to form a front cover 16.

The inner face of the entire cover is faced with an inner sheet of leather 17 which may be secured to the outer cover in any well known manner.

The front and back parts of the cover are preferably re-enforced with semirigid sheets of material 18—19 which are secured between the outer cover and the inner cover. These re-enforcements do not exist at the top 15 nor at the point 20 where the covers are secured to the frame or box.

By this construction the cover may be folded into opened or closed positions shown respectively in Figs. 2 and 3. When the cover is opened as shown in Fig. 3 the upper ends of the cigarettes are entirely exposed and therefore, easily grasped.

The cover is secured in closed position as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 by means of an ordinary snap fastener, the complementary parts 20 and 21 of which are illustrated on the case, in Figs. 3 and 5.

The rear, top and front parts of the cover are guided and supported by the extended and rigid sides 2 and 3 as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. These sides have rear, top and front guide edges which are engaged by the side edges of the rear portion 14, top portion 15, and front portion 16, of the cover, when the same is closed as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

It will be noted from Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, that the side walls 2 and 3 may be of the same or slightly greater height and width than the cigarettes which are disposed in the rigid box, therefore, when the cover which is flexibly connected to the rear low wall 6, is closed as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the cigarettes will be enclosed in a space of adequate width and height.

The back portion 14, and the front portion 16, of the cover by reason of their being spaced apart by the extended sides 2 and 3, and by reason of their reinforcing sheets 18 and 19, will prevent any reasonable pressure

from crushing the upper ends of the cigarettes. 55

It is understood that the upper guide edges of the sides by engaging the top portion 15, of the cover serve to space the top portion 15, from the tops of the cigarettes. 60

The rigid frame work of the box and the guided and spaced reinforced cover will substantially prevent any other forces from mutilating the cigarettes.

Fig. 6 discloses a modification of my invention. The purpose of this modification is to illustrate the preferred manner in which carrying capacity of the case would be increased. The widths of the sides 2 and 3, and the space between the wall 4 and 6 will be increased to accommodate two corrugated partitions 9 and the flat partition 22 between the corrugated partitions. This arrangement will, of course, double the capacity of the case. Other parts of the case such as the cover will of course be proportioned to suit the size. 65 70 75

What I claim is:

1. A cigarette holder consisting of a rigid box having relatively low front and rear walls and side walls extending above the front and rear walls of substantially the same width and height as the cigarettes which are adapted to be disposed in the box and from which their one ends lie exposed, and a flexible cover connected to one of the low walls of the box and having reinforced back and front portions and a flexible top portion so that when closed the cover will be supported and spaced by and will conform to the rigid sides of the box in order to protect the exposed ends of the cigarettes against mutilation. 80 85 90 95

2. A cigarette holder consisting of a rigid box having relatively low front and rear walls and side walls extending above the front and rear walls which are of substantially the same width and height as the cigarettes which are adapted to be disposed in the box and from which their one ends lie exposed, a flexible cover connected to one of the low walls and having back, top and front portions so that when closed the cover will be supported and spaced by and will conform to the rigid sides of the box in order to protect the exposed ends of the cigarettes against mutilation. 100 105

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