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CIGARETTE CASE

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Fig. 1.

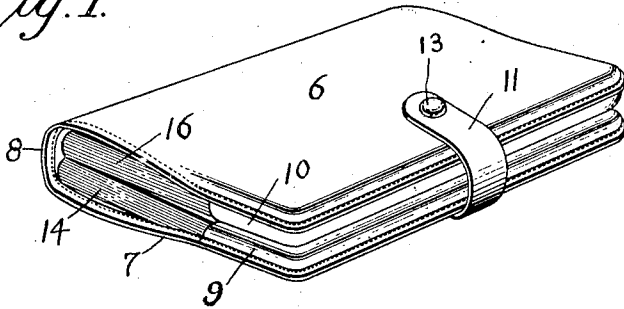


Fig. 2.

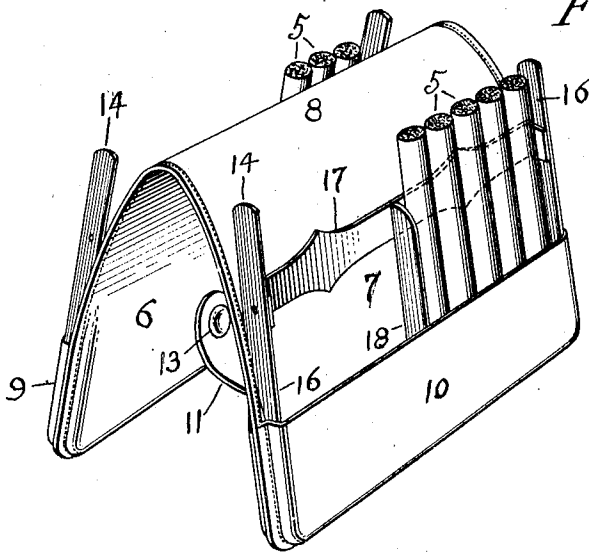


Fig. 3.

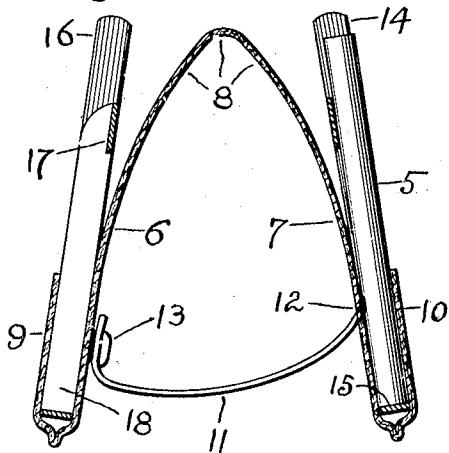
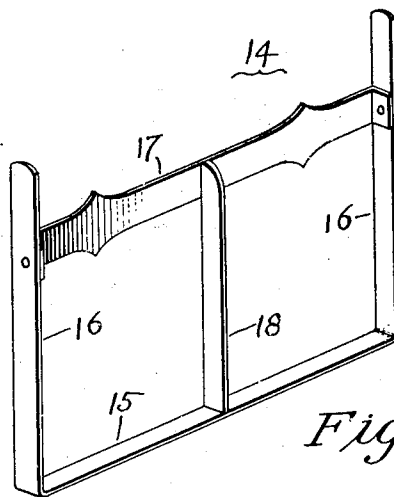


Fig. 4.



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This invention is a novel cigarette case, and relates more especially to cigarette cases composed mainly of leather or analogous flexible material, of the kind adapted to be folded into closed position and comprising pockets wherein the cigarettes are securely protected when the case is not in use. I am aware that many forms of folding cigarette case are known, but the present invention has for its main object the production of greater convenience and ease of operation and use, with a special object or feature enabling the case to be unfolded and reversed from closed position to a display position in which the parts may be secured, so that the case serves the function of a cigarette stand of an attractive character and appearance. By this invention an open and reverse the case and set it up in display position by way of offering his cigarettes to others, for example upon a card table whereon the set up case occupies very small space, while presenting the cigarettes for easy removal without need of contacting the case. Other and more particular objects and advantages of the present invention will be explained in the hereinafter following description of an illustrative embodiment thereof, or will be apparent to those conversant with the subject.

To the attainment of the aforesaid objects and advantages the present invention consists in the novel cigarette case, and the novel features of combination, arrangement, structure and detail herein illustrated or described.

In the accompanying drawings Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing in closed condition, and adapted to fit the vest pocket, a cigarette case illustrating the principles of the invention.

Fig. 2 is also a perspective view, but showing the cigarette case reversed and set up to form a stand to display or offer the cigarettes.

Fig. 3 is a transverse section showing the cigarette case in the same position as in Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the interior spacing rack or frame which is preferably but not necessarily used with this invention.

The cigarettes 5 are indicated in Figs. 2 and 3 as being engaged in the pockets of the cigarette case and held substantially upright therein, but spaced away from the upper portions of the case itself so that every cigarette is individually readily accessible for removal by hand without the need of touching either

the cigarette stand or case or adjacent cigarettes.

The case itself may comprise a preferably integral body comprising the end sections 6 and 7 and the middle section or hinge 8. There need be no line of demarkation between the end and middle sections and indeed preferably the entire body between the pockets to be described is of a practically uniform stiffly flexible character. When closed, as in Fig. 1, the cigarettes are thus snugly boxed in and protected, and when the case is reversed to form a stand as in Figs. 2 and 3, the body, due to its stiffly flexible character, assumes the curved form shown, or an analogous form wherein each end section of the body slants or curves away from the plane of the cigarettes, the two sides converging toward the central or flexing section 8 which in this position forms the apex of the display stand.

A leather flap or wall 9 is shown attached across the width of the body section 6 so as to form a preferably short interior pocket for the cigarettes at that side, and this arrangement is preferably duplicated by a similar pocket forming flap 10 attached upon the other end of the body. The two pockets face inwardly or toward each other so that when the body is flexed around into a closed position the cigarettes are covered in and prevented from exposure or dislodgment.

Means for securing or fastening the cigarette case in both closed and displayed positions is shown, this preferably comprising a strap fastener 11 which is so combined with the other parts as to serve both functions, namely to lock the case closed as in Fig. 1 and to secure the parts in display position as in Figs. 2 and 3. The strap 11 is preferably somewhat shorter than the length of a cigarette so as to form a transverse brace to the display stand, holding the parts in the condition shown, wherein a very small space on the table is occupied. The double acting strap device 11 is shown attached at 12 by stitching to the body section 7 and by a snap fastener 13 to the body section 6. To reverse the case from the Fig. 1 position to that of Figs. 2 and 3 therefor, it is only necessary to unsnap the fastening 13, reset the case, and resnap the fastening.

In order to stiffen the pockets and to minimize injury to the cigarettes by crushing or otherwise there may be embodied in each pocket a light metallic rack or frame 14

as shown separately in Fig. 4. This rack is adapted to hold its position frictionally in each of the pockets. It is shown as comprising a bottom bar 15, with two upstanding side bars 16, a cross plate 17 holding the side bars in position and an upright division wall 18 serving to divide each pocket into two vertical compartments, thus assisting to hold the cigarettes in upright position when the supply is partially depleted.

It will thus be seen that there has been described a cigarette case embodying the principles and attaining the advantages of the present invention. The operation and use has been sufficiently indicated during the description of the structure. Since various features of combination, arrangement, structure and detail may be modified without departing from the principles involved, it is not intended to limit the invention to such features except so far as specified in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A folding cigarette case composed of

stiffly flexible sheet material, and comprising a double ended elongated body of such material, each end having a short interior pocket facing inwardly and of depth less than the height of a cigarette, and each pocket adapted to hold a row of cigarettes, said body adapted to be reversed from closed position to a display position with the material curvedly arched between pockets so as to leave both rows of cigarette tops free at both sides, and exterior connecting means adapted to hold detachably the ends of the body either in their closed position or when reversed and arched into display position.

2. A cigarette case as in claim 1 and wherein each of the two pockets contains a rack spacing the sides of the pocket and operating to hold the cigarettes loosely upright and spaced away from the curved arch of the body in display position.

In testimony whereof, I have affixed my signature hereto.

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