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WRIST CIGARETTE CASE.

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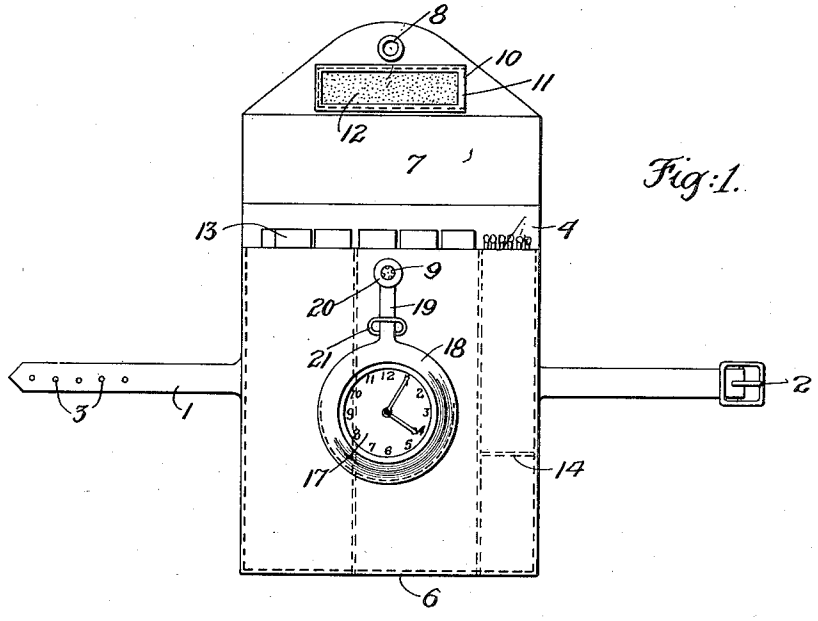


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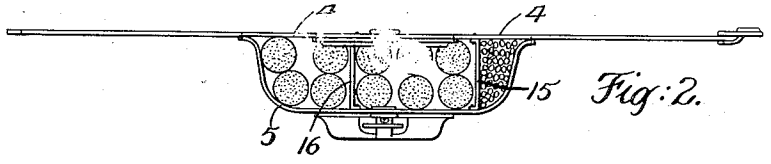


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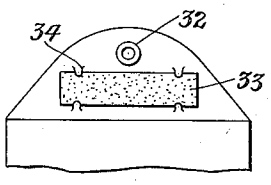


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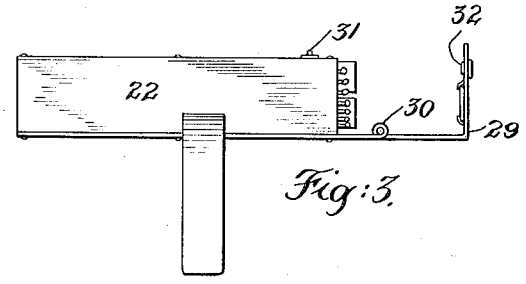


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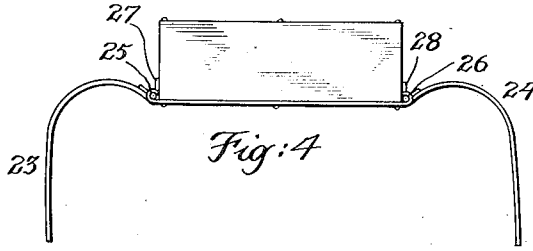


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES C. FENNO, a citizen of the United States, residing at White Plains, Westchester County, State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Wrist-Cigarette Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to means for carrying cigarettes whereby they may be rendered convenient to soldiers and others.

According to the present invention, the cigarettes are carried in a receptacle which is secured to the wrist of the wearer by any suitable means. Various other devices which have been secured to the wrist for carrying other articles, are not suitable for carrying cigarettes, for the reason that a cigarette is fragile and it is not practicable to place cigarettes in a receptacle by forcing them therein, as they are liable to become misshapen and broken in such a process. The receptacle should be of such construction and material that it will maintain its cross section of such shape so that it is not necessary for the cigarette in being inserted to force the sides of the receptacle apart to effect its entrance. This is not of importance where the articles to be carried are coins, cartridges or other articles having sufficient strength, for these may be forced in between the sides of a receptacle which ordinarily lie together or in close proximity. For the reasons as indicated, carriers suitable for coins, cartridges, etc., would not be practicable for cigarettes.

In addition to the object above indicated, a further object is to make provision for the carrying of matches so that all the materials for smoking will be at hand. In the case of frictionally ignited matches, they of course can be ignited against almost any objects which may be at hand; it is however, of greater convenience to provide a suitable rough ignition surface for them and in the case of safety matches, which cannot be ignited against surfaces in general but only against certain particular surfaces, it is essential that certain surfaces should be at hand in order that the cigarettes may be lighted. It is accordingly a further object of the invention to provide an ignition surface for matches in connection with the invention.

Soldiers and others quite commonly carry watches on their wrists and it is a further object of this invention to provide means whereby the benefits of a watch may not be interfered with by the carrying of the cigarettes, but that the two may be carried together on the wrist without interference with each other.

Other and ancillary objects of the invention will appear hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawing which illustrates the invention,

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a device embodying the invention,

Fig. 2 is an end view of the same,

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a modification,

Fig. 4 is an end view of the same,

Fig. 5 is a side elevation of a portion of the flap of the apparatus shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

Referring to the drawings, and first to Figs. 1 and 2, the apparatus comprises a flexible leather strip 1, for encircling a person's wrist, this strip having the buckle 2 and holes 3 at its ends in the usual manner. In the present instance, this strip is shown as punched from a sheet of leather integral with one side 4 of the receptacle, but it could as well be of uniform width and the receptacle bottom made in a separate piece and secured thereto. The receptacle is formed by a piece of stiff leather 5, which is sewed at its edges to the side 4 and the bottom is closed by sewing in a leather piece 6. Secured to the side 4 is a flap of leather 7 carrying one member 8 of a snap catch adapted to engage with the other member 9 of the catch, mounted upon the receptacle when the flap is closed. Upon the interior of the flap is sewed a rectangular leather frame 10 which is sewed around three sides only, as shown, the end 11 being unsewed. Through the last mentioned end may be inserted a sheet carrying an igniting surface 12. In the case of ordinary friction matches, this might be a sheet of sand paper, or in the case of safety matches it may be a sheet carrying such prepared surface as is necessary to ignite the matches. It will be observed that the piece 5 is somewhat shorter than the cigarettes 13 so that when the flap is opened, the ends of the cigarettes may be grasped to remove them from the receptacle. The matches are ordinarily of less length than the cigarettes and so a bottom 14 for the match compartment is provided, so that the ends of the matches project beyond the end of the compartment as shown. As will be seen, this match com-

partment is enclosed between the sides 4, 5, and 15. The last mentioned side may consist of a strip of stiff leather inserted between the sides 4 and 5 and sewn in position.

The piece 5 is of such stiffness and is so supported that the cigarette compartment maintains substantially the same cross-section whether or not any cigarettes are in it, and this cross section is such that the cigarettes may be easily slipped into and out of it without danger of damaging the cigarettes in the operation. Where the sides of the receptacle are not of sufficiently stiff material or are of such configuration that they will not in dimensions maintain cross section of the cigarette receptacle, additional supporting means may be supplied. This might be a strip of stiff leather 16, inserted between the sides of the receptacle and sewed thereto. It is further desirable that the cigarettes should be arranged with their greatest dimensions transverse to the means 1 for securing the device to the wrist of the wearer. This arrangement by which the cigarettes are arranged lengthwise of the wearer's arm, conduces to the ready insertion and removal of the cigarettes.

To the top of the receptacle is secured a watch 17. This may be accomplished by sewing an encircling leather frame 18 to the top of the receptacle in such manner that it is adapted to receive the watch beneath it. The frame is sewed about a portion only of its periphery as shown, the other portion being capable of being lifted, so that the edge of the watch may be inserted into position between it and the sides of the receptacle. From this movable side of the frame 18 extends the strip 19, having at its end a circular portion 20 adapted to encircle the member 9 of the snap catch. When, therefore, the watch has been inserted into position, the strip 19 drawn through the ring 21 on the stem of the watch, the circular part 20 placed over the member 9 and the flap secured in position by bringing the snap parts together, the watch will be securely held in position.

Referring now to Figs. 3–5 inclusive, the modification therein shown is constructed of sheet metal. Thus a box 22 of sheet metal of substantially the same dimensions as the receptacle shown in Figs. 1 and 2, has secured to its sides, the sheet metal members 23 and 24. These members are secured to the receptacle by means of hinged connections 25 and 26 and their purpose is to grasp the wrist of the wearer to secure the receptacle thereto. Coiled springs 27 and 28 tend to force these wrist gripping members into position to secure the device to the wrist. The flap 29 for preventing the cigarettes and matches from falling out of the receptacle is also formed of sheet metal of an angular section as shown in Fig. 3. This flap is hinged at 30 to the receptacle so that it may be moved between the open position, as shown, and the closed position. In closing it is moved through 90° from the position shown and secured in this closed position by engagement of the snap catch members 31 and 32 mounted upon the receptacle and flap respectively. On the inside of the flap is mounted the ignition surface which may consist of a strip of sand paper 33 or paper coated with igniting substance for safety matches as before referred to. This may be secured to the flap by passing it beneath projections as 34 punched up from the metal of the flap.

While the invention has been illustrated in what are considered its best applications, it may have other embodiments without departing from its spirit and is not therefore limited to the structures shown in the drawings.

Having thus fully and clearly described the invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. The combination with a receptacle adapted to receive cigarettes, said receptacle having a relatively large cigarette compartment and a relatively small compartment for matches, of means for securing said receptacle to the wrist of a person with the greatest dimension of the cigarette and match compartments transverse to the plane of said securing means, and a flap for retaining cigarettes and matches in said receptacle.

2. The combination with a receptacle adapted to receive cigarettes, said receptacle having a relatively large cigarette compartment and a relatively small compartment for matches, of means for securing said receptacle to the wrist of a person with the greatest dimension of the cigarette and match compartments transverse to the plane of said securing means, a flap for retaining cigarettes and matches in said receptacle, and ignition means upon the inside of said flap.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification this 14th day of March 1918.

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