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Fig. 1.

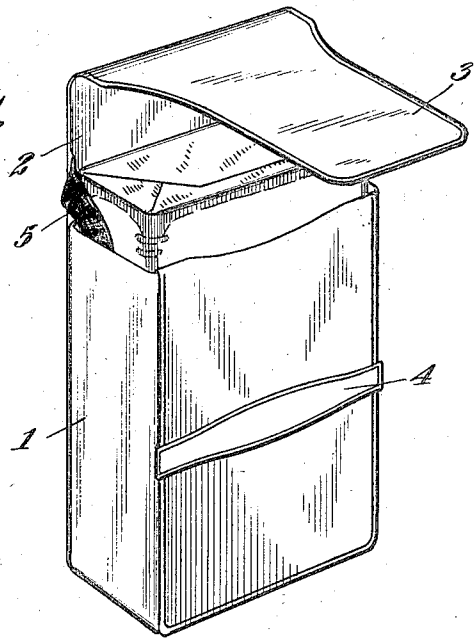


Fig. 2.

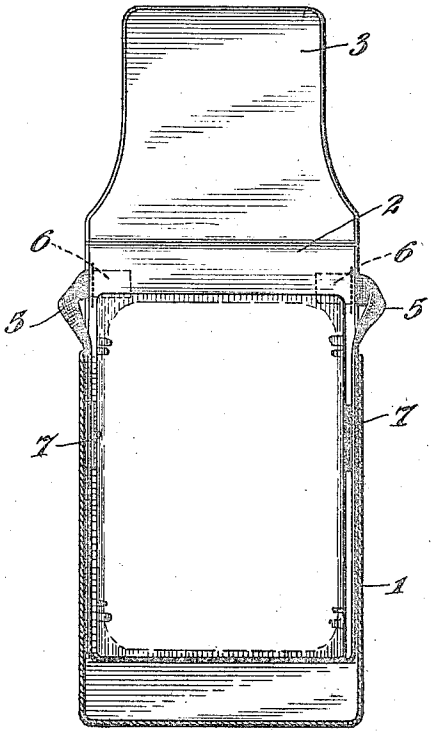
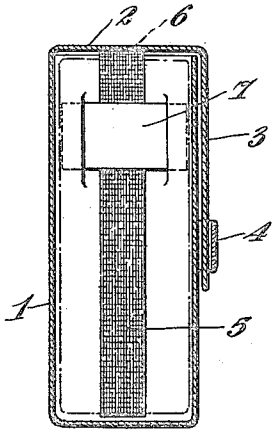


Fig. 3.



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My invention relates to improvements in cigarette cases and particularly in cigarette cases designed to hold paper-covered cigarette packages.

Cigarette cases as usually constructed consist of a box portion adapted to hold the cigarette package and a cover integrally formed therewith, the whole being composed of leather or similar flexible material. A great inconvenience experienced with such a case is that, when the cover is lifted up, considerable difficulty is experienced in withdrawing a cigarette. To overcome this difficulty various means have been devised by which the top of the cigarette package may be caused to project somewhat above the top of the box portion, and it is the object of my invention to provide a simple and effective means for performing this function.

My invention will be clearly understood from the following description considered in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cigarette case equipped with my novel package ejecting means;

Figure 2 is a front sectional view of the cigarette case; and

Figure 3 is a side sectional view of the same.

The cigarette case consists of a box portion 1 of substantially rectangular parallelopiped shape and open at the top to receive the cigarette package. The cover 2 is integral with the box-portion and has a flap 3 which, when the cover is closed, is secured between the side of the box and the strap 4, the ends of which are fixed to said sides. Each of the above parts is composed of leather or other similar flexible material.

The structure so far described is well known and I claim no novelty for the same.

My improved package ejecting means consists of a ribbon or tape 5 which has its ends secured to the cover portion 2 as shown at 6. The cover 2 is preferably composed of two contiguous layers of material and the ends of the ribbon or tape 5 are glued between them. Obviously, however, other means of securing the ends of the ribbon to the cover may be employed. The ribbon or tape 5 extends beneath the cigarette package and along opposite sides thereof as shown in Figures 2 and 3, and is held in close proximity to the sides of the box 1 by means of the strap guides 7, 7.

In operation, when the cover of the case is lifted, the cigarette package is caused to project somewhat out of the box 1 by reason of the ribbon or tape 5 which is carried up with the cover and lifts the cigarette package. A cigarette may then be conveniently taken from the pack. The case may be closed by pressing on the cover 2 or by pulling the flap 3.

Although I have described my invention as applied to a cigarette case, it is obvious that it is not restricted thereto but may be employed with any analogous containers for packages, and I do not desire to limit myself to its use only in connection with a cigarette case.

What I claim is:

A container for packages comprising a box open at the top for the reception of the package, a cover for the box, said box and cover being composed of a flexible material and the cover being integrally formed with the box along one edge and adapted to open along said edge, a ribbon composed of a single piece of yielding flexible material and having both of its ends secured rigidly to the cover, said ribbon extending beneath the package and along opposite sides thereof, and straps secured to the interior opposite sides of the box for guiding the ribbon and for maintaining the same flat against the side of the box.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification this 4th day of March, 1926.

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