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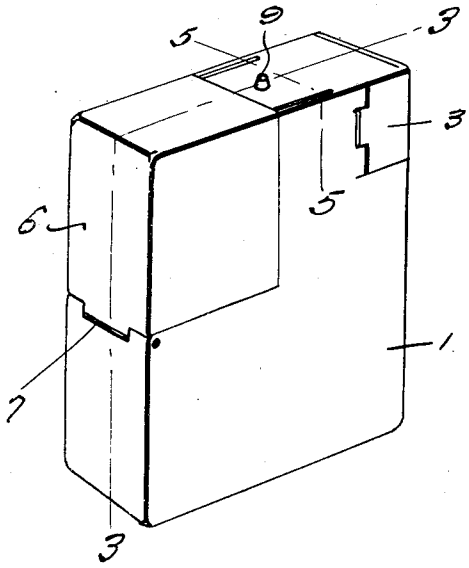


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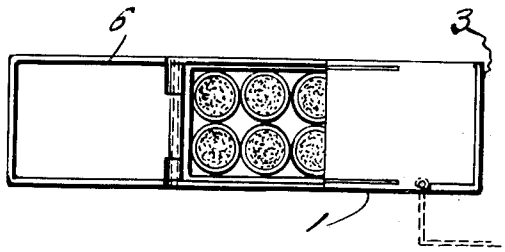


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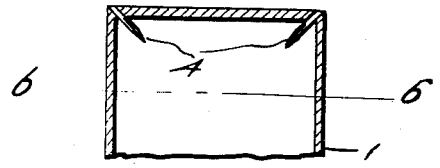


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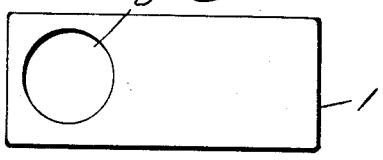


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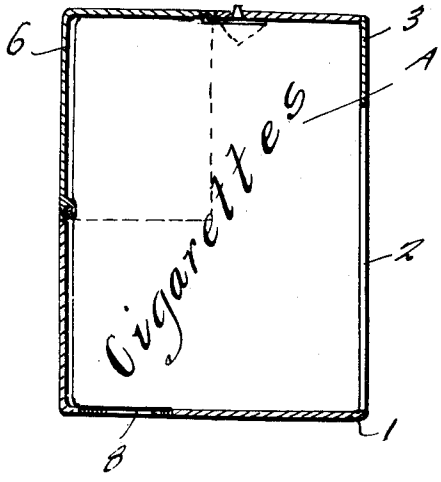
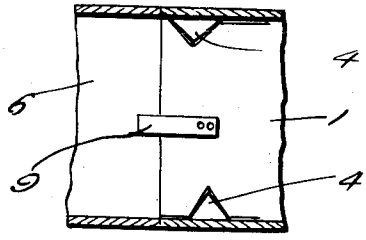


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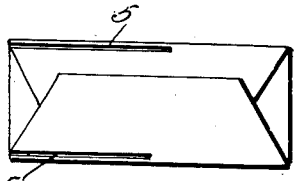


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1 Claim. (Cl. 206—41)

This invention relates to a cigarette package holder and opener, the general object of the invention being to provide a case for holding a package of cigarettes with means for slitting portions of one end of the package as the package is pushed into the holder, whereby said portion of the end of the package can be easily removed to expose some of the cigarettes.

Another object of the invention is to provide a hinged part on the case for closing the open end of the package and also to provide an opening in the bottom of the case whereby some of the cigarettes can be pushed to a position where they can be easily removed from the package when the hinged part is in open position.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and specifically pointed out in the appended claim.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device.

Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view thereof.

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

Fig. 4 is a top plan view with the hinged part open.

Fig. 5 is a section on line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 is a section on line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

Fig. 7 is a top plan view of the package showing the slits formed therein by the knives.

In the drawing, the numeral 1 indicates the case which is of such a size as to receive a package of cigarettes as shown at A and one side of the case is open as shown at 2 so as to permit the package of cigarettes to be pushed into the case and removed therefrom. A small angle-shaped door 3 is hinged to the top part of the case and extends over the upper end of the opening 2, when in closed position, so as to hold the package in position. A pair of knives 4 are suitably attached to portions of the top of the case and these knives extend diagonally inwardly from the side corners of the upper part of the case as clearly shown in Fig. 5.

As shown in Fig. 6 one knife is arranged in advance of the other so that the two knives perform their cutting operation one in advance of the other. These knives are of preferably the shape shown in Figs. 5 and 6, and as will be seen when the package is pushed into the case, these knives will make cuts in the top of the package, as shown at 5 in Fig. 7, with each cut adjacent a side face of the package and the knives are of such a length and so positioned that they will not cut into the cigarettes.

The rear upper corner of the case is cut away as shown so as to leave an opening at this corner which is closed by a door 6 which is provided with a pair of side faces, a top part and a rear part, so that when the door is closed, the parts of the door complete the rectangular shape of the casing. The rear part of the door is hinged at its lower end to the upper edge of the rear part of the case as shown at 7 so that the door can be swung outwardly and downwardly to expose an upper corner of the package of cigarettes and as the knives are placed in advance of this door the part of the package exposed by the door, when the same is open, will have the slits 5 therein so that the slitted top part of the package can be easily torn away so as to expose the cigarettes as shown in Fig. 4.

Suitable latch means are provided for the doors 3 and 6, and an opening 8 is formed in the bottom of the case so that by pressing upon the package exposed by the opening 8 some of the cigarettes can be projected from the top of the package so that they can easily be removed when the door 6 is open.

A latch for the door 6 is shown at 9 or any suitable form of latch can be provided for either door.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a case for holding a package of cigarettes so that the package will not be mashed or distorted which might damage the cigarettes, with means for slitting the top of the package when the package is pushed into the case so that the slitted part of the package can be easily torn away to expose some of the cigarettes, with a door for closing that part of the case from which the cigarettes are removed from the torn part of the package.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of the invention will be readily apparent.

It is to be understood that changes may be made in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:—

A case for holding a package of cigarettes comprising a body having its front side edge open

for admitting a package of cigarettes and said case having its upper rear corner open to expose an upper corner of the package, a door consisting of a pair of side portions, a top portion and a rear portion for closing the corner opening, a hinge connecting the lower end of the rear portion of the door to the upper edge of the rear edge portion of the case, a pair of downwardly converging knives having their upper ends connected to the side corners of the top part of the case in advance of the corner opening whereby said knives will slit the side portions of the top of the package as the same is pushed into the case so that portions of the top of the package can be removed through the corner opening when the corner door is opened.

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