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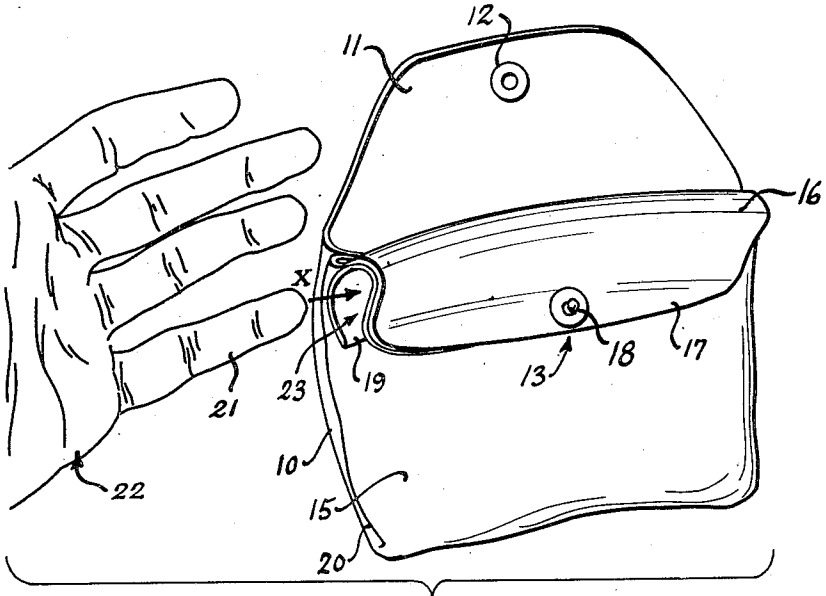


Fig. 1

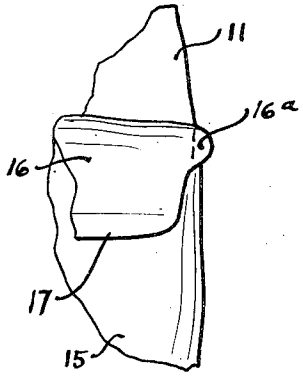


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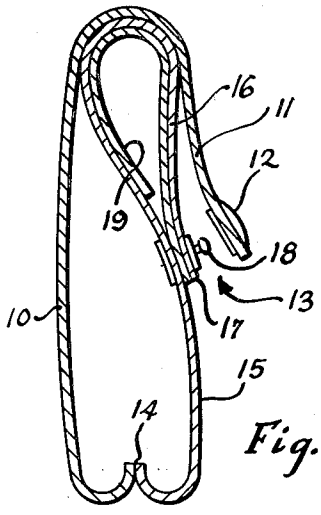


Fig. 2

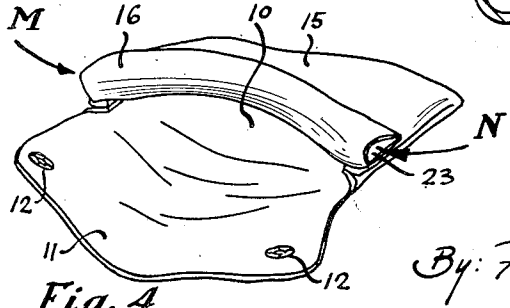


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to a tobacco pouch.

There is a great need for a tobacco pouch which may be used by persons who roll their own cigarettes and which may be held by the hand when rolling the cigarette. Those persons who have had experience in rolling their own cigarettes readily realize that it is usually the habit to hold the package of the tobacco in the crook of the arm or place it on a nearby object while the cigarette is being rolled, accompanying disadvantages being that there is a certain amount of discomfort in trying to hold onto the package and also that loose ends of tobacco fall at the person's feet. Persons rolling their own cigarettes are continually picking up bits of tobacco to place the same back in the pouch.

It is, therefore, the main object of the present invention to provide a tobacco pouch which may be held in the open position by the hands of the user such that the closure flap projects outwardly and below the hands of the user to catch particles of tobacco falling from the cigarette which is being rolled.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a tobacco pouch of this class which features means designed to receive a finger of the user whereby the same may be held with the top flap open, the latter being beneath the fingers which are employed for rolling the cigarette.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a tobacco pouch as before wherein the means adapted to receive a finger of the user also serve to form sealing means in cooperation with the top flap whereby the pouch may be efficiently closed to exclude the outer air and preserve the tobacco therein.

With these and other objects in view, my invention generally comprises a pouch formed of suitable material and formed into a pouch or bag having an open end, one of the sides of the pouch extending to form a closure flap. The remaining side of the pouch or bag is folded over adjacent the open end of the pouch such that the folded-over portion is adapted to receive at either open end a finger of the user. The closure flap has fastening means mounted thereon designed to cooperate with fastening means fixed to the side (or front) of the pouch carrying the rolled portion described.

Other objects of the present invention will be revealed by a study of the following specification taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings:

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Figure 1 is a perspective view of a tobacco pouch according to the present invention showing the hand of a user ready to be inserted in the folded-over portion thereof.

Figure 2 is a sectional view of the pouch of Figure 1 disclosing one method of forming the same.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view of an alternative form of the rolled-over portion of the pouch.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a pouch according to my invention showing the same in the open position as it would normally appear in use.

Referring now more specifically to the drawings and particularly to Figures 1 and 2, the pouch of the present invention in one specific form is comprised of a back member 10 which extends to form a closure flap 11 at its upper end, the free extremities of the closure flap 11 carrying a cooperating portion 12 of fastener means 13. The back portion 10 is fastened as at 14 in a conventional manner to the front piece 15, the latter extending upwardly to form a folded-over portion 16, the end 17 being fastened to the front piece 15 by the male portion 18 of the fastening means 13.

In order to provide sufficient rigidity such that the folded-over portion 16 remains open as shown, a reinforcing piece 19 extends over the inner surface thereof substantially as shown. The ends of the pouch are formed in the conventional manner as indicated by the folded line 20 of Figure 1 where it will be observed that the folded-over portion 16 is adapted to receive the little finger 21 (say) of the user's hand 22 in the orifice 23 as indicated by the arrow X. The folded-over portion 16 also serves as sealing means when cooperating with the closure flap 11 as indicated in Figure 2.

An alternative form of closure flap is indicated in Figure 3 where it will be observed that a tab 16A is provided which may be gripped by the fingers of one hand in order to draw the folded-over portion 16 over the finger of the other hand of the user. It has been found that this facilitates the use of the present pouch greatly so that the same may be held by only one hand if desired.

The present pouch has many advantages which will be apparent from an inspection of Figure 4. If desired the two smallest fingers of both hands of the user may be inserted in the folded-over portion 16 substantially as indicated by the arrows M and N, the two such fingers cooperating to cause the folded-over portion 16 to

arc substantially as indicated. This will cause the closure flap 11, when in the open position, to extend upwardly as shown, the open end of the pouch being free to receive loose ends of tobacco falling from the fingers of the user as a cigarette is rolled by the remaining fingers of the hands substantially above the closure flap. Although I have found that a pouch according to my invention made of sheet rubber is particularly suitable, other materials have proved satisfactory, the main requisites being that the material should have sufficient rigidity in order to present a substantially tubular opening in the folded-over portion 16 and also to form an effective seal by cooperation between the folded-over portion 16 and the inner surface of the closure flap. It will be obvious that the front piece of the present tobacco pouch could be fashioned of a plastic material which may be slightly pliable if desired. Many alternatives and modifications will be evident to skilled persons which will be within the spirit of the present invention. It is, therefore, intended that the present disclosure shall not be limited in any way other than that indicated by the scope of the following claims.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. In a tobacco pouch having a back piece and a front piece and a closure flap for the pouch opening extending from the back piece thereof; means for reception of at least one finger of the user comprising a folded-over portion of the front piece having an open end dimensioned to receive a finger of the user to provide means for supporting the pouch in the open position during a pipe filling or cigarette rolling operation.

2. In a tobacco pouch having a front piece and a back piece and an open end, a folded-over portion extending from the front piece and dimensioned to receive a finger of the hand of a user at at least one end thereof, and a closure flap extending from the back piece to overlie said folded-over portion and effectively close and seal the open end of the pouch.

3. A tobacco pouch as claimed in claim 1 and a tab portion extending from said folded-over portion to facilitate the application of said folded-over portion to a finger of the hand of the user.

4. In a tobacco pouch which includes a pouch having a back piece and a front piece and an open end and a closure flap extending from the back piece of the pouch, a folded-over portion of substantially tubular nature extending from the front piece of the pouch adjacent the open end thereof, said folded-over portion having two open ends each being dimensioned to receive a finger of each hand of the user.

5. A tobacco pouch as claimed in claim 4 in which said folded-over portion is of a rigidity sufficient to ensure the desired tubular characteristic and to co-operate with said closure flap when the latter overlies the same to form an effective sealing means for the pouch.

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