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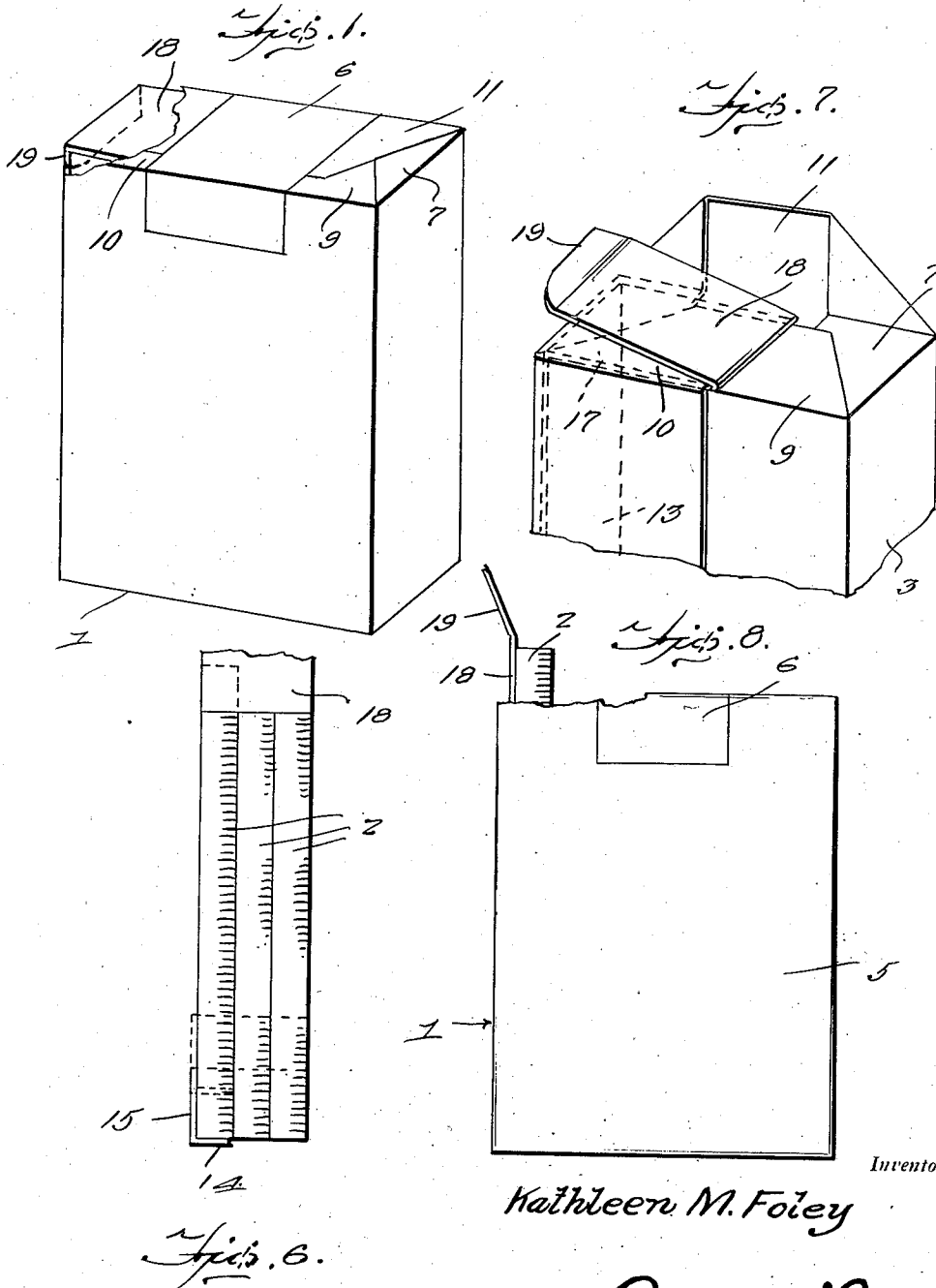
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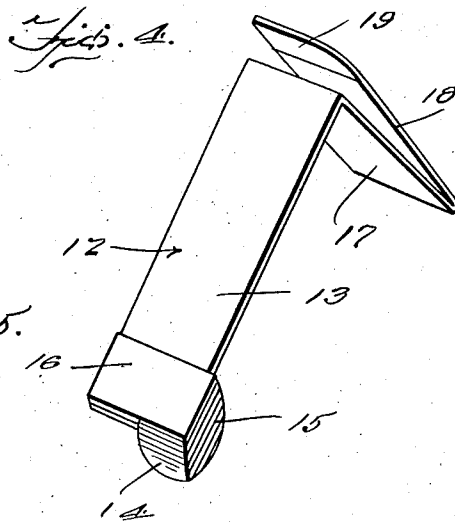
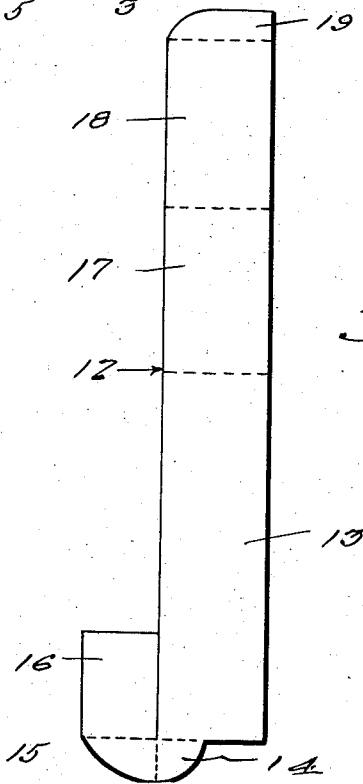
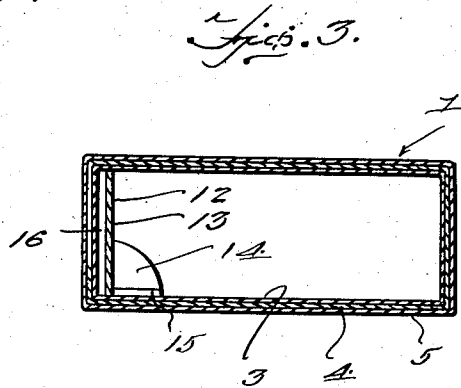
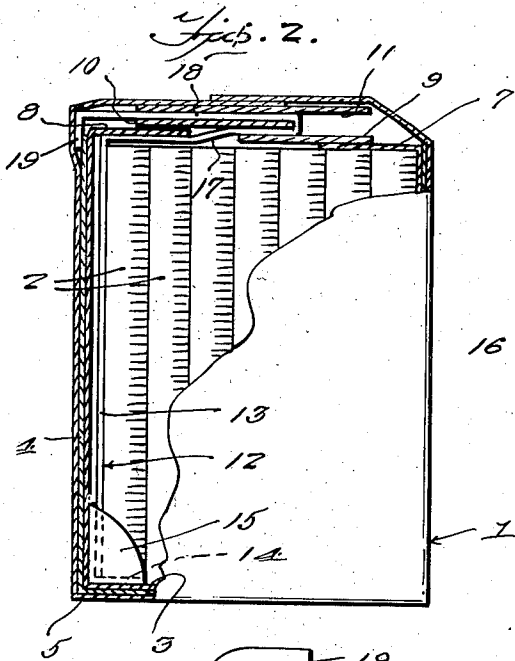
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1 Claim. (Cl. 206—41.2)

The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in cigarette packages, and has for its primary object to provide novel means for destroying the usual revenue stamp, opening the package and then elevating the first cigarette in a manner to facilitate its removal.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a cigarette package of the aforementioned character which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, compact, and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cigarette package embodying the present invention, a corner portion of the wrappers being broken away in a manner to expose the opener.

Figure 2 is a view principally in vertical section through the invention.

Figure 3 is a horizontal sectional view.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the opening and lifting device.

Figure 5 is a plan view of the blank from which the opening and lifting device is formed.

Figure 6 is a detail view in front elevation of the lower portion of the opening and lifting device, showing a plurality of cigarettes adjacent thereto.

Figure 7 is a perspective view of the upper portion of the inner wrapper with the opening and lifting device therein, showing said wrapper partially folded.

Figure 8 is a view in front elevation of the package after it has been opened, showing a cigarette which has been elevated to facilitate its removal.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, it will be seen that reference numeral 1 designates generally a package or container of suitable material for the reception of the usual cigarettes 2. The container 1 includes an inner wrapper 3, an intermediate wrapper 4 and an outer wrapper 5, the latter being usually of Cellophane. A revenue stamp sealing the top of the package 1 is indicated at 6.

As illustrated to advantage in Figures 2 and 7 of the drawings, the upper portion of the inner wrapper 3 is formed to provide intumed end folds 7 and 8, the inner ends of which are spaced from each other. The upper portion of the inner

wrapper 3 is further provided with a longitudinal fold 9 which extends over the fold 7 and which is also spaced from the fold 8. Another longitudinal fold 10 extends over the adjacent portions of the folds 8 and 9 and bridges the space therebetween. Then, a single fold 11 is folded in the opposite direction over the folds 9 and 10.

Mounted in the inner wrapper 3 is a dispenser which is designated generally by reference numeral 12. The dispenser 12 is formed from a single strip of suitable heavy paper, cardboard or other material and comprises a bar or the like 13 which extends vertically in the inner wrapper 3 adjacent one of the walls thereof. Projecting horizontally from the lower end of the bar 13 is an integral, substantially segmental lip 14. Rising from one side of the lip 14 is an integral, substantially segmental flange 15. Formed integrally with the flange 15 is a tongue 16 which is bent to extend transversely across the lower portion of the bar 13, to which bar said tongue is adhesively or otherwise secured.

The dispenser 12 further includes an opener comprising a horizontally extending arm 17 which is integral with the upper end of the bar 13, said arm including a reversed portion 18 which terminates in a tab 19.

It is thought that the manner in which the invention functions will be readily apparent from a consideration of the foregoing. Briefly, the dispenser 12 is inserted in the inner wrapper 3 closely adjacent one of the walls thereof, after which the cigarettes 2 are inserted. The construction and arrangement is such that the lip 14 is engaged under one of the cigarettes 2. The folds 7 and 9 are then folded over the cigarettes and the elements 17 and 18 of the dispenser 12 are brought thereover. The fold 8 is then folded over the adjacent portion of the arm 17. The fold 10 is then folded over the fold 8 and the arm 17. The portion 18 of the opener is then folded back over the fold 10 and the fold 8 and the tab 19 is turned downwardly, as seen in Figure 2 of the drawings. After the package has been properly closed, the revenue stamp 6 is applied. To open the package, the outer wrapper 5 is broken or removed. The tab 19 is then gripped and pulled upwardly in a manner to open or straighten out the elements 17 and 18. In this manner one end portion of the top of the package is opened and the revenue stamp 6 is destroyed. Continued upward movement of the dispenser 12, after the package has been opened, raises the bar 13 with the lip 14 thereon, thus elevating one of the cigarettes 2 for exposing the upper end portion there-

of, as suggested in Figure 8 of the drawings, and facilitating its removal.

It is believed that the many advantages of a cigarette package constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood, and although a preferred embodiment is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:

A cigarette package comprising an inner wrap-

per for the reception of cigarettes, a vertical bar in said wrapper of substantially the width of the inside of the package, a substantially segmental, horizontal corner lip on the lower end of the bar engaged beneath a cigarette, an integral, substantially segmental side flange rising from said lip, a right angularly extending tongue integral with the side flange extending transversely across the bar and secured thereto, and means on the upper end of the bar for elevating the same for lifting a cigarette on the lip.

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