This invention relates to a combined cigarette case and lighter, and has for the primary object the provision of a device of this character which will provide in one unit, storage for the entire number of cigarettes sold in a conventional type of cigarette package and which will present cigarettes one at a time to an ejecting means whereby each cigarette may be projected partly from the case to be placed in a person's mouth for lighting by the lighter, the latter being automatically operated by the actuation of said ejecting means.

With these and other objects in view, this invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view illustrating a combined cigarette case and lighter constructed in accordance with my invention.

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view illustrating the same.

Figure 3 is a perspective view illustrating a rack supporting cigarettes in the case.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary perspective view, partly in section, showing the means of mounting the rack in the case.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary sectional view showing the ejecting means and a cigarette partly ejected from the case ready to be placed in a person's mouth for lighting by the lighter.

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Figure 1.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numeral 1 indicates a cigarette case composed of companion sections joined by a hinge 2. The companion sections may be retained in case formation by any suitable catch mechanism. One of the sections has mounted therein a lighter mechanism 3, including a fuel tank 4, one wall of which cooperates with an inclined wall 5 of the other companion section in forming a passage 6. A cigarette rack 7 is mounted in the case 1 for the purpose of feeding cigarettes to the passage 6. The rack 1 includes a partition 8, side walls 9 and a bottom wall 10. The partition 8 is chambered and opened outwardly through the bottom wall 10, as shown at 11, for the reception of a tongue 12 carried by the hinge 2. The tongue 12 is secured to the rack 7 in the case. The side walls 9 project beyond each side of the partition 8 and are flanged, as shown at 13. Spring-pressed followers 14 operate between the side walls at opposite sides of the partition. Cigarettes are arranged or stacked upon the follow-
gages a projection 30 on the rod 25 causing a sliding movement of the rod to disengage from the keeper 24 and thereby free the cover 20 of the lighter. The spring 22 then acts to swing the cover and thereby bring about lighting of the wick 16. The person drawing upon the cigarette, as shown in Figure 5, may light said cigarette from the flame of the lighter.

Having described the invention, I claim:

In a cigarette case composed of companion sections and a hinge connecting said sections, a tongue connected to said case by the hinge, a rack including a partition and end members thereto, and said partition having a chamber to receive the tongue for releasably mounting the rack in the case, flanges formed on the end members, said partition, end members and flanges cooperating in forming spaces for the reception of cigarettes arranged in superimposed relation at opposite sides of the partition, and spring pressed followers acting on the cigarettes and located at opposite sides of the partition and guided by the end members and the flanges.

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