

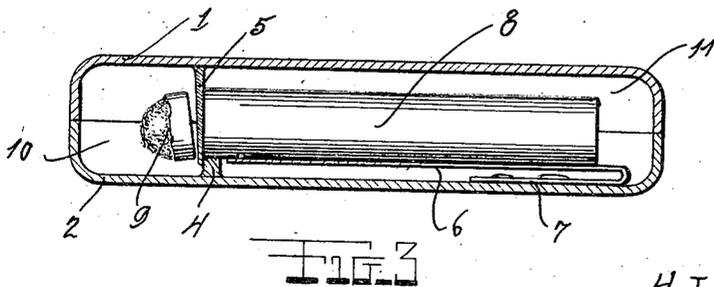
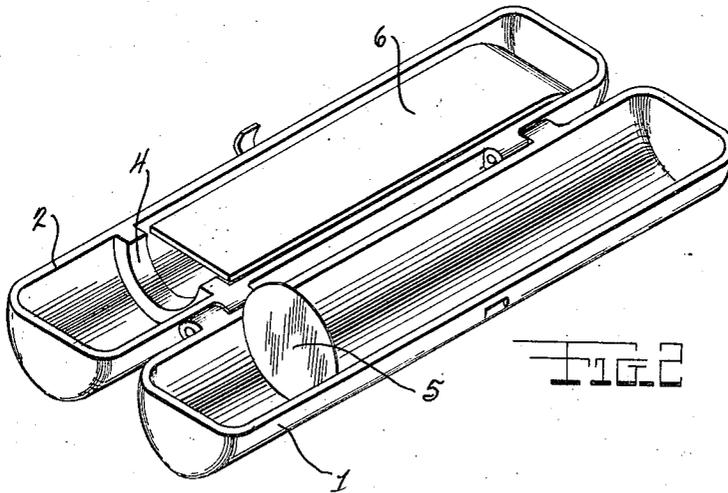
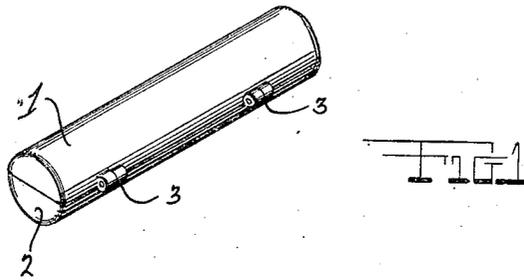
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CIGARETTE SALVAGE CASE

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CIGARETTE-SALVAGE CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HAROLD J. WINANS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nashville, in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigarette-Salvage Cases, of which the following is a specification.

The main object of this invention is the provision of a pocket case for the salvage of partly smoked or consumed cigarettes, having means whereby the burning end of a lighted cigarette is severed from the body during closing of the case.

The above and other objects will become apparent in the description below, in which like-named characters of reference refer to like-named parts in the drawings.

Referring briefly to the drawings, Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my case in closed position.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the same in open position.

Fig. 3 is a substantially central longitudinal cross-sectional view of the same when closed.

Referring now in detail to the drawings, the numeral 1 represents one of the halves of the case, and 2 the other, joined by hinges 3 having means for normally keeping the case closed. The case is divided into two compartments separated, in the member 2, by a cutting edge of arcuate formation shown at 4, and in the member 1 by a disk-like knife blade 5 adapted to co-act with the edge 4 in the manner of shears to sever the burning end of the cigarette from the body. In the member 2 a flat spring 6 is secured at 7 to the interior of the case, as shown. The forward compartment of the case is indicated at 10, and the rearward at 11.

In operation, the case is opened and the burning cigarette 8 is placed upon the band 6, as shown in Figure 3, with the lit end 9 extending over the compartment 10. Then the case is closed, causing the disk 5 to cooperate with the edge 4 and sever the burning head 9 from the body of the cigarette, the partly consumed tip falling into the compartment 10 and the body of the cigarette remaining in the compartment 11. The case is then placed in the user's pocket, and the tip 9 will burn itself into ashes, while the body 8 will be firmly but delicately retained between the spring 6 and the member 1, so that the tobacco therein will be prevented from falling out or becoming loose.

When it is desired to re-light the cigarette, the case is opened and the cigarette removed, and it will be found to have a sharp and clean edge similar to a new cigarette.

I claim:

A cigarette case comprising a hollow cylindrical casing having integral ends, said casing being split longitudinally at its center forming two symmetrical sections, a relatively wide arcuate seat in one of said sections, the radius of the concave portion of said seat being equivalent to the radius of the cigarette, a light flexible plate secured in the bottom of the same section, said plate being folded upon itself to extend nearly to said seat, and a circular shear blade fixed in the other of said casing sections adapted to cooperate with the outer edge of said seat in shearing a cigarette resting partially on the seat and on said spring plate, said blade being equivalent in diameter to the interior of the casing.

In witness whereof I affix my signature.

HAROLD J. WINANS.