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PACKAGE FOR CIGARETTES OR CIGARS AND MATCHES

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This invention relates to a package for cigarettes or cigars and matches.

The object of the invention is the production of a package for cigarettes or cigars and matches, from which cigarettes or cigars can be easily extracted and which can be easily lit, by the matches carried in the package.

The second object of the invention is the production of a match cover and match holder which can be easily attached to the wrappers now used for cigarettes and cigars without changing or making any alterations in said wrappers.

The third object of the invention is the production of a package for cigarettes or cigars and matches, wherewith the cigarettes or cigars can be extracted from one end thereof, one after the other, leaving the remaining cigarettes or cigars intact and the remaining portion of the package closed, to preserve the aroma and moisture of the said cigarettes or cigars.

The fourth object of the invention is the production of a package for cigarettes or cigars, which has secured thereto matches to be enabled to light said cigarettes or cigars, without the provision of a separate package of matches.

In the accompanying drawing Fig. 1 represents a side view of the package for cigarettes and matches partly in vertical section; Fig. 2 shows a top view of the package for cigarettes and matches partly in horizontal section; Fig. 3 indicates a top view similar to Fig. 2 but partly broken away; Fig. 4 represents a section of Fig. 2 on the line 4—4; and Fig. 5 shows a view similar to Fig. 4 with portions thereof in different positions.

The package for cigarettes and matches comprises an outer wrapper of "cellophane" having the side walls 20 and 21, the front wall 22, the rear wall 23, the top wall 24 and the bottom wall 25.

The main wrapper of the package comprises the side walls 30, 31, the front wall 32, the rear wall 33 and the bottom wall 34. The main wrapper is open at the top.

A wrapper of tin foil is shown to comprise the side walls 40 and 41, the front wall 42, the rear wall 43, the bottom wall 44 and the top wall 45.

An inner wrapper of thin paper comprises the side walls 50 and 51, the front wall 52, the rear wall 53, the bottom wall 54 and the top wall 55.

A revenue stamp 60 has its ends fastened to the side walls 30 and 31 of the main wrapper and its body portion is fastened to the top wall 45 of the wrapper of tin foil.

Through the top wall 45 of the wrapper of tin foil and through the top wall 55 of the inner wrapper thin paper is shown the slit 62.

Within the wrapper of thin paper are indicated the cigarettes 65, of which one of the cigarettes of the front row is shown at 65a. The latter cigarette is shown slightly withdrawn from the said wrapper of thin paper.

A match holder cover 70 is indicated in its entirety by the numeral 70, and comprises the middle member or cover 71, the locking leg 72 and the clamped leg 73. The latter is fastened to the inner face of the upper portion of the rear wall 33 of the main wrapper by an adhesive.

A match holder per se is indicated in its entirety by the numeral 80, and comprises the middle member or cover 81, the locking leg 82, and lower member 83 with the scratch pad 84. A curved lower end portion 85 connects the cover 81 and the lower member 83. Three rows of matches 86 have their lower ends positioned between the cover 81 and the lower member 83 and a wire clamp 88 tightens the lower ends of the matches 86 with the cover 81 and the lower member 83.

When the package is in its closed position, see Figs. 1 and 4, the match holder cover 70 and the match holder 80 with their appurtenances are positioned in horizontal position, and the locking legs 72 and 82 are placed between the front wall 32 of the main wrapper and the front wall 42 of the wrapper of tin foil to hold the match holder cover 70 and the match holder 80 in locked position.

To extract the cigarettes from the package, the cover 70 and the holder 80 are swung up as indicated in Fig. 5, and a cross slit 62 is made in the top wall 45 of the tin foil wrapper, and in the top wall 55 of the inner wrapper of thin paper.

The upper ends of the front walls 42 and 52 are pulled up and simultaneously upper portions of the side walls 30, 31 and the side walls 50, 51 are drawn up, to enable the cigarettes of the front row, one of which is shown at 65a to be withdrawn.

One of the cigarettes is next withdrawn from the package and the holder cover 70 is then swung a small distance in the direction of the arrow A, Fig. 5, and the matches 65 one at a time are detached and ignited on the scratch pad 84. After the cigarette has been lit the upper ends of the walls 42, 52, 40, 41, 50 and 51 are folded down. The holder cover 70 and the match holder 80 are also returned to their closed positions as indicated in Figs. 1 and 4. The remaining cigarettes when the package is placed in proper position.
take the place of the cigarettes one of which is indicated at 65c and are withdrawn and lit as described.

The package may contain cigars instead of the cigarettes 65.

It is to be noted that the slit 52 may be made in the top walls 45 and 55 before or after the cigarettes or cigars have been packed into the package.

It is also to be noted that the user after a cigarette or cigar has been extracted from the package may immediately fold down the ends of the walls 42, 52, 40, 41, 50 and 51, which have been previously pulled up, to preserve the contents of the package. The match holder 80 may then be swung down to its horizontal locked position with its locking leg 82 in the package, while the match holder cover 70 remains in its raised position. The matches are then detached and the cigarettes or cigars are lit and finally the match holder cover 70 is swung to its horizontal locked position with its locking leg 72 in the package, as indicated in Fig. 4.

It will be noted that only small upper portions of the walls of the wrappers are open for a small interval of time, to extract the cigarettes or cigars, and thereby the aroma and moisture of the cigarettes or cigars are preserved. Also the cigarettes or cigars are maintained in their original shapes.

It will also be noted that the cigarettes or cigars are extracted with more ease than heretofore and that time is saved.

It will be further noted that the match holder 80 can be eliminated and the holder cover 70 will still function as already described to close the package, that is to say the locking leg 72 is positioned between the front wall 32 of the main wrapper and the front wall 42 of the wrapper of tin foil to hold the member 71 in its horizontal and closed position.

Various modifications may be made in the invention and the present exemplification is to be taken as illustrative and not limitative thereof.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. In a package for cigarettes or cigars and matches, the combination of a wrapper, comprising side walls, a front wall and a rear wall, a match holder cover comprising a middle member, a locking leg and a lower member, the said lower member fastened to the upper portion of the rear wall of the wrapper, a match holder comprising a middle member, a locking leg and a lower member, matches positioned between the middle member and lower member of the match holder, means to clamp together the match holder cover, the match holder and the matches, the said locking legs bearing against the inner face of the front wall of the wrapper when in closed position to preserve the aroma and moisture of the contents of the package.

2. In a package for cigarettes or cigars and matches, the combination of a main wrapper, a match holder cover having one end extending from the upper end of the main wrapper and fastened thereto, a match holder fastened to said cover, detachable matches carried by said holder, wrappers within the main wrapper to hold cigarettes or cigars, upper walls for the latter wrappers having a slit to withdraw said cigarettes or cigars from the latter wrappers, said upper walls folded down after some of the cigarettes or cigars have been removed from the package to preserve the aroma and moisture of the cigarettes or cigars remaining in the package, and to maintain the package, wrappers and cigarettes or cigars in their original shape.

3. In a package for cigarettes or cigars, the combination of a main wrapper open at its top end and comprising a front wall, a rear wall, side walls and a bottom wall, a wrapper of tin foil within the main wrapper, the latter wrapper comprising a front wall, a rear wall, side walls, a top wall and a bottom wall, an inner wrapper of paper comprising walls corresponding to and adjacent to the walls of the wrapper of tin foil, the top walls of the wrapper of tin foil and paper having a slit crosswise thereof, and a cover for the package comprising a middle member, a locking leg and a clamped leg, the clamped leg fastened to the upper portion of the main wrapper, the upper portions of the front walls and portions of the upper ends of the side walls of the wrapper of tin foil and wrapper of paper adapted to be pulled up to extract a cigarette or cigar from the package and subsequently folded down and the middle member of the cover bearing on the top wall of the wrapper of tin foil and its locking leg seated between the front wall of the main wrapper and the front wall of the wrapper of tin foil.

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