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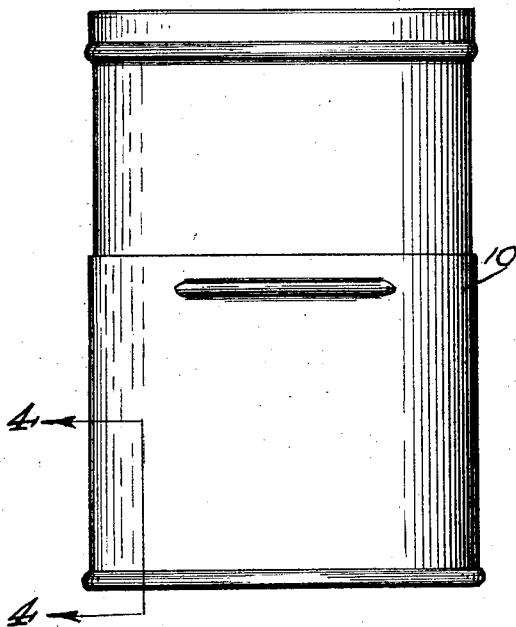


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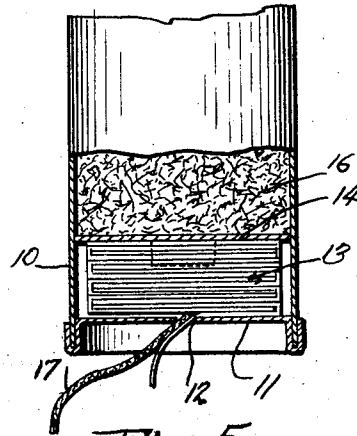


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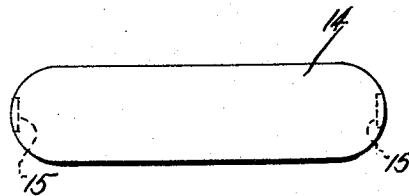


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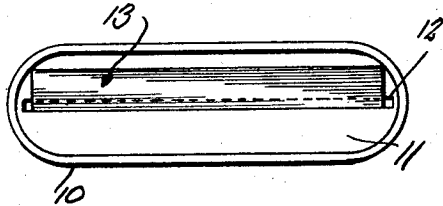


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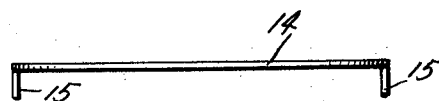


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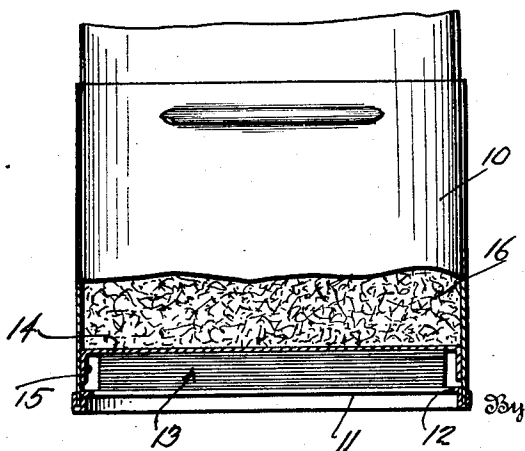
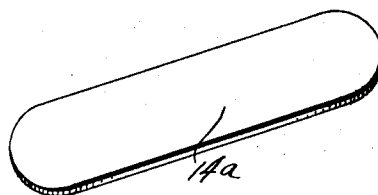


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COMBINED TOBACCO BOX AND CIGARETTE PAPER HOLDER

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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in a combined tobacco box and cigarette paper holder.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a combined tobacco box and cigarette paper holder wherein the box is provided with a slotted bottom wall through which one side edge of a cigarette paper extends with a pack of papers inter-folded within the bottom of the box beneath the tobacco contents so that when one cigarette paper is withdrawn from the box through the slotted opening, the side edge of the next cigarette paper is projected through the opening for future use, when desired to be withdrawn from the box.

A further object of the invention is to provide a combined tobacco box and cigarette paper holder of the foregoing character wherein a follower strip, either metal, cardboard or paper is superposed upon the pack of cigarette papers to separate them from the tobacco contents of the box and to provide a seal at the slotted end of the box to prevent the escape of tobacco through the cigarette paper delivery slot.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a device of the foregoing character wherein the pack of cigarette papers is normally confined within the box inwardly of the slotted bottom wall thereof with a pull cord adhesively or otherwise attached to the lowermost cigarette paper to facilitate withdrawal of the first cigarette paper from the box.

With the above and other objects in view that will become apparent as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawing and claimed.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of an ordinary form of tobacco can or box with which the present invention is associated;

Figure 2 is a bottom plan view showing the slotted opening in the bottom wall of the tobacco box with one side edge of a cigarette paper projecting therethrough;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary front elevational view, partly broken away and shown in section to illustrate the cigarette paper pack follower having end fingers to align the papers with the box slot and to prevent the escape of tobacco to the box slot;

Figure 4 is an enlarged detail sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Figure 1 showing the pull cord attached to the lowermost paper of the pack to facilitate withdrawal of the first cigarette paper;

Figure 5 is a top plan view of the follower for the cigarette paper pack;

Figure 6 is a side edge elevational view showing the depending fingers carried by the follower; and

Figure 7 is a perspective view of another form of follower with the end fingers omitted.

Referring more in detail to the accompanying drawing, the reference numeral 10 designates a tobacco can or box herein illustrated as being of the collapsible type, the present invention being associated with the bottom wall 11 of the box.

As illustrated, the bottom wall 11 is provided with a central longitudinally extending slot 12 through which cigarette papers are adapted to be delivered in a manner to be presently described.

As shown more clearly in Figures 3 and 4, the pack of cigarette papers 13 is supported upon the bottom wall 11 of the box overlying the slot 12 and said paper pack 13 is retained in position by a follower plate 14 of the form illustrated in Figure 5 that follows the contour of the inner face of the box 10, the follower plate 14 resting upon the upper end of the paper pack 13 and having its edges wiping over the inner walls of the box. A depending finger 15 is carried by each end of the follower plate 14 and extends outwardly of opposite ends of each sheet of the paper pack 13 for confining the sheets in their related positions. The tobacco material 16 is filled in the box 12 above the follower plate 14 and is prevented from entering the cigarette paper compartment therebeneath by the follower plate 14.

The cigarette paper pack 13 comprises in-

dividual cigarette papers interfolded together with the edge of one cigarette paper extending between the folds of an adjacent cigarette paper, the lowermost paper sheet of the pack 13 is initially confined within the box 10 and has a pull cord 17 attached thereto as shown in Figure 4, the lowermost paper of the pack being withdrawn through the bottom slot 12 by means of the pull cord 13 and by the inter-fold connection between the sheets of the pack, the next adjacent cigarette paper has one side edge thereof projected through the bottom slot 12 after the first or lowermost paper of the pack has been completely removed so that the cigarette paper is always presented for ready use.

As shown in Figure 7, the follower plate 14a is free of end fingers, the same resting directly upon the cigarette paper pack 13 with the edges thereof substantially frictionally engaged with the inner walls of the box 10.

From the above detailed description of the invention, it is believed that the construction and operation thereof will at once be apparent, it being noted that the package of cigarette papers is conveniently carried by the tobacco box with a side edge of the lowermost paper of the pack projecting through the slotted opening 12 in the box bottom for ready use. Also, the follower plate wiping over the inner walls of the box prevents the escape of tobacco through the bottom slot 12 and also operates to maintain the papers of the stack in a neat and compact condition and while there is herein shown and described the preferred embodiments of the invention, it is nevertheless to be understood that minor changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim:—

1. In a combined tobacco box and cigarette paper holder, the combination with a box having a slotted bottom wall, of a pack of interfolded cigarette papers in the box overlying the bottom wall slot with the side edge of each paper positioned for projection through the slot, a follower plate on the cigarette paper pack having depending end fingers to confine the separate papers of the pack in a compact condition, and a pull cord attached to the lowermost paper of the pack to facilitate feeding of the papers through the bottom wall slot.

2. In a combined tobacco box and cigarette paper holder, the combination with a box having a slotted bottom wall, of a pack of interfolded cigarette papers in the box overlying the bottom wall slot with the side edge of each paper positioned for projection through the slot, said follower plate forming a movable partition in the box defining tobacco and paper pack compartments with the edge of the follower plate substantially friction-

ally engaged with the inner wall of the box to prevent the escape of tobacco through the bottom slot.

3. In a combined tobacco box and cigarette paper holder, the combination with a box having a slotted bottom wall, of a pack of interfolded cigarette papers in the box overlying the bottom wall slot with the side edge of each paper positioned for projection through the slot, and a follower plate on the cigarette paper pack, said follower plate forming a movable partition in the box defining tobacco and paper pack compartments with the edge of the follower plate substantially frictionally engaged with the inner wall of the box to prevent the escape of tobacco through the bottom slot.

4. In a combined tobacco box and cigarette paper holder, the combination with a box having a slotted bottom wall, of a pack of interfolded cigarette papers in the box overlying the bottom wall slot with the side edge of each paper positioned for projection through the slot, a follower plate on the cigarette paper pack having depending end fingers to confine the separate papers of the pack in a compact condition, said follower plate forming a movable partition in the box defining tobacco and paper pack compartments with the edge of the follower plate substantially frictionally engaged with the inner wall of the box to prevent the escape of tobacco through the bottom slot.

5. In a combined tobacco box and cigarette paper holder, the combination with a box having a slotted bottom wall, of a pack of interfolded cigarette papers in the box overlying the bottom wall slot with the side edge of each paper positioned for projection through the slot, a follower plate on the cigarette paper pack having depending end fingers to confine the separate papers to the pack in a compact condition, and a pull cord attached to the lowermost paper of the pack to facilitate feeding of the papers through the bottom wall slot, said follower plate forming a movable partition in the box defining tobacco and paper pack compartments with the edge of the follower plate substantially frictionally engaged with the inner wall of the box to prevent the escape of tobacco through the bottom slot.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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