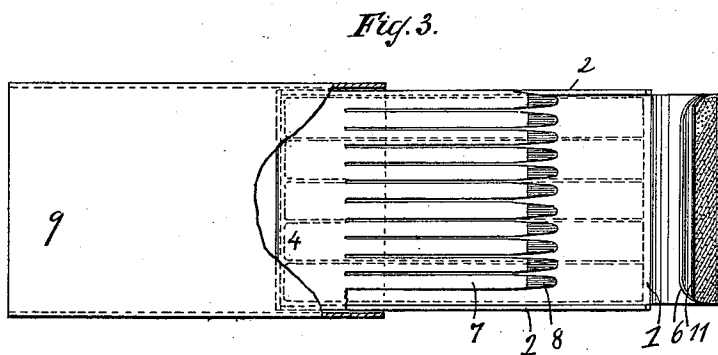
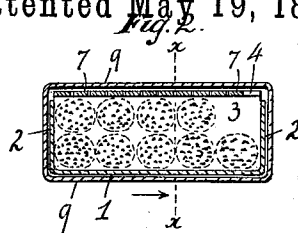
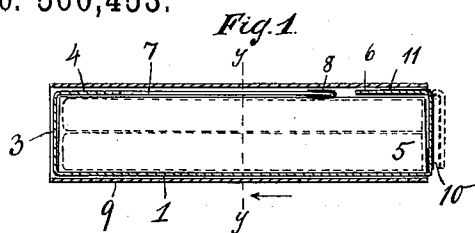


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS WEST, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cigarette-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a box for such articles as cigarettes, tobacco, cigars, and the like, which box is provided with matches carried or supported by the box, so as to be secure against loss; and the invention resides in the novel features of construction set forth in the following specification and claim and illustrated in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a box sectioned along xx , Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a section along yy , Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a box.

The box comprises the base 1, the sides 2, and the ends 3 and 5. The end 3 carries a cover-flap 4, and the end 5 carries a cover flap 6. These cover-flaps lie over on the box contents and protect or securely inclose the latter, as seen in Fig. 1. A part of the cover or box being cut or formed into strips 7, said strips can be conveniently formed into matches. If dipped into a suitable substance, as molten wax or paraffin, said strips will be readily combustible, and when tipped, as at 8, with an igniting substance said strips or matches can be lighted as desired. Said strips being detached by breaking or tearing them off one by one, as needed, the remaining strips will be left attached to or forming an integral part of the box or of the box part 4, so that loss or accidental detachment of the matches is avoided.

The box part 4 forms a base common to the matches, said matches being mounted on or projecting from said base 4, so as to be conveniently grasped and detached or torn or broken off as required.

The box being supplied with its contents and the sides and ends 2, 3, and 5 rising from

the base 1 and the covers or flaps 6 and 4, 7 being laid or folded onto the box contents, and the box being slid into the case 9, the contents of the box are securely inclosed. Sliding or partly sliding the box out of the case will give access to the contents and to the cover part or matches 7.

By providing the box with a friction-surface a match can be conveniently struck or lighted on the box. The outer or exposed face of end 5 can be conveniently provided with a friction-coating 10, or by providing the parts 5 and 6 with friction-coatings 10 and 11 and bending or pressing the part 6, as indicated by broken lines, Fig. 1, against part 5 to cause said friction-coatings 10 and 11 to meet or face one another a match having its head 8 inserted between said meeting faces 10 and 11 and drawn along said faces will have its head 8 ignited.

In Figs. 2 and 3 is shown a box from which a cigarette has been taken, and a match has been broken or torn off the base or box portion 4.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a cigarette-box formed with matches, and consisting of a bottom 1, sides 2, back 3, cover-flap 4, front 5, and cover-flap 6, all formed integral, and said cover-flap 4 constructed to lie over the contents of the box and formed integral with longitudinally-extended, separated match-strips having igniting heads, said match-strips also lying longitudinally over the contents of the box in a plane coincident with the plane of the cover-flaps, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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