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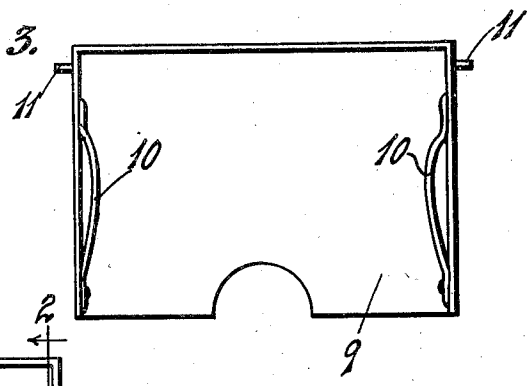


Fig. 1.

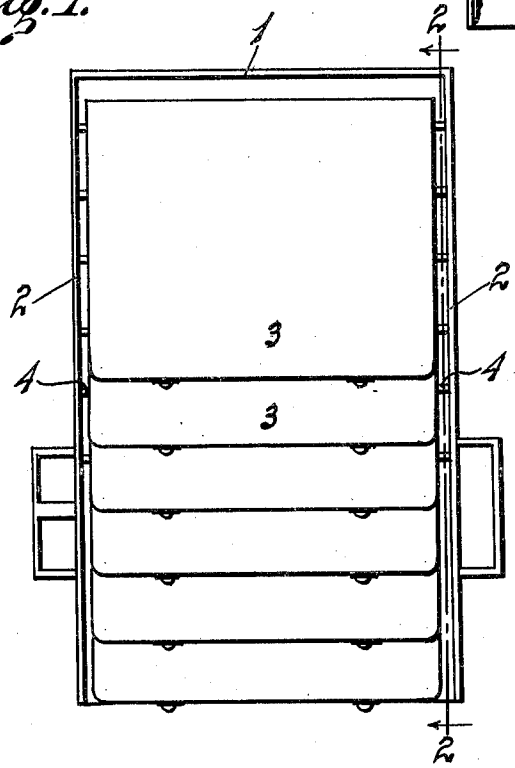
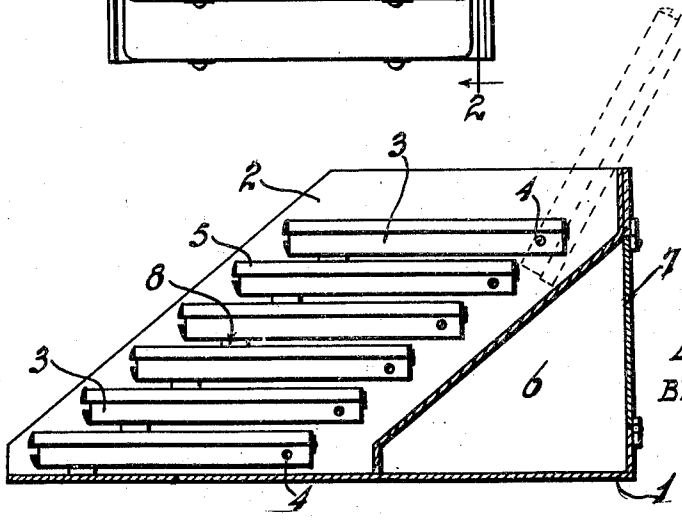


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to a novelty cigarette container in which a number of different brands of cigarettes are conveniently arranged so that a user can select any of the brands which he desires.

An object of my invention is to provide a novel cigarette container in which a plurality of superimposed, pivotally mounted trays are so arranged that any one, or a number of the trays may be tilted so as to expose a tray in which a particular brand of cigarette is placed.

Another object is to provide a novel cigarette container which is inexpensive to manufacture, effective for the use intended, and the appearance of which conforms to the modern type of ornament placed in the home.

Other objects, advantages, and features of invention may appear from the accompanying drawing, the subjoined detailed description, and the appended claims.

In the drawing

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my cigarette container.

Figure 2 is a vertical, sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a plan view of a tray which may be used in my container.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, my cigarette container includes a substantially rectangular base 1, which has side walls 2—2. This base is open on the top and at the front so that a plurality of superimposed trays 3—3 is exposed. These trays have pins 4 extending from the sides thereof, and the pins extend into, and are journaled in the side walls 2—2. The pins 4 are adjacent the rear edges of each of the trays 3, and the trays are arranged in superimposed relation, and also each adjacent upper tray is pivoted somewhat to the rear of the one below it. That is, the trays are in staggered relation, the purpose of this arrangement being to enable the trays to be tilted upwardly to expose the tray in which the desired brand of cigarette has been placed, as shown in dotted lines in Figure 2. The trays 3 are each provided with a cover 5 so that the cigarettes are securely held in each tray and cannot fall out when said trays are tilted upwardly.

A compartment 6 is provided at the rear of the base 1 and below the tier of trays 3. This compartment is for the purpose of containing cigars, and is closed by a door 7 which is hingedly mounted in the rear wall of the base 1.

To deaden the sound of the trays falling when they are dropped into horizontal position, I provide a soft pad 8 on the bottom of each tray. The trays 3 are preferably formed of metal, and the base 1 may also be of metal or of some other material, whatever pleases the fancy of the manufacturer.

In Figures 1 and 2, I have shown trays pivotally mounted in the base, and with this arrangement it is necessary to place the cigarettes into the trays when they are empty. In Figure 3, an arrangement is shown which is adapted to retain a flat box of cigarettes of the type sold by many leading cigarette manufacturers. This arrangement consists of a flat tray 9 on the sides of which springs 10—10 are provided. The flat boxes of cigarettes are inserted in the tray and the springs 10—10 grip the sides of the cigarette box to hold it in position. The tray 9 is permanently mounted in the base 1 on pins 11—11 in the same manner as previously described for the trays 3. With this latter arrangement, when a box of cigarettes is exhausted, it is only necessary to remove the empty box and reinsert a full one into the tray 9.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A novelty cigarette container comprising a plurality of trays, means in which said trays are mounted each tray including a bottom, side and rear walls, a pin projecting from each of the side walls whereby the tray is pivotally mounted, and a spring attached to the inside of each of the side walls whereby a cigarette box is yieldably held in the tray, each adjacent tray resting on the tray below it and the lowermost tray resting on the said means in which the trays are mounted.

2. A novelty cigarette container comprising a plurality of trays, means in which said trays are mounted each tray comprising a bottom, a pair of side walls and a rear wall rising therefrom, a pin extending from each of the side walls whereby the tray is pivotally mounted, a leaf spring secured to the inside of each of the side walls, said leaf spring being adapted to engage a cigarette box to hold the same in position, said tray being open at the front and the top, each adjacent tray resting on the tray below it and the lowermost tray resting on the said means in which the trays are mounted.

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