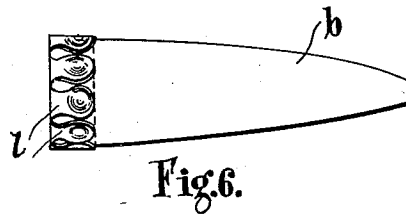
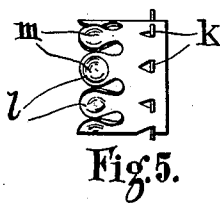
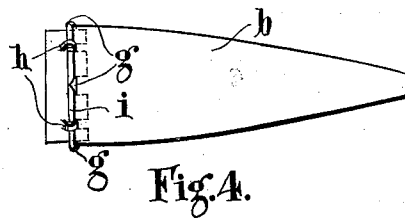
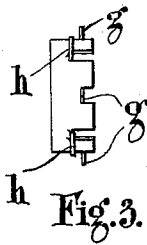
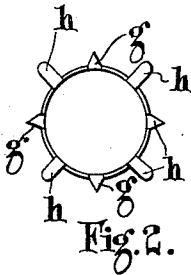
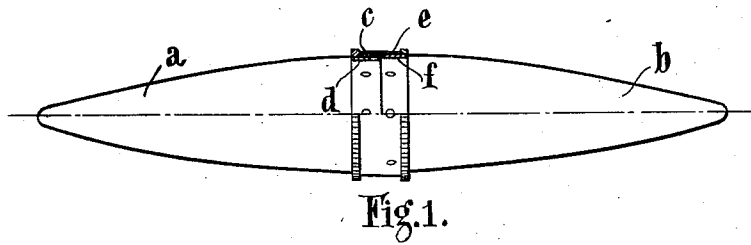


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES UNDERHILL FRANCIS WEST, a subject of the King of Great Britain and Ireland, and residing at 5 160 Westbourne Terrace, London, W., England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Connection with Cigar-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

10 This invention relates to improvements in cases or containers for holding cigars, the object being to provide a case which will be efficient when in use and when carried in the pocket of the owner but which may be 15 readily collapsed and occupy but little space when no cigars are therein.

The invention is not confined to the particular material from which the collapsible, yielding or elastic case is made, nor to the 20 manner in which such is to be mounted with the fastening or retaining members, as the form of the material and the method of making it up may be modified to suit the style and price of the case that it is desired 25 to manufacture.

The accompanying drawings illustrate several modes of carrying out the invention.

Figure 1 is an elevation partly in section of one form of cigar case made in accordance 30 with the invention. Figs. 2, 3 and 4 are detail views showing a second form. Figs. 5 and 6 illustrate a third form.

In carrying the invention into effect, when constructing a case or container in one 35 convenient manner for a single cigar, and as illustrated in Fig. 1, the case is made preferably in two sections, one portion *a* forming one end or one half of the completed case and the other *b* to be of like form 40 for the remaining portion of the case.

The two portions *a* and *b* are in the form of elongated cones closed at their apices and open at their bases and which may be made from oiled silk, fabric, leather, or 45 other pliable material. The open larger ends of these members *a* and *b* are attached to brass or other metal rings so arranged that one is adapted to fit inside the other. For example as shown in Fig. 1 the part 50 *a* may be secured between two rings *c*, *d*, riveted together while the part *b* is held between two rings *e*, *f*, the ring *c* being formed to fit inside the ring *e* or vice versa. In this way a very efficient case or covering for 55 the cigar is formed and when the cigar is removed therefrom, the pliable parts of the

case may be folded in a very small space or pushed inside the rings attached thereto so as to take up very little space in the owner's pocket and the flexible material will be protected by said rings when not in use. 60

Where the pliable parts of the case are to be attached to metal rings, other methods than that illustrated in Fig. 1 may be employed. For example a ring or ferrule may 65 be provided as shown in Figs. 2 and 3 which is stamped out to form, or otherwise provided with spikes, preferably alternately short and pointed, as *g*, and longer and blunt, as *h*. The pliable material *b* is then 70 placed over the spikes *g* being left slightly split on its top edge for this purpose. The spikes *g* pierce the material and the seam which was left partially unsewn is then sewn up. Thereafter the spikes *g* and *h* are bent 75 or hammered down in opposite directions over the material, which may, if desired, be reinforced with a ring *i* of metal, placed outside or inside of the material. In Figs. 5 and 6, a further method of attaching the 80 metal rings to the material is illustrated. The ring is provided with a number of spikes *k* and also with a number of tongues or projecting places *l* provided with shallow 85 recesses *m*. The material as before is placed over the spikes *k* and the tongue pieces are bent back over the same and pressed or hammered into position, so that the material is firmly held. In all cases the rings attached to the two parts of the case are so 90 formed that one part fits over the other.

The application of the invention is not limited to covers made in the form of a single cigar or a series of cigars, as the case may be made in the form of a rectangular receptacle, 95 the upper and lower ends of which may be of rigid material having a lid-like member capable of being opened to permit of the cigars being withdrawn, but the body portion of the casing to be made of silk or other 100 collapsible material attached to the thin strips of aluminium or other material forming the top and bottom of the case.

The cases with yielding central material are made to open either in the direction of 105 their length or in the direction of their width as may be desired to suit any particular requirement.

Having now described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:— 110

1. A cigar case comprising two members,

each consisting of a collapsible portion, a ring, radial spikes on the ring for engaging the collapsible portion, and means on the ring for retaining the collapsible portion in
5 engagement with the spikes.

2. A cigar case comprising two flexible collapsible members open at one end and closed at the other, said members tapering toward their closed ends, and connecting
10 bands secured to the open ends of said mem-

bers and adapted to telescopically engage, said collapsible members being foldable within said bands when not in use.

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