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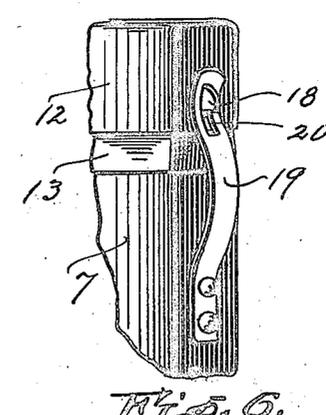
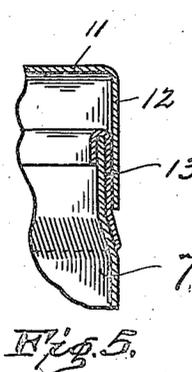
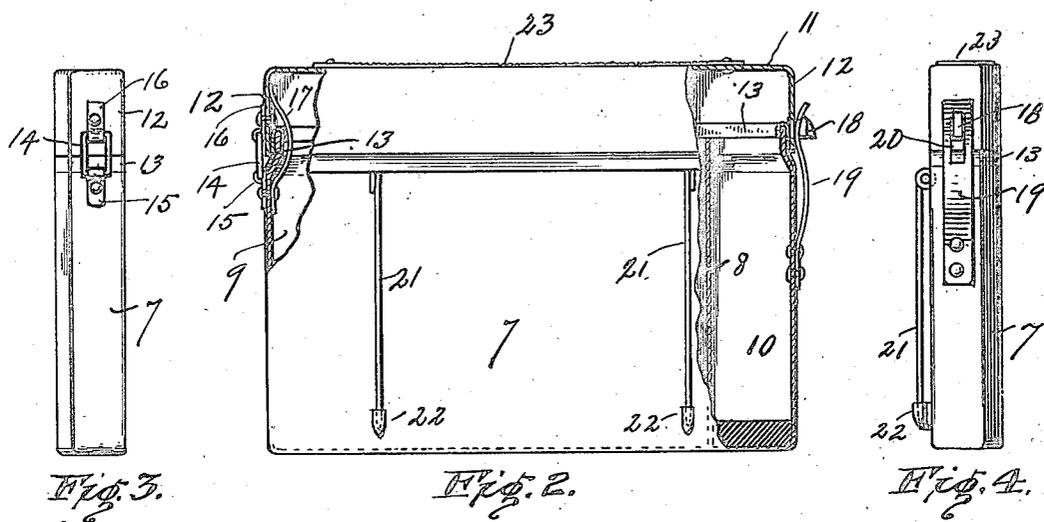
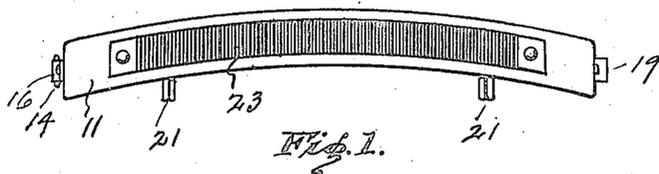


Fig. 6.
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KENTON McMOSIMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Waterproof Cigarette and Cigar Cases, of which the following is a specification.

A very important object of this invention is to provide a cigarette case that will be water-tight when closed whereby it may be exposed to rainy weather and spray in boating and sailing, and particularly whereby it may be attached to a belt or carried in the pocket of a bathing suit and kept by bathers constantly within convenient reach.

The object, also, is to provide such a device adapted to be quickly and easily opened, and which will be so inexpensive, to manufacture that it can compete with other cigarette containers in commercial use.

I accomplish the above, and other objects which will hereinafter appear, by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Fig. 1, is a top plan view of my invention. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the side worn closest to the persons body. This view shows portions of the case broken away and sectioned. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the hinge-end of the case. Fig. 4 is an elevation of the opposite or catch-end of same. Fig. 5 is a detail on a larger scale of the water tight joint between the lid and body of the case, and Fig. 6, is a perspective view on a larger scale of the spring-catch which holds the lid closed.

Like characters of reference indicate like parts in the several views of the drawing. The body 7, of the case is here shown as relatively long and narrow, but this is subject to variation at will of the manufacturer. It is preferably separated by a partition 8 into two compartments of which the larger 9 is for cigarettes (or cigars) and the smaller 10 is for matches.

The lid 11 has a flange 12, into which the upper edge of the case telescopes in the manner shown; at closing, and to insure a water tight fit between the flange and the case when the lid is closed, I provide a gasket 13, of any suitable material such as rubber, a band of which is here shown as applied to the outside of the case close to the upper edge of the latter and overlap-

ping said edge and turned down a suitable distance on the inside to keep the gasket in place. The lid is hinged to the case at one of its ends, preferably, as here shown, by a link hinge to allow of the requisite flexibility of action for easy opening and closing of the case. This comprises a metal link 14, through one end of which a loop 15 is bent and a straight end of the metal riveted to the end of the case, and a similar loop 16, fastened to the other end of the link and riveted to the flange of the lid. The lid is normally held open by a leaf spring 17, one end of which is riveted to the end of the case and the other end of which bears outwardly against the flange of the lid.

The catch at the other end comprises an outwardly tapering notched lug 18, fixed in the end of the lid-flange, and a leaf-spring 19 arched at its middle as shown and rigidly riveted at its lower end to the end of the case. In its upper end is a longitudinal slot 20 adapted for the passage through it of lug 18 and also adapted to enter the notch in the lug by the tension of the spring when released, and form a lock. The end of the lug is preferably tapered for easy insertion, and the release of the lug by the spring is effected by straightening the bend in the leaf by pressure from the operator's hand, upon which the spring 17 will automatically open the lid.

The case and lid will preferably be curved as shown in Fig. 2, to better conform to the shape of the wearer's body, and the concave side will have a pair of spring-opened pins 21, 21, for attaching the cigarette case to a belt or other part of the clothing. The ends of the pins will be held in housings 22, 22. On the lid of the cigarette holder is a match striking surface 23.

The operation of my invention is so obvious from what has already been stated that further description is deemed unnecessary.

Having thus fully described my invention what I claim as new and wish to secure by Letter Patent of the United States, is—

In a case for cigarettes and cigars, a body portion, a lid with flanges into which the open end of the body telescopes, both body and lid being curved to fit the wearer, a gasket of rubber or other material between the lid and body bent around the edge and extending under the lower edge of the lid

and outside of the body forming a water-tight joint, a link-hinge at one end of the case connecting the lid to the body, automatic means comprising a leaf spring riveted at one end to the case and the other end bearing against the flange of the lid for opening the lid when released, and a spring catch at the other end of the case

from the hinge comprising a notched lug secured to one member and a bent leaf spring secured to the other member, said leaf spring having a slot to receive the lug and engage the notch in the lug.

Signed at Indianapolis, Indiana, this the 9th day of October 1920.

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