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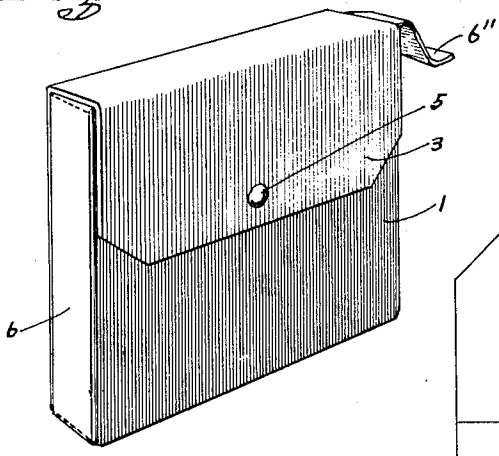


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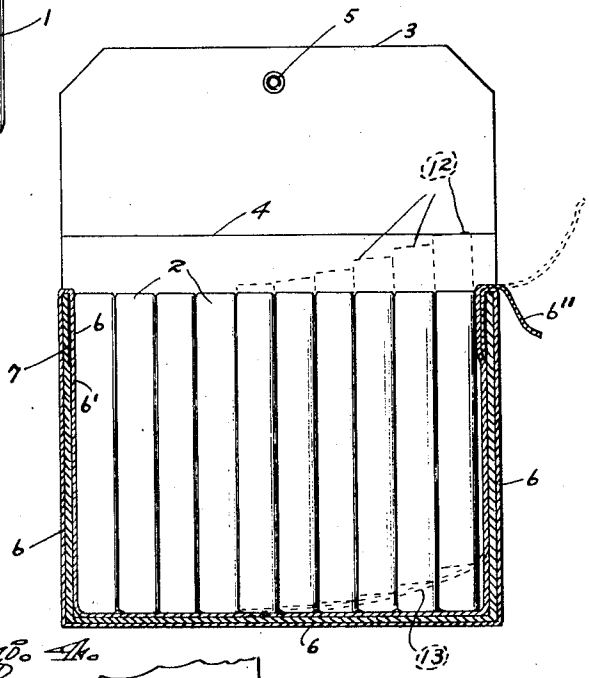


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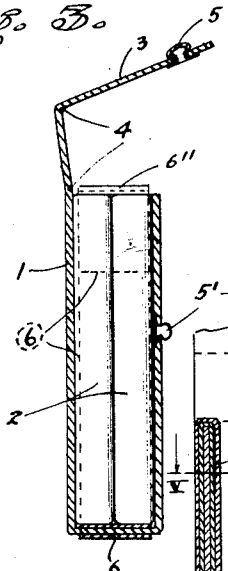


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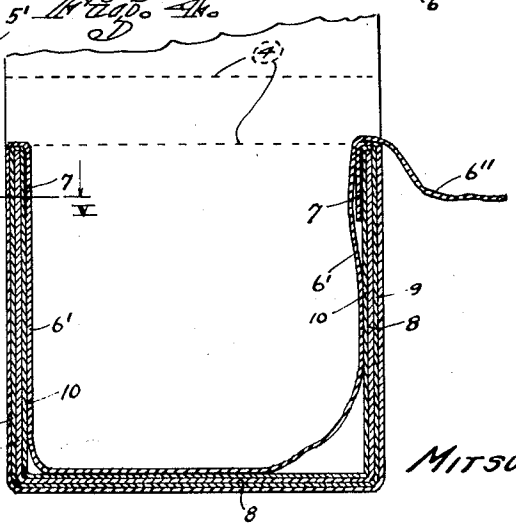
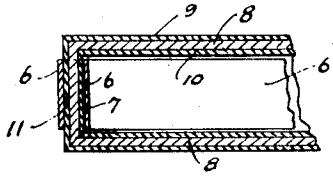


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This invention relates to cigarette cases as carried on the person, and has for its objects improved construction providing a means of projecting the cigarettes for easy removal and at the same time forming a reinforcement for the case, and also such a structure which will be inexpensive to produce and will be of a yielding nature so as to reduce the wear on the pockets in which it may be kept.

The objects mentioned are realized in the cigarette case construction shown in the accompanying drawings and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective representation of my cigarette case as it would appear with flap closed.

Figure 2 is a front view of the case with the forward wall removed showing the cigarettes in place within the case, and the flap of the case opened.

Figure 3 is a vertical cross section of the case.

Figure 4 is a similar view of Figure 2, but shows my preferred arrangement of body, lining, covering and reinforcing strip.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary section of the complete case constructed in accordance with the showing of Figure 4 as seen from the line 5—5 thereof.

The case may be of any desired size, either for cigarettes or cigars, but in Figures 2 and 3 is shown as holding a standard package of twenty cigarettes 2 arranged in two rows of ten each.

The case has a body 1 and a flap 3 preferably scored at 4 and provided with a snap catch or button 5 adapted to snap over a mating portion 5′ affixed to the case.

Extending entirely around the case is a reinforcing strip 6 of flexible material. This strip is secured to the outside of the case over the entire surface along both ends and the bottom, and also to the inner side of both ends at the upper portion only for the distance denoted by the heavy lines 7 and 7′, but is entirely free at 6′ within the case from this point clear to the end of the strip which extends over the opposite edge of the case as shown at 6″.

In my preferred construction shown in Figures 4 and 5 the case is made of flexible cardboard 8 covered outside with cloth or leather 9 and on the inside lined with silk 10 or other material.

The outer covering is joined along the narrow edge of the case as indicated at 11 and the flexible reinforcing strip 6 is cemented or glued to the three narrow edges of the case covering the joint mentioned, also glued to the upper inner ends at 7 and 7′ as described and hangs free at 6′ within the case.

The flexible strip will thus be seen to hold the joined covering material together and by passing clear around the outside narrow edge of the case to reinforce it to a very large degree against the constant racking to which such cases are subjected in carrying them about.

When the case is filled with cigarettes as shown in Figure 2 a slight pull or lifting of the free end 6″ of the strip to the dotted position elevates the cigarettes successively as shown at 12 in dotted lines, the strip within the case taking the dotted position 13.

By forming my case narrow and long as shown the cigarettes are elevated two only at a time instead of all being lifted as with some sliding containers, and thus making it a simple matter to withdraw one for use.

I claim:

1. A cigarette case of relatively long narrow proportions adapted to hold a row of cigarettes standing on end, said case having a flap adapted to cover the upper ends of the cigarettes, and being provided with a strip of flexible material secured to the outside of the case passing over both ends and the bottom thereof and having a free extension adapted to pass under the cigarettes within the case and project freely over the upper edge of the case.

2. A cigarette case comprising a body shell of long narrow form adapted to hold a row of cigarettes standing on end, a lid over the upper ends of the cigarettes, a layer of covering material over the shell and a flexible reinforcing strip of material secured over the covering material and passing over both ends and bottom of the case and having a free extension adapted to extend the long way of and within the case under the row of cigarettes and out of the case at the other end of the row.

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