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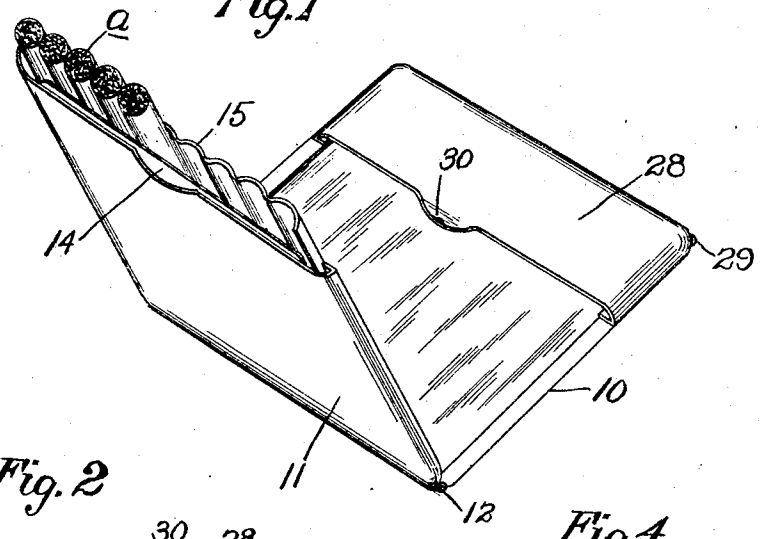



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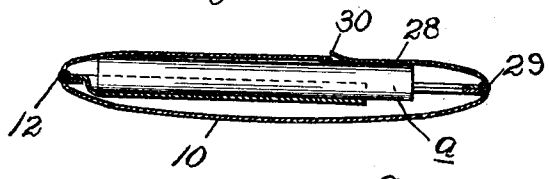



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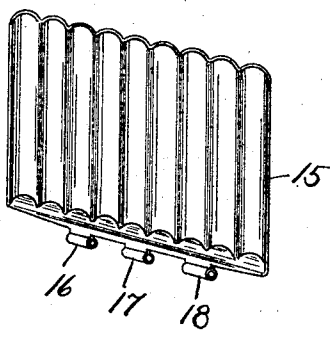



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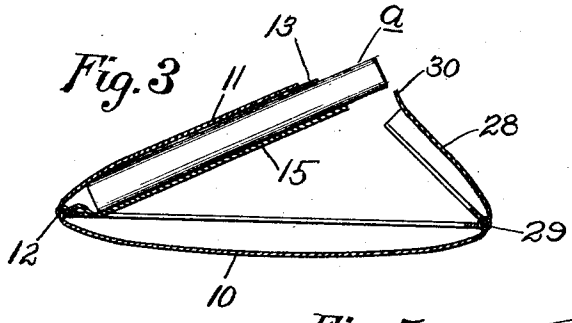



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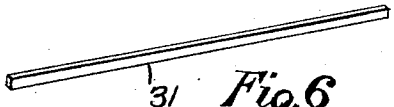
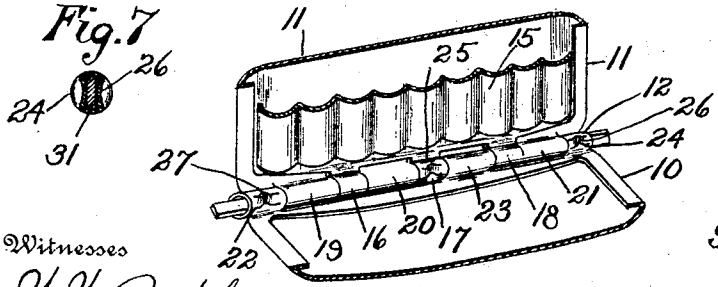



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## CIGARETTE-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SVEN A. ROSENE, a citizen of the United States, and resident of North Attleboro, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigarette-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in cases for carrying cigars, cigarettes or other articles and the invention has for its object to provide a casing of this character having two lids of different lengths hinged together and provided with means for normally holding said members in closed position.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder member arranged to coöperate with one of the lids of the casing for the purpose of receiving and carrying its contents and to move the contents into position for easy access when the casing is opened.

The invention further consists in the provision of a flattened wire passed through the eye members on which the hinge is formed to provide a pivot pintle therefor, also for twisting this flat pintle wire and means for securing it in twisted position to the opposite hinge members, whereby the torsion of this pintle serves as a spring to act upon the lids to normally hold them in the desired position.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1— is a perspective view of my improved casing in open position placing the contents for easy access, also showing the retaining lip member in its normally closed position. Fig. 2— is a sectional side elevation showing the two lids retained in closed position by the lip member and a cigarette supported by the holder. Fig. 3— shows the lids of the casing as partly opened also the lip member as having been raised to permit the shorter lid to move to open position. Fig. 4— is a perspective view of the holder member which coöperates with the shorter lid for receiving and holding the cigarettes. Fig. 5— is a perspective view showing portions of the shorter lid, the longer lid, and the holder member, all as being retained in relative position by the twisted flattened wire, the opposite ends of which are shown as extending beyond the joint. Fig. 6— is a perspective view showing the flattened hinged pintle wire. Fig. 7— is a sectional view showing one of the hinge eye members dapped or having its opposite walls pressed inward to engage and grip the flattened sides of the wire to prevent it turning in that eye.

Referring to the drawings 10 designates the longer lid and 11 the shorter lid, both of which are more or less concave to house the cigarettes and are hinged together at 12. The shorter lid may be of any suitable length but is preferably made somewhat shorter than the longer lid and is provided with an extending ledge 13 projecting from its under surface for the purpose presently described. The edge at the back of this shorter lid is cut out at 14 to serve as a thumb hole.

One of the features of this invention is the provision of a holder member 15 being provided with a suitable number of flutes or parallel grooves all for positioning the cigarettes. This holder member is arranged to coöperate with the shorter lid for the purpose of holding the cigarettes between them. In order to provide simple and effective means for causing this holder to coöperate with the shorter lid, I have provided this holder with hinge eye members 16, 17 and 18, and have provided the shorter lid with hinge eye members 19, 20 and 21, and the longer lid with hinge eye members 22, 23 and 24, and through all of these eyes I have passed a flat sided or rectangular shaped spring wire 31 which serves as a hinge pintle and by its shape and resilient qualities I am enabled to also utilize its inherent torsional resilient action as a spring to perform two functions: First, to move the lids to open position, and second, to press the holder member against the shorter lid. In order to accomplish this, I first dap or flatten the eye member 17 of the holder to prevent the wire from rotating therein, then I twist

both ends of the wire backward with a pair of pliers and fasten the same in the eyes 22 and 24 of the longer lid by dapping or flattening these eyes as at 26 and 27. It will be seen by this construction and arrangement that the twist of the spring is now acting upon the longer lid and also upon the holder member, which latter in turn acts upon the shorter lid to carry it to open position and also serves to press the holder against the contents of the holder when positioned between it and the shorter lid. For convenience I have shown the spindle 31 as projecting beyond the ends of the joint but in practice it will be cut off flush therewith. The longer lid of the casing is, of course, of sufficient length to receive the full length of the cigarette, while the shorter lid is of a length to permit the cigarettes to project above or beyond its edge, whereby they may be readily engaged by the thumb and finger and removed from the holder. In order to close this casing completely, it has been found necessary to provide a lip member 28 which is hinged as at 29 to the edge of the longer lid at a point opposite to that of the shorter lid and this lip is of sufficient length to over-lap and engage the ledge 13 of the shorter lid and so provide the missing portion of this lid. A thumb catch 30 is formed on the lip for convenience in operating. In order to cause this lip to retain the shorter lid in closed position, I have provided a spring in the hinge of this lip of a strength greater than that in the hinge of the shorter lid, whereby when the lip is closed over the lid, it presses firmly upon the shorter lid and holds it in closed position against the tension of its weaker spring. The spring in the lip is preferably formed of similar construction to that shown and described as operating the shorter lid.

I have shown and described a casing for carrying cigarettes, but a casing of my improved construction may be made for carrying matches, tooth-picks, pencils, or any other article for which it may be adapted. The feature of this invention being that the holder member coöperates with the shorter lid for receiving the contents of the casing and both are held in closed position by a lip member, but any means for holding the shorter lid in closed position will fall within the spirit and scope of my invention.

I claim:

1. An article of the character described comprising a casing having two lids of unequal lengths hinged together, a holding member coöperating with said shorter lid for supporting the contents of the casing, and means for securing said lids together.

2. An article of the character described, comprising a casing having two lids of unequal lengths hinged together, a holder member coöperating with the shorter lid for supporting the contents of the casing and a member connected to the longer lid adapted to engage the shorter lid and normally hold both in closed position.

3. An article of the character described, comprising a casing having two lids of unequal lengths hinged together, a holder member coöperating with the shorter lid for supporting the contents of the casing, a spring acting upon the holder to press it against the lid and to move both lids to open position, and a lip member connected to the longer lid adapted to engage the shorter to normally hold both in closed position.

4. An article of the character described comprising a casing having two lids of unequal lengths hinged together, an opening spring for said lids, a member hinged to the longer lid and adapted to engage the shorter lid when in closed position, a closing spring in said member of a strength to resist that acting on said lids and normally holding both closed, and a holder member coöperating with the shorter lid for receiving the contents of the casing.

5. An article of the character described comprising a casing having two lids of different lengths hinged together, a spring pressed lip member hinged to the longer lid adapted to engage the shorter lid and normally hold the same in closed position and a holder member coöperating with the shorter lid for receiving the contents.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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