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Fig. 1.

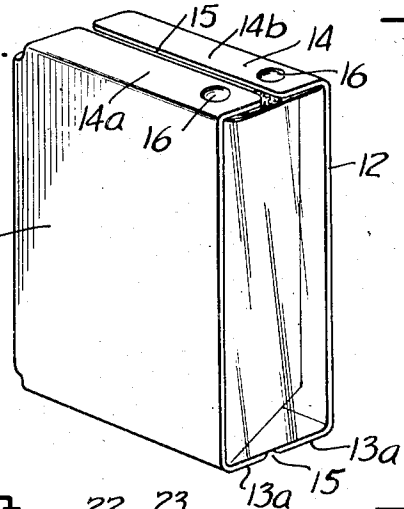



Fig. 2.

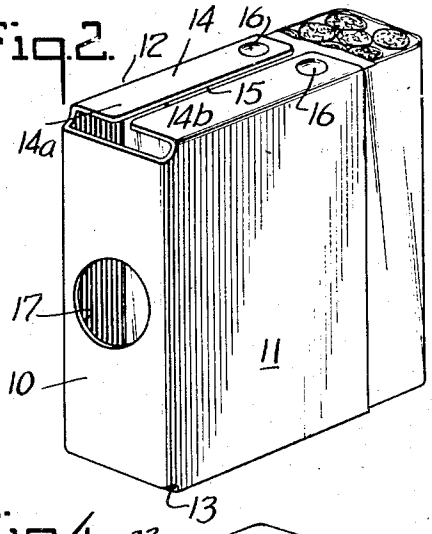



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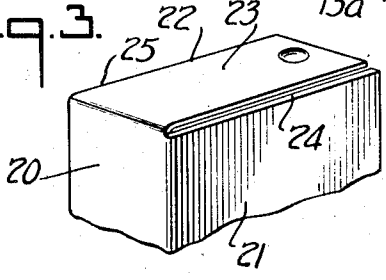
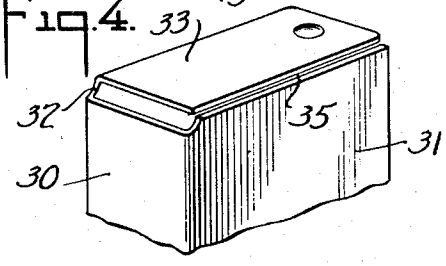



Fig. 4.




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The present invention relates to holders for cigarette packs, and is more particularly directed toward a device adapted to so hold a pack of cigarettes as to prevent crushing while it is being carried in the pocket or handbag, and to prevent accidental discharge or loss of the contents of the pack after it has been opened.

According to the present invention the device is made of such size as to fit closely about a standard pack of cigarettes. It is in the form of a box or holder having one open side to permit inserting the pack in place, top and bottom and side walls to fit the ends and side walls of the pack of cigarettes, and a back wall connecting the side walls together and offering a stop to limit the movement of the pack when inserted. It has some form of resilient means, preferably inherent in the structure of the box of a supplemental spring means secured to the box, adapted to yieldingly grip the pack and prevent its accidentally falling out of the holder, and also embodies some suitable means whereby one can easily push the inserted pack out so as to obtain a cigarette.

The accompanying drawing shows, for purposes of illustrating the present invention, several embodiments in which the invention may take form, it being understood that the drawing is illustrative of the invention rather than limiting the same.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder for cigarette pack taken from the open side and with the pack of cigarettes in place;

Figure 2 is a perspective view taken from the rear and showing the pack of cigarettes partly removed;

Figures 3 and 4 are perspective views of modified forms of end construction for the holder; and

Figure 5 is a sectional view through a modified form.

In the form of construction shown in Figures 1 and 2 the cigarette case is in the form of a five-sided box having a back wall **10**, side walls **11** and **12**, and top and bottom walls **13** and **14**. The entire box is preferably made of some suitable resilient material, such, for example, as sheet metal, Celluloid, acetate, hard rubber, Bakelite, etc.

In the form shown in Figures 1 and 2 the top and bottom walls **13** and **14** are each formed by inwardly folded flanges **13***a*, **13***b*, **14***a* and **14***b* integral with the side walls **11** and **12**. These flanges provide gaps in the top and bottom of the box, as indicated at **15**, and, owing to the resiliency of the material and the tension imposed during manufacture, it is possible to make these gaps practically closed at the front when no cigarette pack is in the box, or when a number of the cigarettes are removed. The back wall **10** is here shown as being provided with a finger opening **17**, and, if desired, the top walls **14***a* and **14***b* may be provided with some suitable means, such as dents indicated at **16**, so as to indicate which part of the box is intended to be the top.

The device is made just the proper size to receive and fit closely about a standard pack of cigarettes. To insert the pack, one pushes the pack into the box edgewise slightly spreading the side walls as will be obvious. When the pack is completely inserted it is enclosed in and protected by the holder and there is no possibility of crushing the cigarettes or of sifting out of litter into the pocket or handbag. To obtain access to the cigarettes it is merely necessary to hold the holder in the hand and to insert a finger through the hole **17** pushing the pack out, as indicated in Figure 2. This will expose the torn-off end of the pack, as indicated, and will permit one to obtain the cigarette in the usual fashion. Owing to the unused cigarettes being in the back part of the pack and to the inherent stiffness of this part of the pack it remains at its normal width. The narrowing of the inside of the box brought about by the squeezing in of the side walls will retain the nearly empty (or empty) pack in place so that it cannot accidentally fall out.

In the arrangement shown in Figure 3 the box has a back wall **20**, side walls **21** and **22**, and the top wall **23**, as well as the bottom wall not shown, is formed by folding forwardly a portion of the material forming the back. Two gaps are at each end as shown at **24** and **25**.

In the arrangement shown in Figure 4 the holder has back wall **30**, side walls **31** and **32**, and the top wall **33**, as well as the bottom wall not shown, is formed by folding over flanges as indicated. In this case the gaps **35** are at the side edges of the box.

In the arrangement shown in Figure 5 the back wall **50** and one of the side walls **51** are provided with a finger opening **52** to facilitate pushing the pack out of the box.

It is obvious that the invention may be embodied in many forms and constructions within the scope of the claims and I wish it to be understood that the particular forms shown are but a few of the many forms. Various modifications and changes being possible, I do not

otherwise limit myself in any way with respect thereto.

What is claimed is:

1. A holder for a cigarette pack made of resilient sheet material and having a back wall of substantially the dimension of the smaller side wall of the pack, forwardly-extending side walls of substantially the dimension of the larger side walls of the pack, and top and bottom walls adapted to overlie the entire length and substantially the entire width of the top and bottom of the pack when the pack is inserted edgewise between the side walls and to require such insertion, the top and bottom walls substantially completely covering the top of the pack irrespective of which way it is inserted whereby leakage of litter is substantially eliminated and whereby partial removal of the pack is necessary to obtain access to its contents, the top and bottom walls being formed of flanges whose free edges permit spreading the sides of the holder apart when the pack is being inserted and also permit the holder, owing to its resiliency, to yieldingly grip the sides of the pack to hold it against accidental removal.

2. A holder such as claimed in claim 1, wherein said flanges are integral with the sides of the case.

3. A holder such as claimed in claim 1, wherein said flanges are integral with the sides of the holder and the intervening gaps are disposed medially of the ends of the holder.

4. A holder such as claimed in claim 1, wherein said flanges are integral with the back wall and the gaps are adjacent the ends of the sides.

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