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Fig. 1.

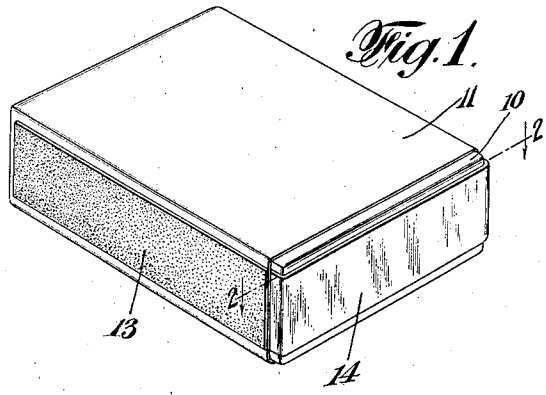


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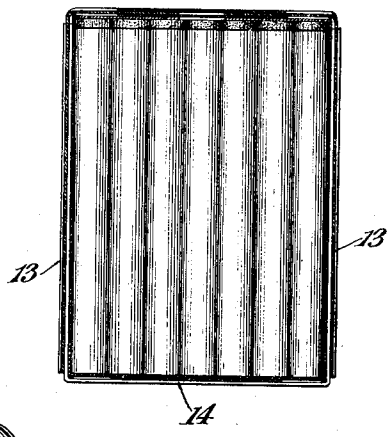


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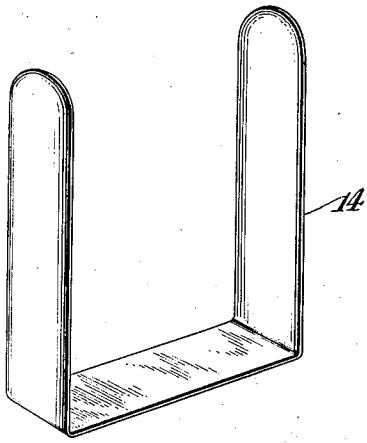


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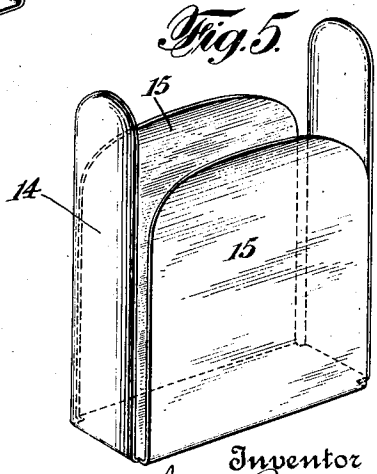
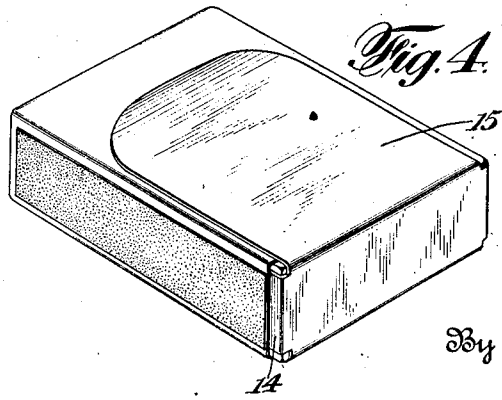


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to supporters for cigarette packages and is of especial utility in connection with cigarette packages on which are provided strips of abrasive upon which may be struck matches or the ends of self-lighting cigarettes such as may be contained in the package.

Upon the removal of some of the cigarettes from a package, the wrapping material of the package has no support and is easily crumpled, resulting in an unsightly package and oftentimes resulting in broken cigarettes. If the package is provided with abrasive strips, their utility is materially reduced because of lack of support therefor.

An object of this invention is a supporter for cigarette packages which will preserve the package in its original shape after the removal of cigarettes and which when used in connection with a cigarette package equipped with abrasive strips will provide support for the strips.

This object is attained by means of a rigid member designed to slip over one end of the cigarette package and extend up in between outer and inner folds of the cigarette package. This member may also be provided with other portions to overlie the sides of the package. Such a holder prevents distortion of the wrapping material of the package and prevents injury to the cigarettes in the package. Moreover, if strips of abrasive are attached to the band surrounding the cigarette package at its edges, the portions underlying the band serve to support the abrasive strips ready for use at any time.

Other objects, novel features and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following specification and accompanying drawings, wherein

Figure 1 is a cigarette package equipped with one type of holder;

Figure 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the holder;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the cigarette package equipped with another type of holder; and

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the second type of holder.

Referring now to Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive, the cigarette package comprises an inner fold 10 around which is wrapped a band 11, upon which may be printed the name of the cigarettes and the name of the manufacturer or other identifying words. On that part of the band 11 lying along the edges of the cigarette package may be provided strips of abrasive 13. The supporter 14 comprises a length of metal or other rigid material slightly narrower than the width of the cigarette package and bent to provide portions to be inserted between the inner fold 10 of the package and the outer fold or band 11 along the edges of the package. These portions therefore underlie the strips of abrasive 13 and provide a support therefor at all times. The prongs 14 preferably are slightly convexed and the edges beveled, thus holding the sides of the package more firmly and preventing the ripping of the edges and having a tendency to bend outward the abrasive, thus exposing more surface.

The package of cigarettes is sold without the holder, and whenever a smoker is about to open up a new package of cigarettes, the holder may be slipped over the end of the package so that the strips of abrasive are supported. After the cigarettes in the package have been used, the holder may be withdrawn from the package and the latter thrown away, the holder being used with a fresh package of cigarettes.

The holder disclosed in Figs. 4 and 5 is similar to that disclosed in Figs. 1 to 3, but is also provided with side pieces 15 which overlie the sides of the cigarette package and provide additional support for the package. This type of holder is used in the same manner as the one previously described.

With either of the holders, crumpling of the package after the removal of some of the cigarettes is prevented and the package is maintained in substantially its original condition. The tongues of the holder extending between the package and its surrounding band and underlying the abrasive strips serve to firmly support them at all

match or a self-lighting cigarette may be struck thereon at any time. There is no chance for the abrasive strip to be crumpled or to assume such a shape as to render it inaccessible for use.

I claim:—

A device of the character described comprising a rectangular base having an integral tongue extending from each side and end perpendicular to the base to form a holder for a package of cigarettes or the like, the adjacent edges of said tongues being spaced apart so that the tongues projecting from the ends of said base may underlie the usual wrapper of a cigarette package and the tongues projecting from the sides of said base may overlie said wrapper.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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