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Fig. 1.

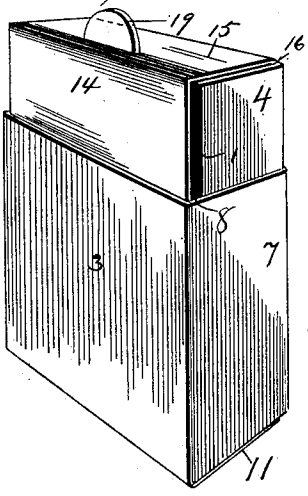


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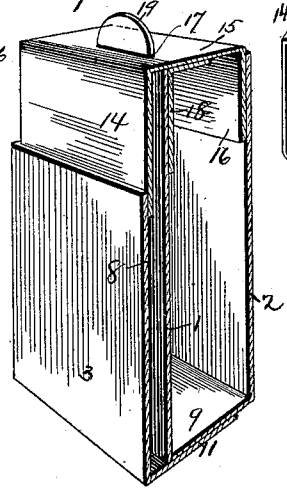


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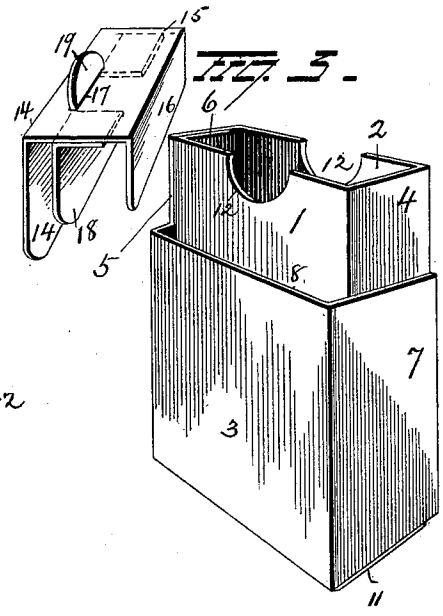
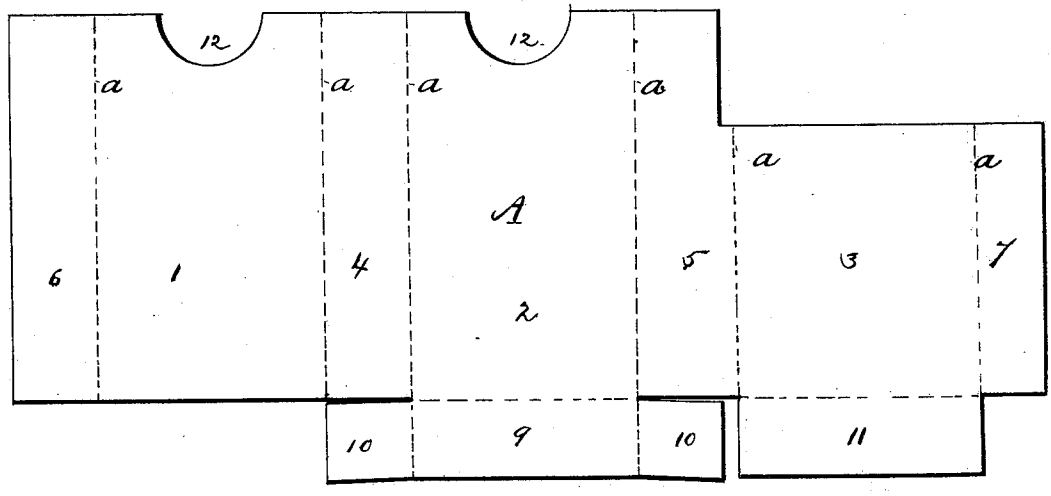


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS E. ELLIOTT, of Miles, in the county of Lincoln and Territory of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Tobacco and Match Cases; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in combined tobacco and match cases.

The object is to provide a cheap, safe, and convenient case for carrying tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, matches, and similar articles; and with this object in view the invention consists in a case composed of a single blank of paper, leather, or other suitable material cut and bent so as to form two separate compartments.

It further consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the case. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view of the box with the cover in position thereon. Fig. 3 is a detached view of the cover and box, and Fig. 4 is a view of the blank.

A represents the blank out of which the case is made. This may be of paper, leather, tin, or other material; and it consists of three leaves 1, 2, and 3, having the narrow webs 4 and 5 between them, and also the webs 6 and 7 at their outer edges. It is necessary to go a little more into detail here, as these parts are somewhat different in form, for obvious reasons. The leaves 1 and 2 are precisely similar in size and form and constitute the front and back, respectively, of the completed box; but the leaf 3 is slightly wider than the leaves 1 2, such difference in width being equal to the thickness of material of the leaves 1 and 2 combined. The leaf 3 is considerably shorter, and is adapted to form a pocket outside of the case, as will be explained. The webs 4 and 6 are the same width, and by means of the creases *a*, formed between all of the leaves and webs, are bent to form the opposite edges of the completed case; but in addition to this the web 5 falls over the web 6, re-enforcing the latter, and although its upper portion is just the same width as the webs 4 and 6 the portion adjacent to the leaf 3 is a little wider or the same width as the web 7, so as to bring the leaf 3 in a plane outside of the leaf 1, and a sufficient distance therefrom to form a pocket 8, for matches or similar articles, when the box is completed and the web 7 is over web 4.

The bottom strip 9 is connected with the lower edge of the leaf 2, with a crease between them, and at its end is furnished with flaps 10, which are really continuations of the webs 4 and 5, cut therefrom. When the bottom is bent up, these flaps extend into the box, and are preferably stuck to the webs 4 and 5. Over this bottom a re-enforcing strip 11, connected with the lower edge of the leaf 3, is placed and fastened, forming a bottom for the pocket and a re-enforce to the bottom 9, so that from the description it is shown that the bottom and edges are double, the parts forming them double being cemented or otherwise secured together. To double the edges gives stiffness and rigidity to the case, holding it in shapely form and preventing it from being easily collapsed in the pocket. The double bottom serves a similar function, and, besides, prevents the contents of the case from coming out at the bottom.

At the top the box may be provided with recesses 12, by which the contents of the box are very readily removed. The blank described is the form used when the case is made of paper, leather, or similar flexible material. It would be necessary, of course, to make slight changes if it were made of tin—as, for instance, the double bottom and double edges could then be dispensed with altogether and the edges would be soldered together.

As shown, the entire blank is made in one piece, and consequently is cut in proper shape in a single operation, and the general form of the blank is such as to greatly economize material.

The cover might easily be varied in form; but the one shown has been found convenient, simple, and effective. It consists of a piece of material bent so as to form a leaf 14 by a crease about across its middle, and is bent

again to form the web 15 and leaf 16. The web 15 and leaf 16 are preferably about the same width, and the former serves as the top of the box, or the cover proper, it being the width of the box. This web is provided with a slit 17, and a leaf 18, of the same size and shape as the leaf 16, is stuck to the lower face of the web. A tongue 19 projects from the leaf 18 through the slit 17, and forms a handle by which the cover is removed from the case or placed over it. The leaves 16 and 18 have a tendency to diverge from each other, and they extend into the box or case over the tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, or other contents of the box, while the leaf 14 goes into the pocket 8, over the matches, thus keeping the contents of the case and pocket apart and the odor of the matches from the tobacco. This makes a convenient package, keeping the smoking materials and matches in safe proximity, and yet without danger of the matches becoming accidentally ignited or their odor injuring the tobacco. At the same time the matches are kept from harming the person carrying them.

It is evident that slight changes might be made in the form and arrangement of the several parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not wish to limit myself to the particular construction herein set forth; nor do I wish to confine myself to a case for the carrying of tobacco in its various manufactured forms and matches; but this style of case can be used for sedlitz powders or note-paper and envelopes, and for various other purposes.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a case composed of a single blank cut into shape and folded to form a large and a small compartment, one wall of the smaller compartment being shorter than the other wall of said compartment, of a cover composed of three leaves, two of said leaves being adapted to produce the sides of the cover for the larger compartment, and the third leaf forming a continuation of the short wall of the smaller compartment and a cover for said compartment, substantially as set forth.

2. In a combined tobacco and match safe, the combination, with a tobacco-compartment and a narrow pocket shorter than the receptacle and adjacent to the latter, of a removable cover composed of three leaves, two to enter the receptacle and one longer one to enter the pocket, and a tongue on the cover, whereby the latter is easily removed, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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