COMBINATION CIGARETTE AND CARD CASE

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The invention relates to pocket cases for carrying and protecting cigarettes combined with a compartment for cards and the like. The object is to provide a carrying case for several articles of different kinds having a casing for housing a package of articles, such as cigarettes, to protect same from breakage, and a cover or casing provided with a receptacle or pocket for protecting or storing flat articles such as cards, identification certificates, or photographs.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate the invention,

Figures 1 and 2 are front and side elevations of the carrying case in its closed condition.

Figure 3, a perspective view of the carrying case in its fully open condition disclosing the two receptacles.

Figure 4, a perspective view of the receptacle for a package of cigarettes or other articles.

Figure 5, a plan view of the inner side of the cover member with the cigarette receptacle omitted.

Figure 6, an edge view of the cover member with the cigarette receptacle in position for final assembly.

Figure 7, an enlarged cross-sectional view on the line 7—7 of Figure 1, and

Figure 8, an enlarged cross-sectional view on the line 8—8 of Figure 2.

Referring to the drawings, A indicates the outer cover or casing, B the receptacle for a package, such as cigarettes or other articles, and C a transparent panel attached to the inner side of cover A to form a pocket for cards, a photograph or other flat articles.

The cover or casing A is made of any suitable flexible material, such as cloth or leather, in the form of a strap combined with backing or stiffening panels 2, 3 and 4, Figures 7 and 8, inner lining 5, lining tabs 6 and 8, and closure tab or tongue 10. Stiffening panels 2 and 4 are of approximately equal short sections secured at the ends of the strap, and panel 3 is secured at the mid-section of the strap, and is of a length to extend approximately the length of the case as seen in Figure 7.

In producing the cover, stiffening panels 2, 3 and 4 may be glued to the inner side of cover strip 1; the lining strip 5 which extends from the cover end adjacent the lower edge of panel 2, up and along the inside of panel 2, along the inside of the cover top and along the inside of panel 8 to a point beyond the bend 11 is placed in position to conceal the stiffening panels 2 and 3, and its transverse ends are glued to the cover strip. The end 12 of the cover strip adjacent the lower edge of panel 2 is turned over and glued to the inside of lining strip 5, and the end 13 of the cover strip is turned over the edge of panel 4 and glued to the inside of the upper edge of said panel 4, see Figures 5 and 7. Lining tab 6 may be glued at its lower edge to the lining strip 5 at or about the bend 14, but it is preferably stitched thereto along the line 1, Figure 5, before placing the lining strip 5 in position so that this stitching will not show on the outside of the cover. Lining tab 8 extends from bend 14 and is placed in position over the inside of the stiffening panel 4 with its inner or bottom edge along bend 14 glued to the panel and its outer or upper edge 9 projecting unattached beyond the panel as seen in Figure 5. Transparent panel C is placed upon the inside of lining 5 at the section stiffened by panel 3 and then the longitudinal edges 15 of cover strip 1 are turned over and stitched along the lines 16, see Figures 3 and 5. This stitching passes through the stiffening panels 2, 3 and 4, tab 8, and through the longitudinal edges of transparent panel C thus securing all the parts of the cover A together while leaving panel C free at both ends so that cards may be inserted and removed from either end. The lining member 5 may, if desired, extend the full length of the strap, and tabs 6 and 8 secured thereon in the same positions shown in Figure 5. The purpose of the tabs is to cover the front and back sides of receptacle B and to aid in securing same in position on the cover strip.

The closure tab or tongue 10 is prepared by cutting a piece of suitable material, such as leather, of suitable thickness into rectangular shape and narrower than the cover strip, or the tongue may be made as shown in Figure 5 of a piece of thinner material and attached to a lining piece 11, Figure 5, by turning over the edges 18, which may be glued to the lining, and stitching along the four edges as shown by line 19. This tongue may have a thin stiffening lining 29 as seen in Figure 7. The tongue is applied to the inside of the cover strip overlapping the end section having the stiffening panel 2 and is glued to the lining 5, and in completing the stitching 16 along the longitudinal edges of the cover strip the stitching is continued across the tongue as seen at 20, Figure 8.

This completes the cover strap as seen in Figure 5, and the tabs 6 and 8 are ready for attachment to the receptacle B when same is placed in position on the cover section 21. It will be noted that the tab 5 is attached to the panel 4 only by stitching 7 and 16 leaving the part adjacent the turnover 13 unattached and providing a free
space between panel 4 and the underside of tab 8 forming a pocket open at the end of the cover so that when the tab end 9 is attached to the receptacle B as hereinbefore explained, a slit 22, Figure 3, is formed for the insertion of closure tongue 10 to hold the abutting ends of cover A flush the entire width when in the closed position as seen in Figures 1, 2 and 7.

Receptacle B is formed of cardboard which may be stamped from a single piece, scored and bent into shape and covered with paper or leather to match the cover A, and also to secure the sides together. As shown in Figure 4, the receptacle comprises a cardboard structure having wide sides 23 and narrow ends 24, which latter extend above the sides 23. If desired the sides 24 may be formed from a separate piece of cardboard of greater thickness than sides 23, and may be integral with bottom 25, Figure 7. The sides 23 may be covered on the inner side with paper, linen or leather, and the sides 24 are similarly covered on the outer side, and this covering is turned over the edges as seen at 26 and over the sides 23 as shown at 28, Figure 4, the latter turnover serving to secure the sides together along the vertical corners. The inner faces of sides 24 are covered with a material 27 similar to the exterior covering and overlaps the turned-in edges 28.

The receptacle B is secured in position upon the casing A by gluing the bottom to the casing section 21, Figure 6, and by gluing tabs 6 and 8 to the receptacle sides 23 and turning the ends of the tabs over the top edges of sides 23 as seen at 28, Figures 3 and 7. This completes the assembly of the combination case as seen in Figure 3. The object in having receptacle sides 23 shorter than the end sides 24 is to enable ready insertion and removal of a package and extraction of individual articles from the package, such as cigarettes, without the necessity of extracting the entire package.

What I claim is:
A carrying case of the type described, comprising a receptacle and a foldable cover member, the receptacle consisting of an open-top box fixed in position on the cover member and having front, back, side and bottom panels, the front and back panels being shorter than the side panels, the cover member consisting of a strip of approximately the same width as the box member, arranged to bend into five sections to enclose the box front, back, bottom and top, said strip comprising, one, an end section of a length approximately equal to the height of the box front panel and secured thereto, two, an adjacent section of a length for covering and attachment to the box bottom, three, an adjacent section equal in length to the height of the box sides and having an inner panel secured thereto at the longitudinal margins, four, an adjacent section adapted to fold over and serve as a cover for the open top of the box, and five, a section adapted to fold down and cover the open space above the front panel of the box, a pocket formed between the cover and cover front panel having a transverse opening adjacent the top edge of the panel, a broad closure tongue extending approximately the width of said pocket secured to the inner side of the last named cover section to serve as reinforcement for said cover section and adapted to enter said transverse opening and hold the abutting cover edges flush across the width of the cover, a lining strip attached along its longitudinal margins to the cover section adjacent the box front panel and projecting beyond the end of said cover section, and which lining strip is attached to the box front panel and the projecting end lapped over and secured to the upper margin of said box front panel, thereby forming the closure tongue pocket between the lining strip and said cover section, and a lining strip attached transversely to the cover member at the bend between the second and third cover sections and secured to the rear panel of the box member.

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