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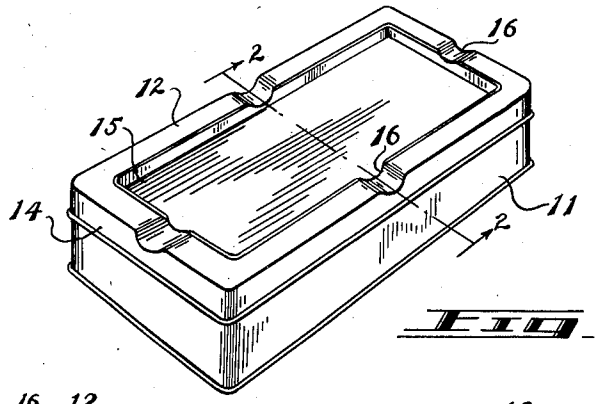


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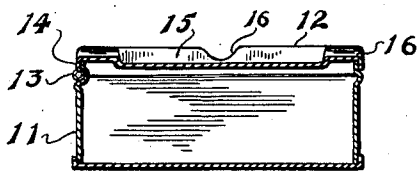


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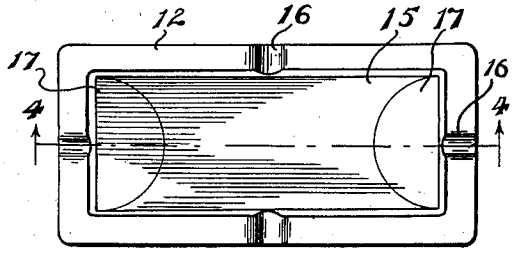


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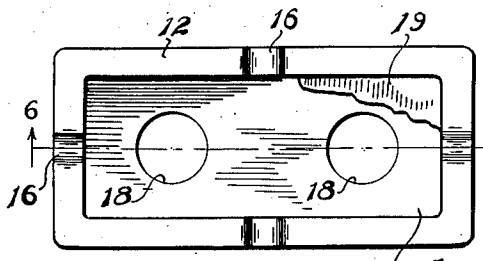


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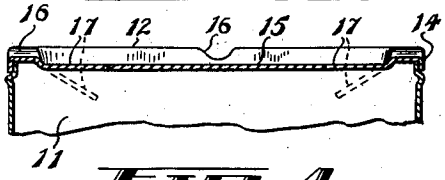


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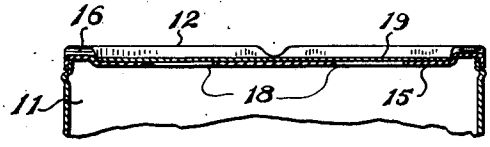


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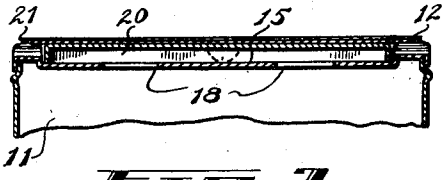


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This present invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in a container.

The primary object of the invention resides in the provision of a container which is of generally improved and simplified construction and increased efficiency and which may be manufactured at the minimum cost.

The invention has for another object the provision of a container of the character stated in which the cover is of improved construction and design to serve several purposes to which it was not previously adapted and without materially increasing the cost of production of the container body and cover.

The invention has for a further object the provision of a container of the character stated in which the cover carried thereby has special depressions provided therein to adapt the cover to serve as an ash tray across the edges of which cigarettes, cigars and the like may be supported when the cover is in closed position on the container.

The invention has for a still further object the provision of a container of the character stated with the cover formed so as to serve also as an ash tray and the body of the container adapted to receive the ashes from the combined cover and ash tray after the container has been emptied of its original contents.

The invention has for a still further object the provision of a container of the character stated designed to serve originally as a container for cigarettes or the like and later as an ash receiver when the original contents of the container have been removed, the cover carried by the container being constructed so as to serve as an ash tray even while the original contents of the container remain in the body of the container.

The invention has for a still further object the provision of a container of the character stated which is of simple and inexpensive construction and may be readily produced with the cover in improved design and construction at the same cost of substantially the same cost of the conventional form of cigarette containers now in general use, thus providing a commercially attractive proposition.

To the accomplishment of these and related objects as shall become apparent as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as shall be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and pointed out in the claims hereunto appended.

The invention will be best understood and can be more clearly described when reference is had to the drawing forming a part of this disclosure, wherein like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved container with the cover thereof in closed position;

Figure 2 is a transverse vertical section, taken substantially on the plane of line 2—2 of Figure 1, looking in the direction indicated by the arrows;

Figure 3 is a plan view of the improved container, showing a slightly modified form thereof;

Figure 4 is a longitudinal vertical section, taken substantially on the plane of line 4—4 of Figure 3, and indicating by dotted lines the pressed down position of the scored portions of the cover;

Figure 5 is a plan view, similar to Figure 3, and showing a further modified form of the invention;

Figure 6 is a vertical longitudinal section, taken substantially on the plane of line 6—6 of Figure 5, looking in the direction indicated by the arrows; and

Figure 7 is a view similar to Figure 6, showing a still further modified form of the invention.

Referring more in detail to the drawing, it is to be noted that the container includes a body 11 and a flanged cover 12 hingedly mounted thereon by an appropriate hinge 13 arranged at the lower edge of one of the longitudinal side flanges 14 of the cover 12 and on the outer face of the container body 11. In carrying this invention into practice, the cover 12 has the centre of its main portion depressed to form an ash tray proper 15 and in addition, semi-circular or arcuate depressions are provided across the upper face of the edges of the cover 12 at the sides and ends thereof to serve as pockets or rests 16 for cigarettes, cigars and the like supported therein in such a manner that ashes therefrom will drop into the ash tray proper 15.

In the modified form of the invention disclosed in Figures 3 and 4, a pair of substantially semi-circular tongues 17 are provided in the bottom of the ash tray proper 15 and said bottom of the ash tray proper 15 is cut through or partially through along the curved or arcuate edges of the tongues 17 while the same may be marked or scored along their straight edges so that the tongues 17 may be readily pressed down or bent down to permit ashes from the ash tray proper 15 to pass into the body 11 of the container, when

desired. Thus, the entire container may serve as an ash receptacle when the original contents of the container have been removed.

In the modified form of the invention disclosed in Figures 5, 6, and 7, the ash tray 15 of the cover 12 is illustrated as having openings 18 therethrough with the material completely cut away from the opening and the latter normally closed by a strip of paper 19 or other appropriate material positioned in the tray 15 and appropriately maintained therein in such a manner that the strip of material 19 may be readily torn away or punched through opposite the openings 18, for permitting the ashes from the ash tray 15 to pass into the body 11 of the container when desired.

In Figure 7, the portion of the cover 12 depressed to form the tray 15 is shown as being slightly deeper than in the other illustration and an inverted removable tray 20 is positioned therein with the annular flanges 21 of the removable tray 20 extending out over the edges of the upper face of the cover 12. In this form of the invention, the removable tray 20 may be retained in position by friction or by a revenue stamp, a strip of paper or the like pasted over the same or in any other appropriate manner.

As the construction of the device has thus been described in detail, brief reference is now had to its use and modus operandi: In any of the forms of the invention, the cover 12 may be employed as an ash tray and for supporting on its edges cigarettes, cigars and the like in such a manner that the ashes therefrom will readily drop into the ash tray proper 15 of the cover 12, regardless of the contents of the body 11 of the container. In each form of the invention in which openings are provided through the ash tray proper 15 of the cover 12, the ashes received in said ash tray proper 15 may readily pass into the body 11 of the container and permitted to remain therein until the time when it is convenient to empty the container of such accumulation. Thus, it will be seen that when this container is employed to pack cigarettes or other products of manufacture in for sale, the cover 15 may be employed as an ash tray when in closed position on the container body 11, even while the products are still in the body 11. Then, when the products have been removed, the complete container may still be employed for receiving ashes, cigarette butts and the like, indefinitely. In the form employing the removable tray 20, this removable tray 20 may serve as an additional ash tray when removed from the cover 15.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be manifest that a container is provided that will fulfill all the necessary requirements of such a device but as many changes could be made in the above description and many apparently widely different embodiments of the invention may be constructed within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit or scope thereof, it is intended that all matters contained in the said accompanying specification and drawing, shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limitative or restrictive sense.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:—

1. A container including a body; a cover for said body having an ash tray formed therein and cigar and cigarette accommodating pockets opening into said ash tray from the edges of said cover; an auxiliary ash tray carried in said cover; and a discardable means for retaining said auxiliary ash tray in said cover.

2. A container including a body; a cover for said body having an ash tray formed therein and cigar and cigarette accommodating pockets opening into said ash tray from the edges of said cover; an auxiliary ash tray carried in said cover; and removable means for initially securing said auxiliary ash tray in said cover.

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