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Fig. 1.

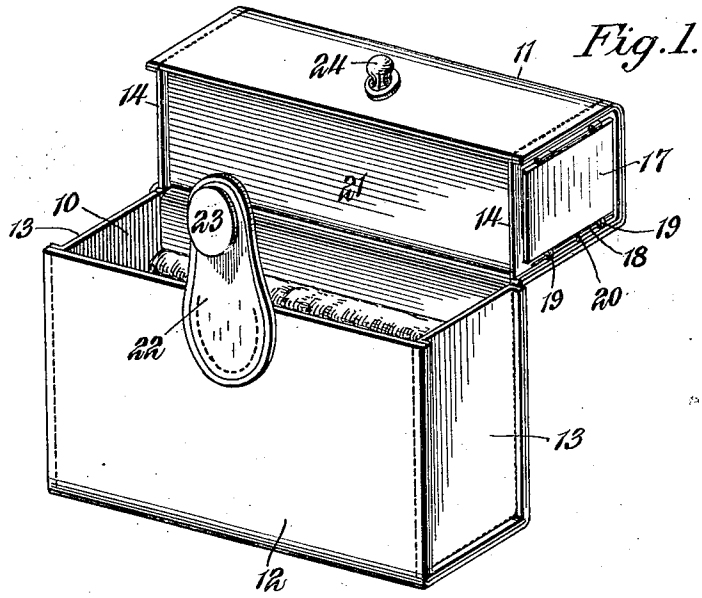


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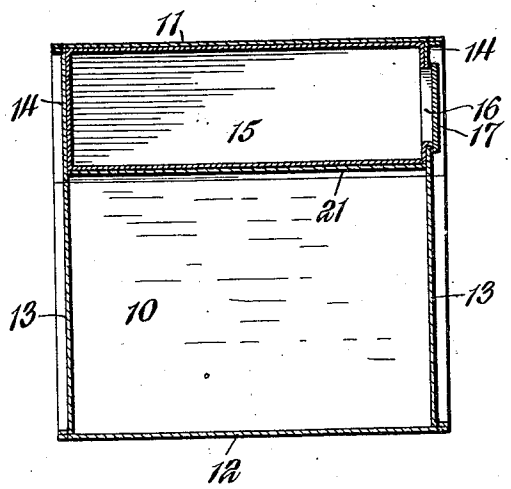
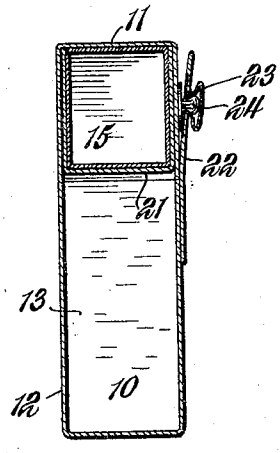


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This invention relates to receptacles or cases and aims, among other objects, to provide an improved cigarette case having an ash receptacle associated therewith.

In the drawing, wherein one illustrative embodiment of the invention is shown,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a combined cigarette case and ash tray embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a central, longitudinal sectional view; and

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view.

It is highly desirable to combine with a cigarette case a receptacle for cigarette butts and burnt matches because the receptacle is always available to the smoker. Moreover, it is also desirable to provide a semi-rigid case for loose cigarettes or packages of cigarettes to prevent them from being crushed in the pockets of the smoker. To these ends, this invention aims to provide a combination case and ash receptacle which is designed to protect the cigarettes and to provide convenient means for disposition of cigarette butts and burnt matches.

Referring particularly to the drawings, there is shown a case having a pocket 10 adapted to receive loose cigarettes or a package of cigarettes which has previously been opened and, associated with the pocket, is an ash-receiving receptacle 11 which may, and in the present instance does, constitute a closure for the pocket 10.

Herein the whole case is shown as being made of rather stiff, but flexible material, in order to afford adequate protection for the cigarettes carried therein and to prevent them from being crushed. Conveniently, it may be made of fancy or ornamental leather. The sides and bottom walls of the pocket 10, as well as the sides and top wall of the receptacle portion 11, are shown as being made of a single strip or piece of leather 12. The end walls 13 of the pocket and the end walls 14 of the receptacle portion may be separate split pieces of leather stitched or otherwise secured to the sides and top and bottom walls.

To provide a rigid, fireproof ash receptacle, there is shown an elongated metal box 15 housed within the receptacle cover portion 11 and having a mouth or opening 16 closed by means of a hinged lid 17 opening at one end of the case so that the case may be set on its opposite end with the lid open ready to receive the ashes. Furthermore, this arrangement of the opening permits the smoker to put down his cigarette on the end wall of the case with the fire over the hole and the projecting edges of the side walls will prevent it from rolling off on a piece of furniture. The lid may be made of semi-precious ornamental metal and preferably has a snap fastener or latch in the form of a bar 18 secured to lugs or ears 19 on the lid and a small keeper 20 cooperates with the bar between the ears.

To provide a covering for the metal receptacle 15 on that side adjacent to the cigarettes, a leather strip 21 may be wrapped around three sides and suitably secured to it. Thus, when the case is opened, the unsightly metal receptacle is entirely concealed.

To provide a convenient fastening means to hold the case closed, there is shown a leather tab 22 stitched or otherwise secured to the pocket portion 10 and having a snap fastener element 23 at its upper end. This snap fastener element is shown as cooperating with a stud fastener part 24 secured to the front side wall of the receptacle portion.

The receptacle 15, being rigid, affords a backing for the stud 24 so that the female part 23 may be snapped on it without yielding inwardly.

In using the case, loose cigarettes may be stored in the pocket 10 or a side of the package may be torn off and the whole package inserted therein. When the smoker desires to take a cigarette from the package, the leather will yield laterally sufficiently to permit him to grasp one without disturbing the rest or without breaking through the wrapping of others in working his finger around in the package. When a cigarette has been withdrawn, the case may be snapped closed and stood on its end with the ash receptacle lid open ready to receive the ashes. The receptacle may be used until it is full of ashes and then the ashes may be emptied. After the smoker has finished, the case is stored in one of his pockets and will stand considerable abuse because one portion of it is rigid and prevents a considerable part of the pocket 10 from being crushed. Moreover, the leather is sufficiently stiff to protect the cigarettes from ordinary crushing pressure.

Obviously the present invention is not restricted to the particular embodiment thereof herein shown and described. More-

over it is not indispensable that all the features of the invention be used conjointly, since they may be employed advantageously in various combinations and sub-combinations.

What is claimed is:—

1. In a cigarette case made of flexible material and having a flexible cover, an ash receptacle of fireproof material concealed in the cover and a metal lid for said ash receptacle.

2. A combined cigarette case and ash receptacle comprising, in combination, a pocket portion and an ash receptacle portion, the sides and bottom and top walls of the pocket and receptacle portion being made of one strip of leather and the end walls thereof being stitched thereto; a metal ash receptacle housed within the receptacle portion and having an opening through one end thereof; and a hinged lid for said opening.

3. A combined cigarette case and ash receptacle comprising, in combination, a leather pocket portion adapted to receive cigarettes, a leather cover portion therefor having an elongated ash receptacle concealed therein; a fastening tab secured to a wall of the pocket portion; a snap fastener element on said tab; and a cooperating snap fastener element on said cover portion adapted to press against said receptacle when the fastener elements are being closed.

4. A combined cigarette case and ash receptacle comprising, in combination, a leather pocket portion for cigarettes; a leather cover portion hinged to the leather pocket portion; an elongated, metal ash receptacle within the cover portion; and a leather covering for the portion of the receptacle within the cover portion to conceal it from view when the cover is open.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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