

June 2, 1931.

W. S. SAUNDERS

1,807,936

POCKET CASE OR CONTAINER

Filed April 9, 1928

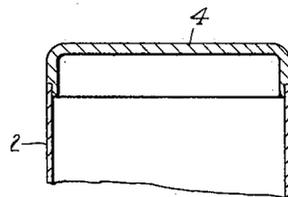
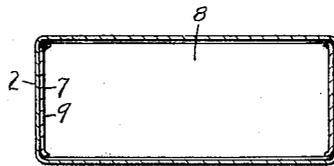
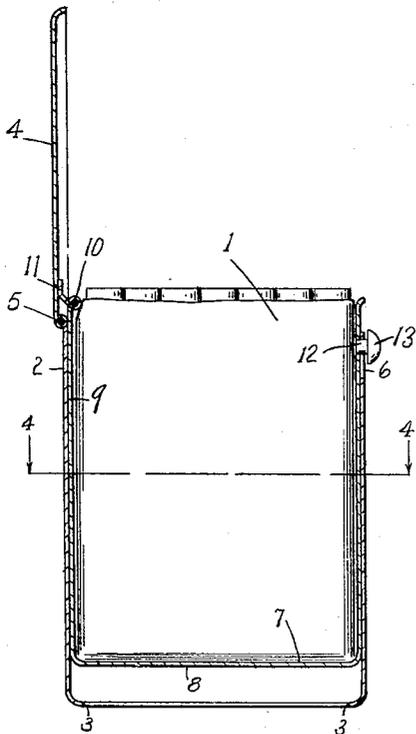
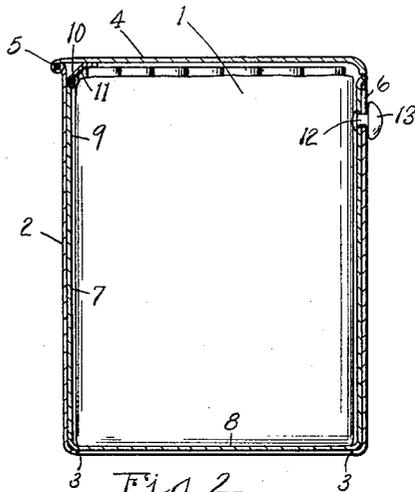
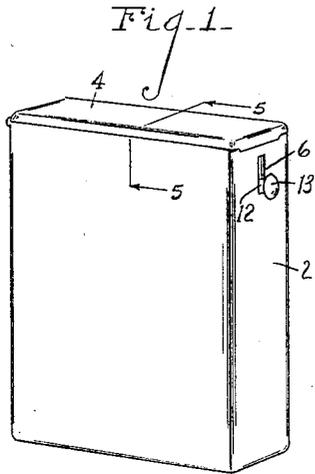


Fig. 3.

INVENTOR
Wilson S. Saunders
BY Chappell Earl
ATTORNEYS

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

WILSON S. SAUNDERS, OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

POCKET CASE OR CONTAINER

Application filed April 9, 1928. Serial No. 268,490.

The main object of this invention is to provide an improved pocket case or container for cigarettes, cigars, matches and the like which is very simple and economical in structure and at the same time convenient to manipulate to open the cover and project the contents for convenient grasping, or to collapse the contents within the receptacle and close the cover.

5 A further object is to provide a structure having these advantages in which there are no springs.

10 Objects pertaining to details and economies of my invention will definitely appear from the description to follow. The invention is defined in the claims.

A structure embodying the features of my invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

15 Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my improved pocket case or container.

Fig. 2 is a vertical central section from front to rear with the cover closed.

20 Fig. 3 is a vertical section corresponding to that of Fig. 2 with the cover open and the contents projected.

Fig. 4 is a horizontal section on line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

25 Fig. 5 is a detail transverse vertical section on line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

30 The structure illustrated in the accompanying drawings is especially adapted as a case or container for cigarettes, and is of such size as to receive a complete package of cigarettes indicated at 1.

35 The container comprises a casing 2 which in the embodiment illustrated is open both at the top and bottom, the lower edges of the walls of the casing having inturned flanges 3. The cover 4 is hinged at 5 to the rear wall of the casing. The front wall of the casing has a vertical slot 6 adjacent its upper end.

40 Slidable within the casing is the U-shaped holder 7 the bottom portion 8 of which constitutes a bottom for the container. The arms of the holder are slidingly supported by the front and rear walls of the casing. The rear arm 9 of the holder is connected by the pivot 10 to the inwardly and downwardly projecting hinge member 11 secured to the inner side

of the cover adjacent the rear end of the cover but in spaced relation to its pivot. Thus arranged, the vertical reciprocating movement of the holder opens and closes the cover. Owing to the fact that the cover swings on the pivot 5 and that the one arm of the holder is pivoted to the cover a 10 in spaced relation to the pivot 5, the holder serves as a spring to hold the cover in its opened and closed positions.

45 The front arm of the holder carries a rivet-like finger piece 12 disposed through the slot 6. The head 13 of the fingerpiece is disposed on the outside of the front wall of the casing so that it may be engaged by the thumb of a hand grasping the case, the cover opened and closed and the holder projected to expose the contents for convenient grasping.

50 My improved case or container is very simple and economical in its parts; at the same time it is strong and durable and convenient to use.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

75 1. A pocket case or container, comprising an outer casing open at the top, a holder slidable within said casing including a bottom and flat spring front and rear vertical arms, the bottom of the holder constituting a support for articles contained within the case, and the vertical arms constituting guides, a cover hingedly secured to the rear of said outer casing, an arm hingedly secured to the top of the rear arm of the inner holder, and fixedly secured within the cover, and means for raising or lowering said holder, thereby opening or closing the cover, the resiliency of the rear spring arm serving to retain the holder in either upon or closed position.

80 2. A pocket case or container, comprising an outer casing open at the top, a holder frictionally slidable within said casing, and comprising a U-shaped member including a bottom and flat spring front and rear vertical arms, the bottom of the holder constituting the bottom of the container, and the vertical arms comprising frictional guides, a cover hingedly secured to the rear of said

outer casing, an arm hingedly secured to the top of the rear arm of the inner holder, and fixedly secured within the cover, and means including a lug on the front arm extending through the outer casing for raising or lowering said holder, thereby opening or closing the cover, the cover when in open position being substantially vertical and prevented from movement in a rearward direction by contact between the upper portion of the rear arm of the holder and the rear of the box, the resiliency of the rear arm serving to retain the holder in either open or closed position.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

WILSON S. SAUNDERS.

20

25

30

35

40

45

50

55

60

65