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WRAPPER FOR CIGARETTE PACKAGES

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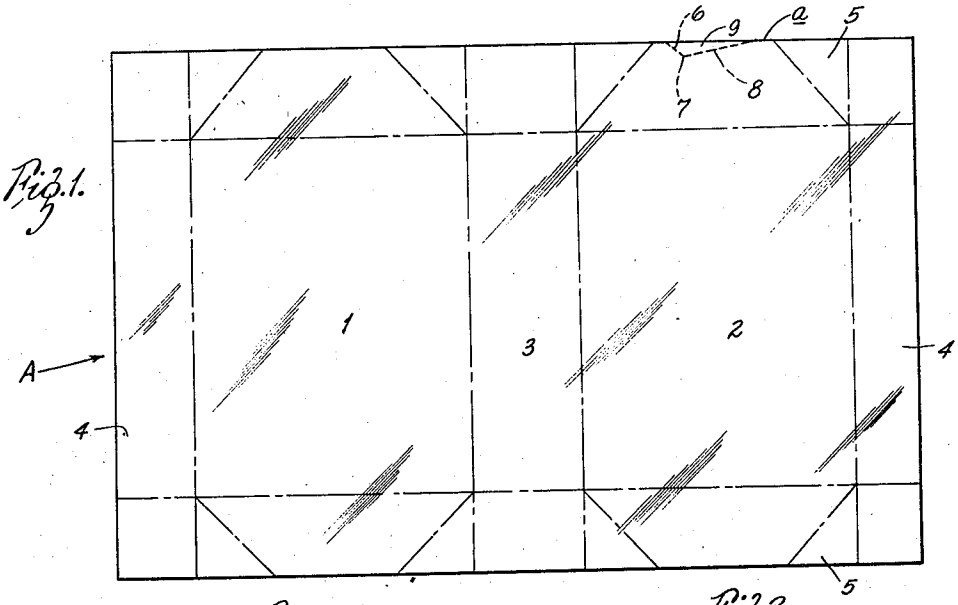


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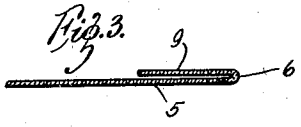


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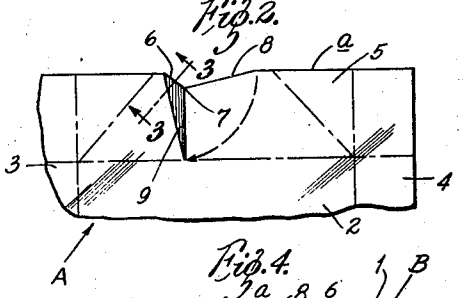


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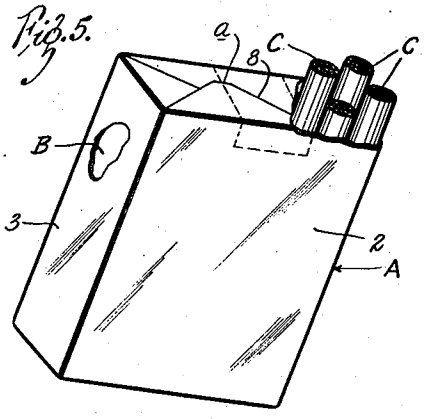


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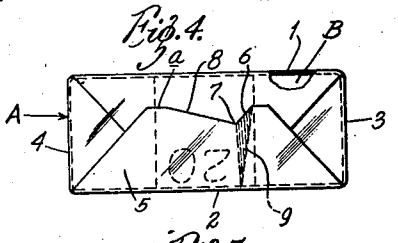


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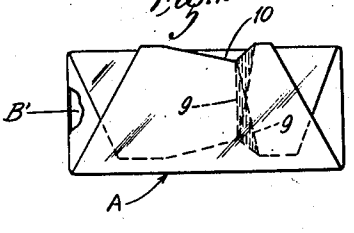
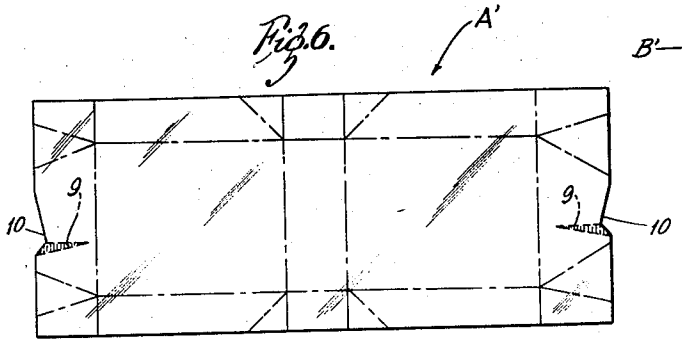


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This invention relates to a certain new and useful improvement in wrappers for cigarette packages and the like.

Standard cigarette packages are today usually enveloped or enclosed in moisture-proof wrappers of "Cellophane" for increasing the attractiveness of the package and also for preserving the freshness of the contained cigarettes. I am aware that various means and expedients have been suggested and provided for facilitating partial removal of the wrapper for enabling convenient removal of the cigarettes, but, so far as I am aware, such means have not been found very successful.

My present invention hence has for its chief object the provision of a "Cellophane" cigarette package wrapper so uniquely constructed as to enable its total or partial removal from about the cigarette package with ease and facility for, in turn, permitting convenient removal of the cigarettes.

My invention has for a further object the provision of a cigarette-package wrapper of the type and having the characteristics stated which may be cheaply and inexpensively constructed and conveniently and readily disposed enclosingly about the cigarette-package, and which is exceedingly efficient in the performance of its intended functions.

And with the above and other objects in view, my invention resides in the novel features of form, construction, arrangement, and combination of parts all as presently described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a blank or section of "Cellophane" illustrated as lined for convenient wrapping about a cigarette-package and as in course of equipment with a tearing notch-and-tab of my invention for facilitating removal of the wrapped section from and about a cigarette-package;

Figure 2 is a fragmental plan view of the wrapper with the tearing notch-and-tab in finished form;

Figure 3 is a greatly enlarged sectional view of the wrapper taken approximately on the line 3—3, Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a plan view of a cigarette-package enclosed within a wrapper of my invention;

Figure 5 illustrates the cigarette-package in perspective with the wrapper of my invention partially torn for facilitating removal of the cigarettes;

Figure 6 is a reduced plan view of a slightly modified form of cigarette-package wrapper embodying my invention; and

Figure 7 is a plan view of a cigarette-package enclosed within the modified wrapper of Figure 6.

Referring now more in detail and by reference characters to the drawing, which illustrates practical embodiments of my invention, the wrapper includes a section A of "Cellophane" or other like readily flexible and preferably transparent material of oblong-rectangular contour and of size relatively to a standard oblong-rectangular cigarette-package B for wrapping thereabout, the section A being of such dimensions, it may be here stated, as to include front and back panels 1 and 2, an intermediate or side panel 3, end-flaps 4, 4, for overlapping disposition in providing the opposite side flap 3 of the folded wrapper, and opposite side marginal portions 5, 5, for folding and overlapping upon the opposite ends of the package B in any suitable manner, the overlapping flaps 4 and the marginal portions 5 being in use adhesively or otherwise suitably secured in folded enclosing relation about the package B, all as best seen in Figure 5 and as will be well understood.

Now, at a suitable point in a side margin *a* of the wrapper A for convenient accessible location preferably at an end of the package when the wrapper A is folded enclosingly about the cigarette-package B, the wrapper A is suitably kerfed acutely inwardly on a line 8 to the point 7 in the provision in the margin of the wrapper A of what may well be described as a tearing notch having the form of an obtuse dihedral angle and also of a correspondingly shaped or contoured tab, as at 9, which latter is, along the line 6, bent inwardly and downwardly to overlie the body of the wrapper, as best seen in Figure 2. Preferably the tab 9 is suitably colored so as to be readily visible against the wrapper A and the inner package B, also as shown.

Thus the tab 9 provides a ready gripping means for enabling the cigarette user to very conveniently apply sufficient pull upon the weakened or notched margin *a* of the wrapper A for easily tearing off a corner of the folded wrapper A for exposing the inner wrapper B for mutilation for the removal of the contained cigarettes C.

The modified wrapper of Figures 6 and 7 similarly includes a like section A' of "Cellophane" or other suitable foldable transparent material, which, at preferably both of its end margins, is similarly equipped or provided with reflex or obtuse dihedral notches 10 and angular tabs 9', which, when the wrapper A' is folded and se-

cured about the cigarette-package B', as illustrated in Figure 7, will be in overlapping disposition conveniently accessible for likewise enabling the ready tearing of the wrapper A' for exposing the inner wrapper B' for mutilation for cigarette removal.

The wrapper may be very inexpensively constructed, is readily disposed and sealed about the cigarette or other package, and fulfills in every respect the objects stated.

It is to be understood that minor changes in the form and structure of the wrapper may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

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

1. A package wrapper formed of material capable of being torn, said wrapper having a straight edge adapted, when the wrapper is folded enclosingly around a package, to form an exposed margin of a closure flap and being cut obliquely inwardly from said straight edge along a single line, the portion of said wrapper between the cut and the edge being folded back upon the outer face of the flap in the formation of a triangularly shaped tab for use in tearing open the wrapped package.

2. A package wrapped formed of material capable of being torn, said wrapper having a straight edge adapted, when the wrapper is folded enclosingly around a package, to form an exposed margin of a closure flap, said straight edge being provided with a V-shaped notch and a tear-facilitating tab integrally connected to the flap along one oblique margin of the notch and having an area and shape identical with the area and shape of the notch, said tab being folded back from the notch flatwise upon the upper face of the flap.

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