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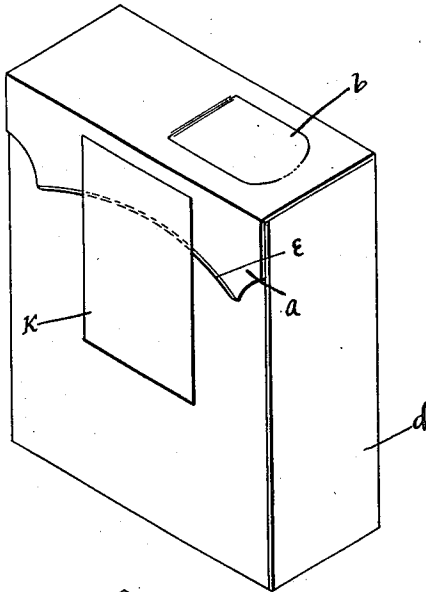


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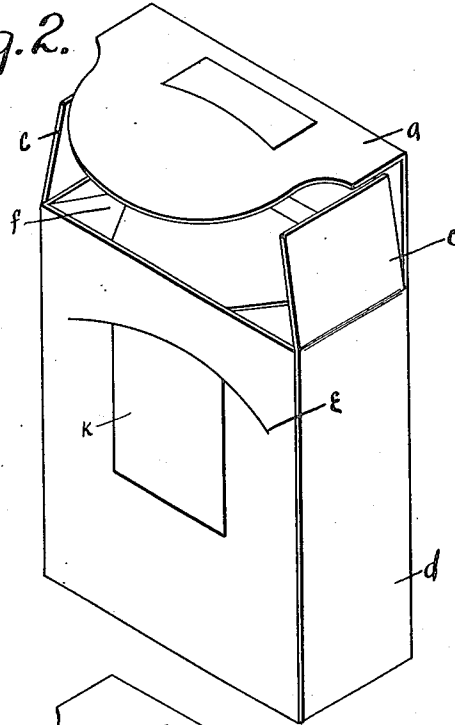


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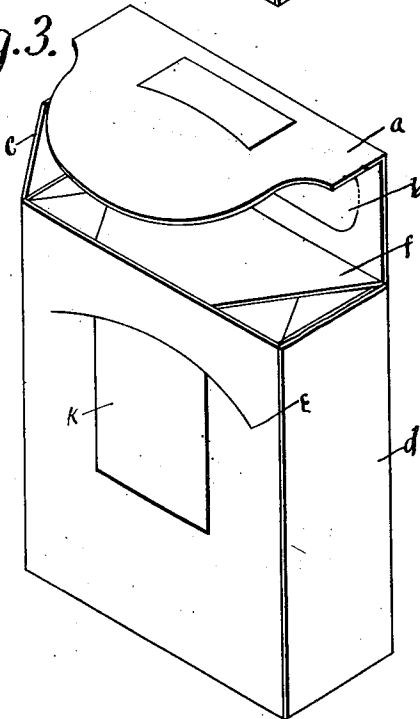
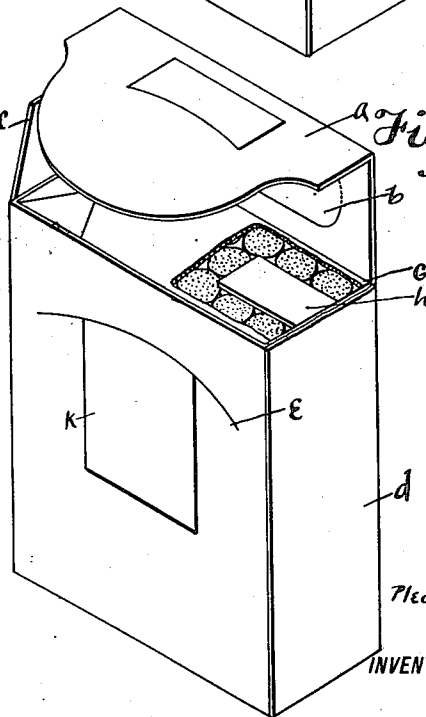


Fig. 4.



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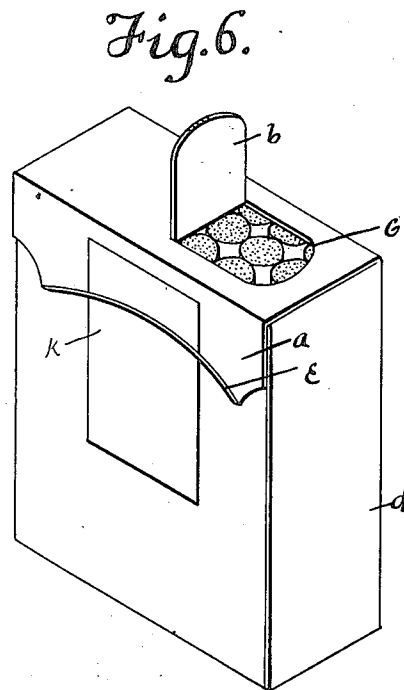
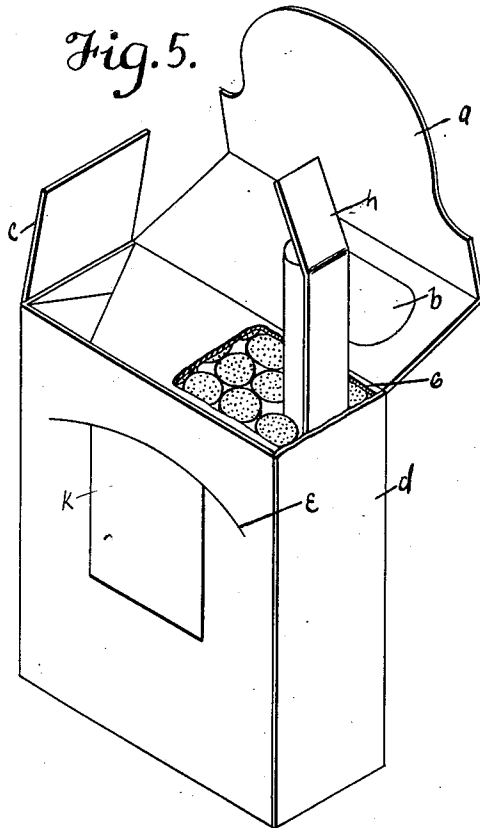
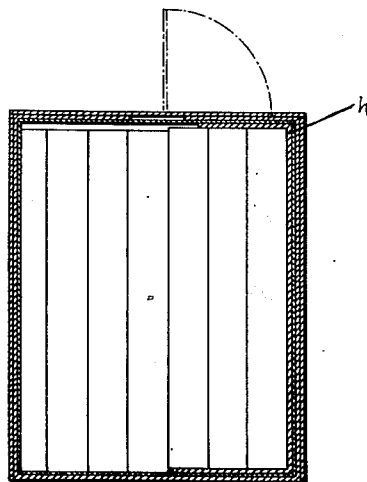


Fig. 7.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PLEASANT L. REED, a citizen of the United States, residing at 1418 Grove Avenue, city of Richmond, State of Virginia, have invented a certain new and Improved Cigarette Case, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a cigarette case or box which will permit of the removal of cigarettes from it with a maximum of convenience and a minimum of exposure to air.

The conventional method of removing a cigarette from its box or case involves opening the whole top of the case. It is inconvenient and likewise exposes most of the contents of the box to the air which is injurious to the quality and freshness of the cigarettes. My invention greatly reduces air exposure and provides for the removal of the cigarette from the box through a very small opening in the top of the box, thereby preserving the cigarette as much as possible and at the same time dispensing with the necessity of opening the whole top of the box to remove a cigarette.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Fig. 1 represents a perspective view of the case in a completely closed position. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the case with its cover in an open position, showing the construction of the cover and flaps on sides of the box. Fig. 3, is a perspective view showing the cover open and one side flap removed. Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing the box open with one of the side flaps removed and a small portion of the paper or tinfoil wrapper in which the cigarettes are first placed, removed. Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing a device for the removal of a cigarette from the box when the cover is raised. Fig. 6 is a perspective view showing the construction of the flap on the top of the cover. Fig. 7 is a sectional view of the box showing the position of the cigarettes in same.

To accomplish my desired object, I thus provide a box made of cardboard or some similar suitable inexpensive material, having a folding cover, *a*, which bends over the top of the box and has a tongue which engages in a slit, *e*, in the front side of the box. A paper seal, *k*, may be placed over the juncture of the cover and the side to keep the box tightly closed during trans-

portation. A small flap, *b*, is cut out of the top of the cover which is designed to swing upward through a vertical arc and downward into adjustment with the cover top. The sides of the case are provided with flaps, *c*, which are turned in when the box is closed to protect the contents of the case more securely. The cigarettes are first placed in a wrapper, *f*, of paper or tinfoil, before being placed in the box. A cardboard ejecting strip, *h*, is placed inside of the wrapper and constructed with a horizontal extension which is inserted under the cigarette, the purpose of it being to provide for the removal of a cigarette when the box is first opened, and thus reduce the lateral pressure of the cigarettes on one another and insure facility of removal of the remaining cigarettes. The tinfoil or wrapper directly beneath the aperture of the cover is torn to provide an orifice for the removal of the cigarettes in the box, as at *g*, and at the same time one of the side flaps is torn away on the same side. The carrier, *h*, is also inserted in this side of the box, as illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5. Thus, when the flap, *b*, is raised, there is an unobstructed channel for the removal of the cigarettes from the box, as illustrated in Fig. 6. As, however, the cigarettes are tightly packed in order to remove a cigarette and thereby reduce the lateral pressure, the cover is open as shown in Fig. 5, and a cigarette is removed by pulling the carrier up. The cover may then be closed and the cigarettes removed as follows:

The flap, *b*, is turned up and the box may be turned to the side or upside down and shaken until one of the cigarettes emerges through the orifice at the top of the box, *g*. When it has emerged sufficiently it may be removed by hand. After it is removed, the flap, *b*, is then turned back into engagement with *g*, and the cigarettes are again covered.

Having thus described my invention, what I now claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is as follows:

A cigarette case including a flexible wrapper for directly inclosing the cigarettes, an exterior case of greater rigidity formed to receive the wrapper-inclosed cigarettes and having side flaps to overlie the upper end of such wrapper, and a cover portion foldable over such flaps and removably secured to one wall of the case, the cover portion

having a movable section overlying one of the side flaps, with said section divided in part from the cover to provide an opening through such cover at will, and a separable lift arranged within said wrapper to underlie a cigarette normally in line with said cover section, the upper end of the lift normally underlying the side flap, said side flap and underlying portion of the wrapper being adapted to be torn to expose the upper end of the cigarette with which the lift cooperates when the movable section of the cover is lifted.

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