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CIGARETTE PACKAGE.

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Fig. 1.

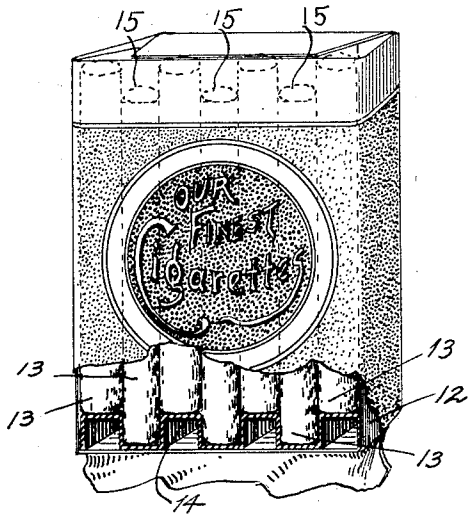
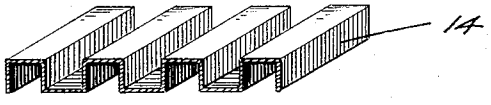


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. FLEMING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cigarette-Packages, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a cigarette package including a bunch of cigarettes, contacting with each other throughout the bunch, and a wrapper or casing therefor, closely confining the bunch, the arrangement being such that when the casing is opened at one end, the user is enabled to grasp some of the cigarettes between his thumb and finger and withdraw the same more conveniently than heretofore and without liability of injury to the cigarettes, until the bunch is so loosened that the remaining cigarettes may be conveniently grasped and withdrawn.

I accomplish this result by inserting in the inner end of the casing, or the end opposite the end which is opened, to permit the withdrawal of the cigarettes, a positioning device, which supports the ends of some of the cigarettes offset endwise outwardly from the ends of others, the bunch presenting at the opened outer end of the casing, a key row of cigarettes, the outer end portions of the members of which project sufficiently from the adjoining rows to enable them to be conveniently grasped between the user's thumb and finger, and withdrawn, until the bunch is sufficiently loosened to permit any of the remaining cigarettes to be conveniently grasped and withdrawn.

Of the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification,

Figure 1 is a side view of a cigarette package embodying the invention shown partly in section.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the positioning device shown in section by Fig. 1.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In the drawings 12 represents a wrapper containing a bunch of cigarettes 13, arranged in rows, the cigarettes being bunched and the wrapper applied in the usual or any suitable way, the wrapper entirely inclosing the bunch.

In carrying out the invention, I insert in the wrapper, in contact with the inner end thereof, a false bottom formed to support cigarettes in a different plane from the ends of the others, so that, when the package is opened at its outer end the end which is uppermost in the drawing, the upper ends of alternate rows of cigarettes project from the upper ends of the other rows as indicated by dotted lines, the projecting ends being exposed at opposite sides, and thus adapted to be conveniently grasped between a thumb and finger for removal. When the projecting cigarettes have been removed the others are loose in the wrapper so that they may be removed without difficulty.

The false bottom 14 may be of corrugated sheet material such as paper, the corrugations presenting alternating depressed and raised portions adapted to support the ends of some of the cigarettes in a different plane from the ends of the others.

The false bottom and the cigarettes may be assembled before the casing is applied, and then inclosed by the casing.

A cigarette package embodying the invention does not require any change in, or modification of the wrapper, or inclosing portion, other than to slightly increase the length or distance between the inner and outer ends. The false bottom 13 does not appreciably add to the expense of the package.

In pointing out the invention by the appended claim, I call the rows whose outer ends are nearest the outer end of the casing, the higher rows, and the others the lower rows. As shown by the drawing, the rows forming two opposite sides of the bunch, are higher rows, so that these and the intermediate higher rows collectively form an extended support on which the outer end of the casing lies flat.

I claim:

A cigarette package comprising a casing adapted to be opened at its outer end, and a bunch of cigarettes arranged in rows and confined by the casing in close contact with each other throughout the bunch, the

casing being provided at its inner end with means supporting alternate rows higher than the other rows, the higher rows forming an extended support for the outer end of the casing, said higher rows being spaced apart so that when the casing is opened, the members of a higher row may be grasped by a thumb and finger and withdrawn from the bunch, the withdrawal of said row loosening the bunch and facilitating the removal of the remaining cigarettes.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

JOHN J. FLEMING.